



Trillium Community Health Plan (CCO) & Dental Care Organizations (DCO) Partnership
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Trillium's partnership with the four Dental Care Organizations serving Lane County began on January 1, 2014 with Advantage Dental Service and Willamette Dental Group, and expanded on April 1, 2014 with Capital Dental Care and ODS. Today, through these four partners Trillium serves the oral health care needs of 92,000 Lane County OHP members.

Since the beginning of 2014 each of the DCOs has expanded capacity in the county to serve Trillium members. Advantage Dental, serving over 50% of our members, has added a new clinic in Springfield, expanded office space in existing clinics, hired dentists to staff this expansion and continued to expand their contracted panel of dentists. Advantage Dental, with clinics in Florence, Cottage Grove and Lowell has helped Trillium provide dental services throughout rural Lane County.

Capitol has expanded office space in one clinic, relocated another to larger space, added two dentists and have space for two more. ODS is scheduled to open a new OHP clinic in Eugene on March 16th and Willamette added a third clinic in the area to specifically serve OHP patients a couple of months ago. In other words, over the last 15 months all four of our dental partners have made substantial capital expenditures and expanded their workforce by recruiting dentists and employing additional office staff.

Additionally, the DCOs have established working arrangements with our safety net clinic, White Bird and been responsive to work with Lane Community College's dental programs and South Lane Children's Clinic referral protocol. With strong support from our DCOs, Trillium initiated a pilot program to promote First Tooth among our pediatricians. In addition to medical offices performing an oral assessment and applying fluoride, it provides an opportunity to have a discussion with the parent as to establishing a dental home for the child. Additionally, every Trillium OHP member's ID card shows their assigned DCO allowing emergency departments (EDs) and primary care providers (PCPs) to more easily make the appropriate referral.

Lastly, we have been working closely with all four DCOs on the two new dental CCO incentive metrics and in particular on the requirement that children in DHS custody receive physical, oral and behavioral health exams within 60 days. This is a high bar, requiring close coordination.

I'm pleased that we have demonstrated an ability to work together successfully during this early stage of our relationship. Nationally, the complete lack of any fully integrated electronically health record system combining physical and oral health continues to be a barrier to integrating oral health.