



# Howard County Health Department Dental Program in the SBWC

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# History

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- Howard County School System offered Smiles program- cleanings and screenings only for any uninsured child
- Any child who needed follow up- list of dentists called and asked for pro-bono work
- 2022 HCHD received funding to expand our SBWC program to provide additional in person primary care in school. The in-person expansion revealed a need for emergent dental care

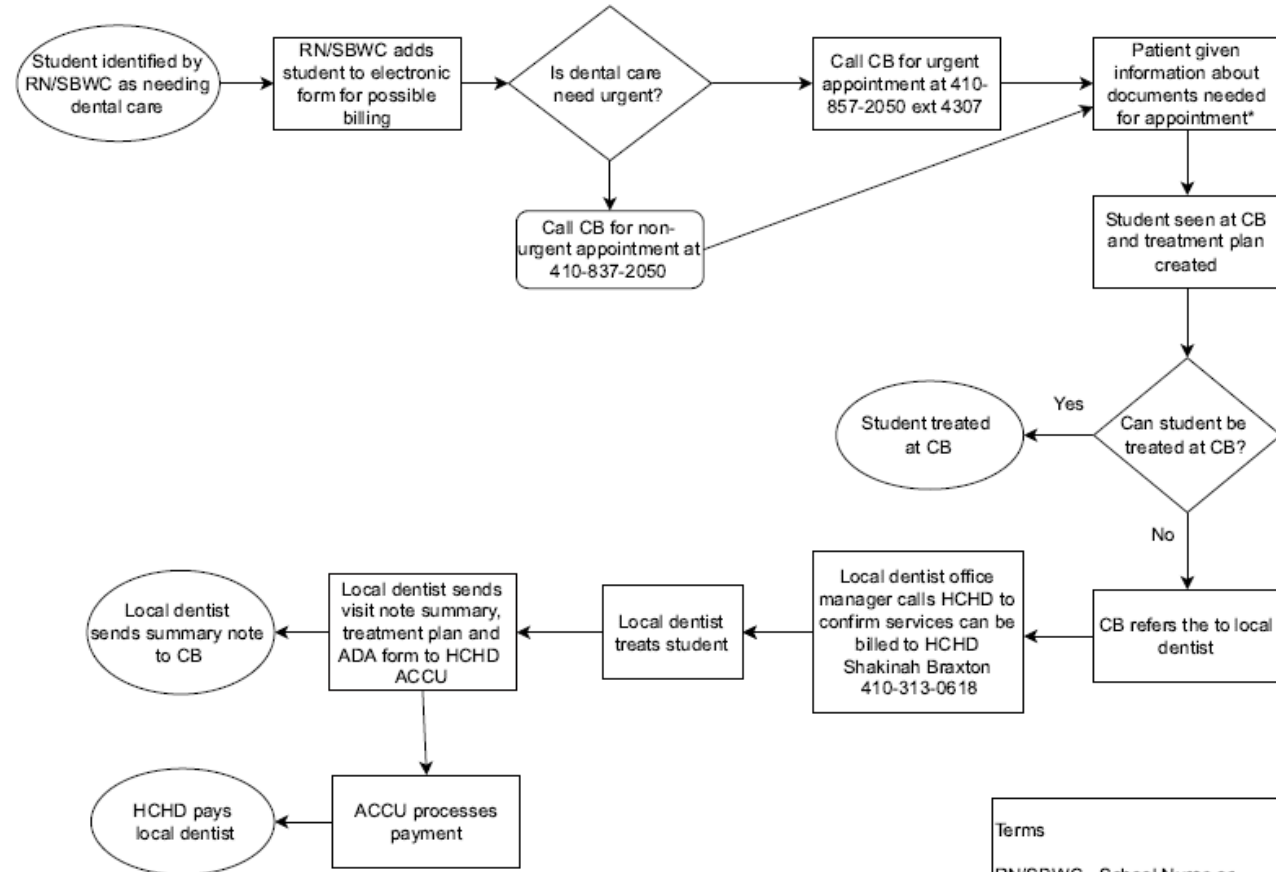
# Access to Care, SBWC, and Community Partnership

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- Health Department Bureaus Access to Care (ACCU) and SBWC program partnered Winter 2023
- Chase Brexton- only Federally Qualified Health Center in Howard County, MD
- Dr. Dan Biederman- Howard County Pediatric Dentist provided pro-bono dental services
- Health Department Fiscal Department
- Dental access program is only available to students in SBWC schools.

# Emergency Dental Workflow

## Referring Uninsured Students for Dental Care



\* See attached documents for CB intake

\*\* If local dentist is unable to provide all treatment needed and feels the student requires more specialized or hospital-based care, this information should be given to RN/SBWC for case management

**Terms**  
 RN/SBWC - School Nurse or School-Based Wellness Center Provider at 11 SBWC schools  
 CB - Chase Brexton Dental Clinic  
 HCHD ACCU- Howard County Health Department Administrative Care Coordination Unit

# Partnership with Dr Biederman

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Year	Number of Students Assisted	Number of Treatments provided
Spring 2023	11	90
School year 23-24	75	498
School year 24-25	91	604
School year 25-26 (as of 3/17/26)	73	536

# School-Based Wellness Centers Preventative Care

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- Provide Dental education every 3-6 months
- Provide fluoride varnish every 3-6 months
- Provide dental kits (toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, dental education handout) with every fluoride application



Thank you

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