



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Make a Child's Smile - Oral Health Screening Outcome

Your child participated in a dental screening performed by staff with the Mississippi State Department of Health. A dental screening identifies problems that are obvious to the naked eye and **does not include** a detailed examination or diagnosis. However, an oral health screening is helpful to call attention to obvious problems which you may not be aware of and to identify early risk factors for dental disease. An application of preventive fluoride varnish is also provided every six months to eligible children. Fluoride varnish is a concentrated form of fluoride that is painted on teeth to prevent tooth cavities.

Child's Name: _____

MSDH Screening Date: _____

Fluoride Varnish Instruction:

- _____ Fluoride varnish was applied today. To prolong the time the varnish contacts the teeth, please give your child a soft diet tonight and avoid toothbrushing until tomorrow morning.
- _____ Fluoride varnish was **not** applied today because your child was not eligible or may have been uncooperative.

Results of Dental Screening:

- _____ No obvious problems were observed - a dental examination is recommended at least once a year.
- _____ Dental problems were observed - please schedule your child to see a dentist for care soon.
- _____ **Urgent** dental problems were observed - emergency treatment is needed **immediately** to avoid other symptoms or illness.

The following dentist was identified by your Head Start Center for treatment:

Name of Dentist: _____

Office Phone Number: _____

Additional Instruction:

- _____ Your child is brushing well; continue current routine.
- _____ Your child needs your assistance with brushing and flossing.
- _____ Your child has permanent first molar teeth that may be eligible for preventive dental sealants that your dentist can apply.

For more information about this program, contact your Head Start Center Director or call the Mississippi State Department of Health-Office of Oral Health at 601-576-7500 or visit the web at <http://www.HealthyMS.com/dental>.