

# **Oral Health Task Force**

Providing oral health care to the children of Cook County and the Grand Portage Reservation.



## **Sliding Fee Scale Application**

The sliding fee scale program is **income based** – funded by grants through the Oral Health Task Force of the North Shore Health Care Foundation. It is available to all – regardless of existing insurance coverage.

### For more information, contact the Oral Health Task Force at 387-2334

#### A. <u>Sliding Fee Scale Program.</u>

- This program is available on a yearly basis, and is dependent on grant funding. Eligibility ends on May 1 each year and a new application must be filled out <u>annually</u>. It covers restorative dental care for children up to grade twelve provided by Drs. Hedstrom and Lindquist's office, Grand Marais Family Dentistry. (<u>Preventative dental care is covered through the</u> <u>Sawtooth Mountain Clinic sliding fee program</u>.)
- 2. The patient will pay a minimum of \$5.00 per visit.

**B.** <u>Eligibility</u>: Income must be within federal guidelines for family size (see attached chart). You may have other insurance and still be eligible.

#### C. Instructions for Application:

- 1. Obtain application form from the receptionist from Grand Marais Family Dentistry or at the Sawtooth Mountain Clinic or the North Shore Health Care Foundation, lower level of the clinic (387-2334).
- 2. Read sliding scale program description and complete the application.
- 3. Attach proof of income to application. Examples of proof of income: Photocopy of W-2 form, front two pages of federal income tax return, social security check, pay stubs, or unemployment letter.
- 4. Attach treatment plan from Grand Marais Family Dentistry.
- 5. Submit complete application to the Oral Health Task Force. Call 387-2334 to set up a meeting. You may also give it to the receptionist at the Sawtooth Mountain Clinic.
- 6. (If you have already completed an application for the Sawtooth Mountain Clinic sliding fee scale program, you may sign a release to have a copy of that application forwarded to Oral Health Task Force staff.)

\*The Oral Health Task Force reserves all rights to review what will be eligible for sliding scale discount. Extensive needs are reviewed on an individual basis.

#### **D.** Other Area Services:

- 1. Sawtooth Mountain Clinic Sliding Fee Scale Program covers oral health exams: (Twice a year, cleanings as recommended, x-rays, sealants & fluoride provided by Dr. Hedstrom's office, Grand Marais Family Dentistry.)
- 2. **Minnesota Care,** if you are eligible, covers most dental work. Information available at Cook County Public Health and Human Services (387-3620).
- 3. Indian Health Service covers most dental work.

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#### **Oral Health Task Force** Sliding Scale: Statement of Financial Position

Applicant's Name Spouse's Name Address		_ Date of Birth		
Home Telephone Work Telephone (Spouse)		_ Work Telephone		
Family Dependents (living a <u>First Name</u>	<b>Birth Date</b>			
(Attach separate sheet if more	e space is needed.)			
Dental Insurance Co. Name	2	Group # Policy #		
Are you eligible for the Saw	vtooth Mountain Clinic S	Sliding Fee Scale Program?		
Do you plan to apply for M	edical Assistance?			
Family income for past 12 r	nonths from all jobs			

I hereby acknowledge that I have read these instructions.

The Oral Health Task Force, Grand Marais Family Dentistry and the Sawtooth Mountain Clinic may share my income information to determine program availability. I understand that the Oral Health Task Force's sliding scale of assistance for low-income residents is a defined program with service and payment limits. The Task Force will not be responsible for bills which I may incur outside of the specified limits. I hereby swear that the above information is correct as stated. Falsifying this information is a crime punishable by law.

		Signature			Date			
Spouse	Spouse's name/signature if applicable							
Income Eligibility 2013/2014								
Family	Patient pays	Patient pays 25% of	Patient pays 50% of	Patient pays 75%	Patient pays			
size	5% of charge	charge	charge	of charge	100% of charge			
1	0-35,010	35,011-46,565	46,566-58,207	58,208-69,850	69,851+			
2	0-47,190	47,191-62,764	62,765-78,456	78,457-94,149	94,150+			
3	0-59,370	59,371-78,963	78,964-98,706	98,707-118,448	118,449+			
4	0-71,550	71,551-95,163	95,164-118,955	118,956-142,747	142,748+			
5	0-83,730	83,731-111,362	111,363-139,204	139,205-167,046	167,046+			
6	0-95,910	95,911-127,562	127,563-159,453	159,454-191,345	191,346+			
7	0-108,090	108,091-143,761	143,762-179,703	179,704-215,644	215,645+			
8	0-120,270	120,271-159.960	159.961-199,952	199,953-239,943	239,944+			

Office Use			
Family Income			
Patient pays	%		
Sliding Fee Pays	%		