

Letters of Interest – Dental Telehealth Project: Demonstration Project for Teledentistry Services for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

The Missouri Coalition for Oral Health (MCOH) seeks letters of interest in providing teledentistry services with special attention to serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The goal of this demonstration project is to show how access to dental care can be improved through the use of teledentistry. Ideally, the project will support the development of a model for successfully serving people with disabilities through teledentistry. Additionally, any modeling that will support changes to the Medicaid system to increase access for this underserved population will be considered added value.

Interested parties should provide a brief description of the area of the proposed demonstration project. The letter of interest should illustrate the innovative use of teledentistry to increase care for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, particularly those living independently or with family in the community and not in an institutional or facility setting. The letter should include demonstration of direct experience with and/or knowledge of processes to successfully serve people with disabilities in the provision of dental care and experience with teledentistry/dental telehealth, as well as experience serving people through Medicaid. The provider must be a Medicaid provider or enroll as a Medicaid provider. Letters of interest must include a brief outline of proposed provider costs associated with the demonstration project. Funds through this project cannot be used to directly pay for services, but can pay for staff time, equipment and any type of provider incentive system that is allowable through core funding. Service funding is generally expected to come through Medicaid coverage, but may include some private insurance and self-pay. The project budget is limited to one year at approximately \$35,000. MCOH will be engaging the local community to raise awareness and promote the project.

Interested parties will work with MCOH to ensure the overall success of the project. The provider will assist with data collection and reporting through a collaborative process with MCOH.

MCOH will, through contracted services, provide specialized training on teledentistry for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Selection of the final project partner will be at the discretion of MCOH and will be based on the details outlined in the letter of interest.

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Letters of interest should be sent to info@oralhealthmissouri.org no later than October 25, 2021.