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Oral Health for Older Adults

*Advocating for a
Dental Benefit in
the Medicare
Program*



Currently, there are two national efforts underway to include a dental benefit in the Medicare program. OHO is advocating around both efforts:

- Include a comprehensive dental benefit in Medicare Part B
- Medicare Coverage for medically necessary oral/dental therapies



*Basic Screening
Survey of Older
Adults: Using Data to
Improve the Oral Health
of Older Adults*

Funding provided by:



Hybrid study:

Consumers living in the community
(statewide survey)

- Congregate Meal Sites
- Home Delivered Meals
- PASSPORT Waiver Program Eligibility

Oral Screenings in skilled nursing facilities
(pilot one county – TBD)



Advocating for improved oral hygiene for residents living in long-term care facilities



NATCEP Standards and Guidelines

Curriculum standards and guidelines for all NATCEP programs.

- Make recommendations to the **Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program: Standards and Guidelines**
 - ❖ Dental hygienist work group
- Recommendations will be sent to the Ohio Department of Health
- Future work – engage STNA training program in oral hygiene pilot study



Changing the culture around oral health in long-term care facilities

- OHO applying for funding from the Civil Monetary Penalty Fund to bring interprofessional oral health training program to Ohio.
- Maine's Oral Team-Based Initiative: Vital Access to Education (MOTIVATE) is an evidence-based program to ensure LTC staff members have the education and tools required to provide oral health care to every resident.





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