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One purpose of child health services in Head Start is to help each family find a medical and dental “home” and adequate funding to pay for services. The initial SUU Head Start application requests parents to report sources of medical and dental insurance, including CHIP and Medicaid. If the family does not have a source of medical and dental insurance, Head Start staff will assist family to obtain funding.

MEDICAL

Head Start will pay a share of costs for a physical examination not covered by insurance, CHIP or Medicaid if family is in need or requests it. If the child is covered by insurance but there is a co-pay, Head Start will cover the remaining costs if needed.

When a child has need for medical follow-up, the parents will be asked to apply for Medicaid or CHIP when not covered by private insurance. Family Advocates will assist with this process. If the family does not qualify for Medicaid or CHIP, Head Start staff requires a copy of the denial letter in order to pay for services. The Health Coordinator will seek funding from other sources (i.e., service clubs, religious organizations, Tribal services, etc) to meet the need for a child. Head Start funding will be used to cover exam and follow up costs when other dollars are not available.

DENTAL

A dental screening is to be performed by a dentist or health care professional, to determine if a more comprehensive examination is needed. X-rays, cleaning and fluoride treatment will not be paid for by Head Start. Head Start will share costs for the screening if there is a need for assistance with insurance co-pays or for those without insurance.

When a child has need for dental follow-up, the parents will be asked to apply for Medicaid or CHIP when not covered by private insurance. Family Advocates will assist with this process. If the family does not qualify for Medicaid or CHIP, Head Start staff requests a copy of the denial letter. The Health Coordinator will seek funding from other sources (i.e., service clubs, religious organizations, Tribal services, etc) to meet the need for a child. Head Start funding will be used to cover exam and follow up costs when other dollars are not available.