

Performance Measure 09: Percent of third grade children who have received protective sealants on at least one permanent molar tooth.

Plan for the Coming Year

A. Fund (through subgrants) local agencies to operate efficient, high quality school-based dental sealant programs.

This infrastructure-level strategy will be accomplished through the following activities: 1) implement plan for expanding the number of schools and children served by ODH-funded sealant programs; 2) update the Ohio School-based Dental Sealant Program At-A-Glance sheet, including a map showing locations of sealant programs and counties served by each, a current list of funded agencies, and summary data, including the number of students to be served in 2009.

B. Improve quality in sealant subgrant programs.

This infrastructure-level strategy will be accomplished by 1) assuring accurate subgrantee reporting, analyzing quarterly report data and other documentation, conducting site visits and providing technical assistance based on identified program needs and 2) evaluating the potential for using CDC's SEALS program with the Ohio dental sealant programs based on an evaluation of a pilot program conducted in 2008.

C. Evaluate effectiveness of the BOHS approach to funding school-based sealant programs.

This infrastructure-level strategy will be accomplished by developing and implementing a plan for future funding of sealant programs. The plan, to be developed after FY2008 activities (analyzing trend data to identifying problems and reviewing other states funding systems) will take into account the effectiveness and equity of changing to another system for reimbursement for sealants provided to students not enrolled in Medicaid (e.g., subsidy agreements that reimburse agencies a flat rate per child sealed).