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## HEALTHY SMILES MAKE HEALTHY KIDS

Healthy Smiles, Healthy Kids is an innovative program administered by the Rockford Health Council to provide dental care to eligible school-aged children.



- This partnership is made possible through Rockford Public Schools District 205 and Rockford Memorial Hospital. The RCMC goes directly to the school to provide restorative care on site.

### What is HSHK and how does it work?

- HSHK is funded by Orland Park Dental Services (OPDS) through an Illinois Department of Public Health sealant grant to provide preventative care and identify restorative needs.
- Based on the needs identified through screening, HSHK receives a referral list of students with restorative needs.
- The coordinator triages the urgency of need, contacts parents to set up dental appointments and serves as case manager, following up to see that appointments are kept.
  - Medicaid-eligible children are referred to one of two Illinois public aid providers.
  - Uninsured and under-insured children are referred to a dentist from the Winnebago County Dental Society core group who has indicated an interest in providing care.
    - Dentists bill Rockford Health Council based on reduced rate fee scale.\*
  - In schools identified with high needs for care, children are referred to the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile (RMCM).



### Is HSHK working?

- HSHK has established a core group of 28 participating dentists who have agreed to provide treatment.
- HSHK has provided treatment for a total of 131 children in three groups:
  - Medicaid-eligible — 80
  - Uninsured and under-insured — 16
  - RMCM — 35
  - The estimated value of dental services provided to these 131 children is \$99,250. (All care is provided cost free to children treated.)
    - Medicaid-eligible — \$71,000
    - Uninsured and under-insured — \$14,250
    - RMCM — \$14,000
  - Treatment for the uninsured and Caremobile groups is paid for by Medicaid and donated services.

\* Fees are based on 70% of the 2005 ADA fee schedule.

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