



Ammonoosuc Community Health Services and Mid-State Health Center offer dental services

Access to dental care has improved for the underserved in New Hampshire with two federally qualified health centers opening dental clinics for patients of all ages.

Ammonoosuc Community Health Services (ACHS) Dental and Oral Health Center opened in its newly renovated location on Mount Eustis Road in Littleton. The center services 26 towns in northern Grafton and southern Coos counties. Glenda Reynolds, DDS leads the dental team. ACHS will also function as an educational facility for future dental professional from the University of New England and the University of Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health. ACHS Dental and Oral Health Center partners with the North Country Health Consortium's Molar Express to provide a dental home for follow-up recommended services to students seen by the mobile dental program.

Mid-State Health Center is now offering dental services in its Bristol office at 100 Robbie Road. The center services more than 21 towns in southern Grafton County and portions of Merrimack and Belknap Counties. Kelly Perry, DMD heads-up the dental team made up of two dental hygienists and two dental assistants.

Dental services will be provided to center patients as well as to others in need of dental care. Both centers accept most dental insurance including Medicaid; and provide a sliding-fee-scale for payment for services to those who qualify. The centers provide an integrated patient-centered approach to oral health, treating the "whole person" affirming that oral health is an essential part of overall health.

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