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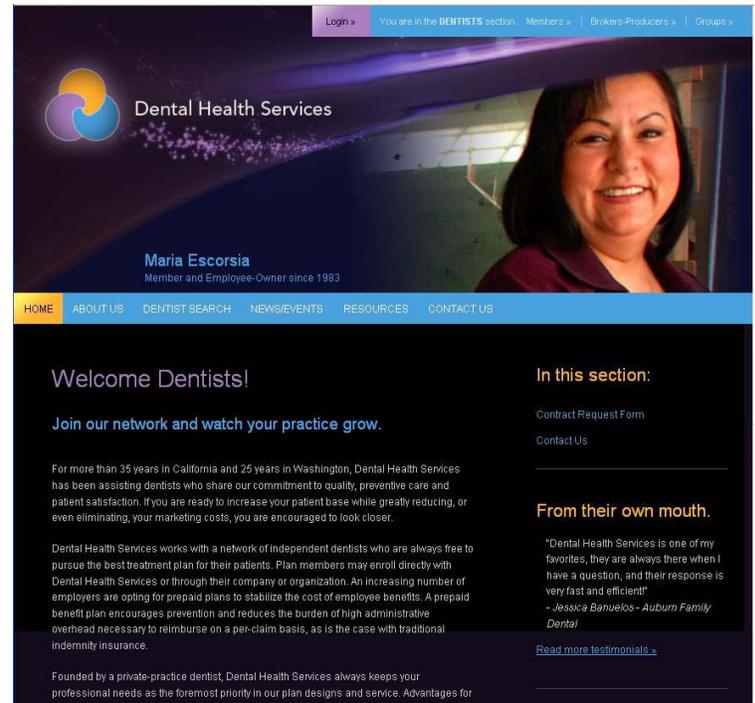
Visit the new
www.dentalhealthservices.com

Promote Your Practice:

- Log in with your dentist number and current password. (Note: Washington dentists must add a 'w' before their dentist number in order to log in.)
- Create and update your personal profile.
- Showcase your office for members by uploading photos.
- Write a short biography to let people know a little more about your office.

Get Information Faster:

- Instant, current member eligibility
- Copayment schedules with capitation and supplemental information
- Specialist referral form and specialist directory
- Supply Request Form



Caries Risk Assessment

Did you know?

Dental caries is the most common chronic childhood disease, and an estimated 90 percent of adults have experienced caries worldwide. Dental caries is an infectious disease

What is the cause?

Caries is an infectious disease caused in large part by the pH level in the mouth. Acidic oral environments are friendly to harmful bacteria.

As dentists, we promote many actions to prevent tooth decay, such as professional cleanings and traditional diet considerations such as reducing sugar intake, but we're inviting you to use some risk assessment tools to help curb dental caries in your office.

Take Action

It is important to assess the level of acidity in the mouth and find effective ways to diagnose the risk of caries.

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Caries Risk Assessment – continued



For each caries risk assessment form for each member that you submit to us, Dental Health Services will compensate you \$1.00 for helping us to help our members/your patients and collect valuable data.

CariFree offers a series of assessment tools to help improve a doctor's ability to gauge the level of risk a patient has of developing caries and find caries treatment options. They have provided forms to help you spot and narrow down disease indicators and risk factors.

By using these forms in conjunction with the Caries Susceptibility Testing Meter, you can prescribe the appropriate treatment or prevention kit and take other preventative actions such as reminders for exams.

Resources

Please visit www.carifree.com and click the "Downloads" section to view the CariFree Risk Assessment Forms. They are divided for ages 0-5 and 6+.

The American Dental Association also has forms available for download at www.ada.org/prof/resources/topics/caries.asp#additional, or by navigating through their professional resources section.

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Do you know what people are saying about you online?

Do you know what you can do about it? The first thing a potential patient will do when looking for a dentist is to search for any information they can find out about you online. In the next issue of DocTalk, we'll provide answers to these questions, tips on how to build a positive online image of your office, and what you can do if someone writes a negative review of your office online. You can start with a Google search for your office, or take a look at Yelp.com.

Feedback, Questions or Comments?

We're always happy to hear any comments or suggestions you have regarding our service to you, and your service to your patients. Especially regarding the Dental Health Services Quality Assurance Program, it's always in our best interest to help you any way we can to serve your patients better. Your Professional Service Specialist is available to answer all of your questions.

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