

Virginia Oral Health Coalition- Kindergarten Policy Meeting

Report on West Virginia's Recent Regulation: Mandatory Dental Exam

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WVBE Policy 2423

§126-51-5. Health Promotion through School Screenings/Examinations.

Section 5.3. Oral Health: New enterers in West Virginia public school **Pre-K and Kindergarten** and students progressing to grades 2, 7 and 12 **should** have on file **within 45 days** of entry or prior to the first day of school attendance **a record of an oral health examination**. The following transition plan will request each new enterer in Pre-K and Kindergarten and grades 2, 7 and 12 to show proof of an oral health examination beginning the school year (SY) **2015/16 all new enterers in Pre-K and Kindergarten**; beginning SY 2016/17 all students entering grade 2; beginning SY 2017/18 all students entering grade 7; and beginning SY 2018/19 all students entering grade 12. All examination forms **shall be signed and dated by the student's dentist and completed within the prior 12 calendar months**. If the student does not have proof of an oral health examination, the student will **automatically be enrolled into the WVDHHR-Oral Health Program (OHP) Oral Disease Prevention Project** to receive an **oral health assessment** regardless of their ability to pay.



Key Strategies:

- Included in Policy NOT new Legislation
- Alignment with the WV Dept. of Education Immunization Requirements
- Captures student at school system entry and immediately before exiting the school system
- Focus is on establishment of a dental home by requiring an exam not an assessment/screening
- No punitive language
- Data entered into WVEIS (West Virginia Education Information System) which houses all student information, including but not limited to immunization records, health records, grades and IEPs