

SHS 325A  
07-2014

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

### LETTER TO PARENTS REGARDING REQUIRED DENTAL EXAMINATIONS

The Pennsylvania School Health Law requires dental examinations for students entering K, ELS, 3, and 7, as well as Educational Support classrooms. These grades were selected because they represent critical periods of growth and development.

These examinations can be done by your family dentist since he/she can best evaluate your child's dental health and assist you in receiving any necessary treatment. School dental health evaluations will be provided for students who do not furnish written proof of a recent private dental examination.

Please have the following form completed by your dentist and returned to school by the first week of school in **September**. **If this form is not returned, your child will be required to have a school dental health evaluation sometime during the coming school year.** No action is necessary if you want your child to have a school dental health evaluation.

SCHOOL DENTAL HYGIENIST,  
School Health Services

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#### FAMILY DENTIST REPORT

#### FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES K, ELS, 3, 7, OR EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT CLASSROOMS

School		Grade	HRoom	Sex: M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>	
Last Name		First Name		MI	DOB / /
Address				Zip	
Date of Visit	Was dental treatment completed? Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		No <input type="checkbox"/>	If No, please complete treatment needed below:	
This child is in need of treatment for one or more of the following:					
Primary Teeth:		Fillings		Extractions	
Permanent Teeth:		Fillings		Extractions	
Diseases of gums / supporting tissues:					
Malocclusion producing deformity / interfering with function:					
Cleft Palate / Cleft Lip:			Other congenital malformations:		
Prosthetic replacements for lost / missing teeth:					
Other needed treatment:					
This child is currently under dental treatment:		Yes		No	

Dentist's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**FREE AND LOW COST DENTAL TREATMENT CENTERS  
AND INSURANCE FOR CHILDREN**

The School Dental Hygienists of the Pittsburgh Public Schools have compiled the following list of free and low cost dental treatment centers and health insurance agencies in the Pittsburgh area. If you do not have a family dentist, dental insurance, or cannot afford dental care, please consider contacting any of the following dental clinics or agencies.

**(NOTE: ALL CLINICS LISTED BELOW ACCEPT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.)**

<b>ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT DENTAL CLINICS</b> <i>(FREE to any resident of Allegheny County ages 1 - 20)</i>		
McKeesport - Wander Building	339 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave. (15132)	412-664-8858
South Side - UPMC Community Health Center	1630 Arlington Ave. (15210)	412-432-1620
<b>LOW COST DENTAL CLINICS</b>		
Alma Illery Health Center	7727 Hamilton Ave. (15208)	412-244-4700
Catholic Charities	212 Ninth St. (15222)	412-456-6911
Center City – Hill House	1835 Centre Ave. (15219)	412-392-4441
Children’s Hospital Dental Services	4401 Penn Ave. Fl. 3 (15224)	412-692-5440
Hosanna House Dental	807 Wallace Ave. (15221)	412-345-7730
North Side Christian Health Center	816 Middle St. (15212)	412-321-4001
North Side Christian Health Center	525 Mt. Pleasant Rd. (15214)	412-322-7500
Rankin Family Health Center	300 Rankin Blvd. (15104)	412-351-4555
Small Smiles Dental Center of E. Liberty	5918 Penn Ave. (15206)	412-361-5437
UPMC Montefiore Hospital Dental Clinic <i>(over age 14, with proper medical card)</i>	<i>(call for directions)</i>	412-648-6730
Univ. of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine	<i>(call for directions)</i>	412-648-8920
West End Dental Clinic	441 Main St. (15220)	412-922-5636
Wyle Dental Center	715 N. Highland Ave. (15206)	412-441-7874

**PA CHIP/CARING PROGRAMS:** Free or low cost health insurance for children call - 1-800-543-7105

**U.S. HEALTHCARE CHIP PROGRAM:** Free or low cost health insurance for children - 1-800-822-2447

**INTEREST FREE LOANS** may be available from the Medical Bureau, a private, non-profit agency.

(Ask your dentist if he/she participates in this program before calling) - 412-471-4848

**DENTAL HYGIENE CLINIC – UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE:**

Plaque, a sticky film of bacteria, is constantly forming on teeth and gumlines. Plaque can cause gum disease and tooth decay if it is not thoroughly cleaned off each day by thorough brushing and flossing. Professional cleanings (by a dental hygienist or dentist) are recommended every six months to remove any hardened plaque buildup and help maintain the health of gums and teeth. The Dental Hygiene Clinic charges only a small fee for cleanings. Medical Assistance is also accepted. Phone 412-648-8411 for a dental hygiene (cleaning) appointment.

**EPSDT Program (EARLY PERIODIC SCREENING DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT) FOR ORTHODONTIC CARE:**

Your child may qualify for dental treatment coverage (including orthodontic treatment) if your family has Access card coverage under the Medical Assistance Program through the EPSDT Program. For information, call 1-800-543-7633