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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Greater Portland Health, in partnership with Portland, Westbrook, and South Portland Public Schools, offers dental care on site at select schools.

Please complete and sign the attached dental enrollment form and the Authorization for Disclosure of Information to allow your child to access dental services at their school. **Please note: two signatures are required; please sign both the enrollment form and the authorization form.**

Insurance claims will be submitted for services rendered as applicable. If a patient does not have insurance Greater Portland Health offers a sliding fee scale.

Services Provided

Cleanings, fluoride, and sealants are provided by dental hygienists at schools or at the Talbot (Riverton) Clinic or Portland High Clinic.

Treatment

Follow-up treatment is provided by the Children's Oral Health Program dentist at the clinic located in Portland High School. Treatment may include, but is not limited to dental exam, diagnostic x-rays, fluoride, fillings, crowns, and extractions.

In this packet you will find:

- Dental Enrollment Form – *please fill out, sign, and return to the school nurse. Please complete even if your child was enrolled last year as updated information is needed.*
- Authorization for Disclosure of Information – *please sign and return.*
- Greater Portland Health Privacy Notice – on the reverse side of this letter – *for you to keep*

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a cost for dental services? **Yes**, if your child has dental insurance, including MaineCare, the insurance will be billed. For children who do not have dental insurance, there is a sliding fee scale. **Financial counselors are available to assist you in determining if you are eligible for insurance and, if not, to review payment options and the cost of services.**

Is this a school program? **No**, the program operates in the schools, but is run by Greater Portland Health. Children ages 6 months up to 21 years may enroll in the program.

Should I enroll my child if he or she is already an established patient in Greater Portland Health? **Yes**, the registration form gives us permission to see your child in school without a parent present.

What do I do if my child already goes to the clinic? Please complete the attached forms to update the medical history and review the privacy policy and sign the authorization for disclosure.

Please call **207-874-2141 Option 7** to make an appointment. For more information contact Kathy Martin, Program Manager for Greater Portland Health's Dental Program, at (207) 874-2141 x8401 or kmartin@greaterportlandhealth.org.

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