



Iowa's Dental Home Initiative

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Scientific
studies
document that
the mouth
is indeed
connected to
the rest of the
body.



Legislative Mandate*




By December 31, 2010, every recipient of medical assistance who is a child 12 years of age or younger shall have a designated **dental home** and shall be provided with the **dental screenings and preventive services, diagnostic services, treatment services, and emergency services** as defined under the EPSDT program.

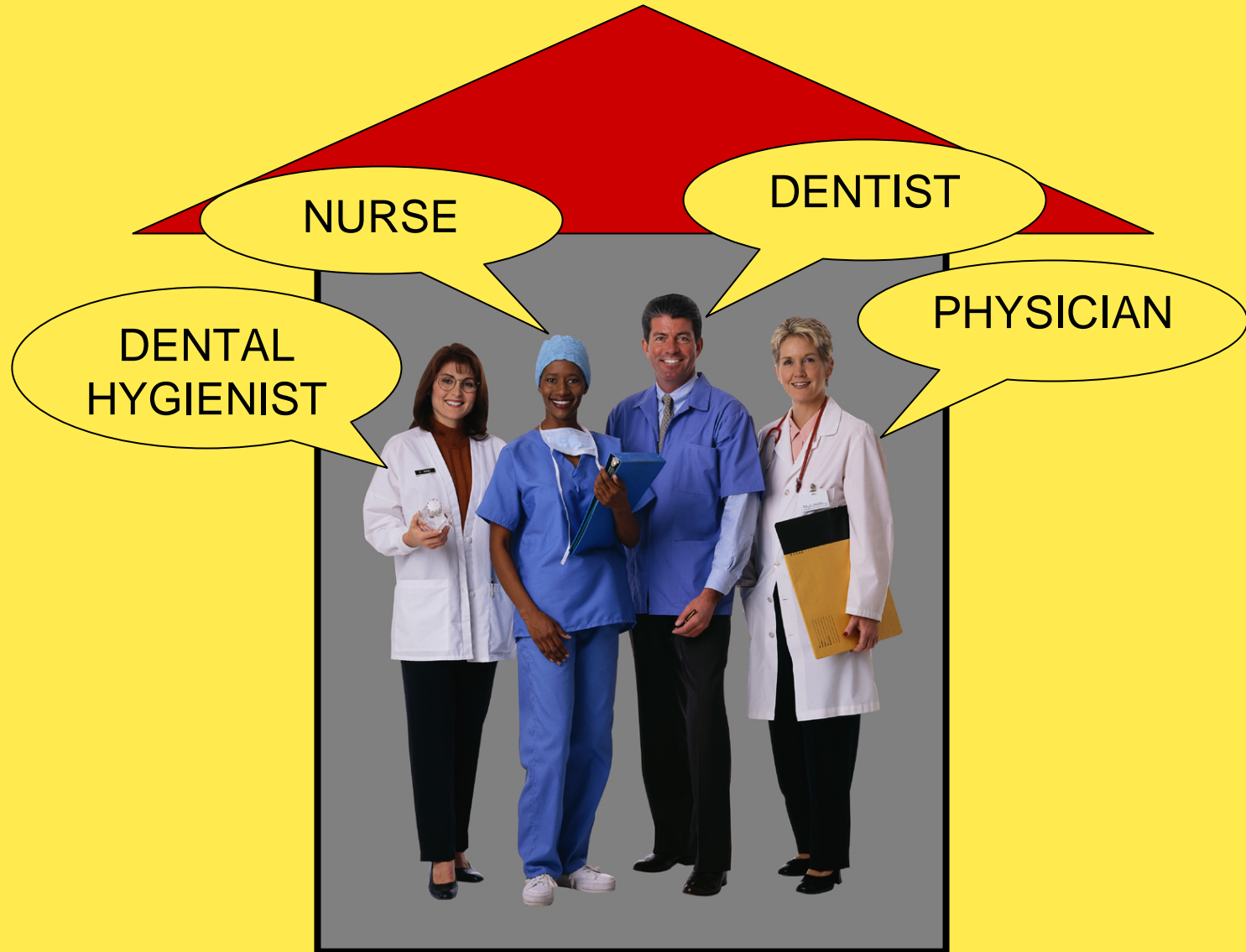
* *Language modified in 2008, HF2539*

What a Dental Home *Is Not*

The dental home is not one building, not one dental service provided to a child, and not one relationship.




The *1-Smile* Dental Home



What a Dental Home *Is*

The dental home is a system that allows all children, even those often excluded from receiving dental care, to have early and regular care to ensure optimal oral health.





I-Smile Dental Home

Services	Providers	Locations
Assessment of disease	Dentist	Dental office
Acute care	Dental hygienist	Medical office
Preventive services	Dental assistant	Community health center
Anticipatory guidance & education	Physician	Public health setting
Referral to specialists	Physician assistant	???
	Nurse practitioner	
	Nurse	
	???	

I-Smile: Building A System

- Services for at-risk families
- Referral networks
- Trained, knowledgeable health care providers
- Recruitment and retention initiatives
- Improvements to dental Medicaid
- Payment sources for dental care
- Oral health promotion



I-Smile Referral System

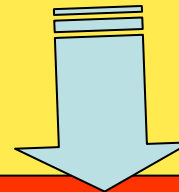
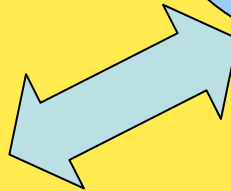
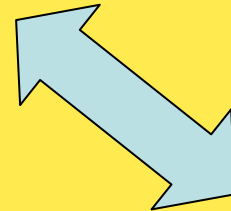
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Child Care
Schools
Head Start
Community Organizations

Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Physician Assistants

Dentists

I-Smile Oral Health Coordinator

Healthy Children!





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