Declaration Reference and Key Data
Obligation Section Number: 5.07(c)(iv)
Obligation Title: Dental Health Screenings for Senior Citizens
Obligation Page Number: 53
Obligation Trigger: Acquisition by ESD or CU of all Initial Stage 1 Condemnation Parcel(s)
Obligation Start Date: March 12, 2012
Obligation End Date: March 12, 2037 (25 Years from Commencement)
Obligation Status: In Compliance

Obligation

Dental Health Screenings for Senior Citizens through the ElderSmile Program. During the summer months, the Mobile Dental Center offers northern Manhattan’s elderly population free dental screenings and referrals for further dental treatment at senior centers throughout Washington Heights/Inwood and Harlem. Commencing with the acquisition by ESDC or CU of all Initial Stage 1 Condemnation Parcels, and continuing for a 25-year period from commencement, dental health screenings for senior citizens shall be extended to include NYCHA residents in Manhattanville Houses and General Grant Houses.

Alternatives Based on Changed Conditions

While the Declaration states dental health screenings for senior citizens are offered through the Mobile Dental Van during the summer months, the service provider has modified the program based on program experience. Dental health screenings for senior citizens are offered year-round through the ElderSmile Program, including residents in Manhattanville Houses and General Grant Houses. Visits to each host site by the mobile health clinics are scheduled in coordination with the leadership of each host site. The frequency of visits is determined in collaboration with each site based on site availability and preference. Follow-up appointments are made in accordance with each individual patient’s dental requirements and in coordination with each site.

The dental screening follows a standard protocol using light and tongue depressor, the standard services remain the same. The modification clarifies the program through which the services are provided.

Evidence of Compliance

1. Link to website
2. Annual report

Columbia University’s Implementation Plan and all supporting documentation are made available on the Columbia Neighbors Webpage at https://neighbors.columbia.edu/content/community-commitments.
EOC Checklist for Obligation 5.07(c)(iv):

Please check to verify EOC items submitted for review.

☐ 1. Link to website
☐ 2. Annual report

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**Dental Health Screenings for Senior Citizens**


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**Community DentCare Program**

**Bringing Care to the Community**

Many members of our community face barriers to accessing dental care and other health care. Recognizing this, Columbia University College of Dental Medicine launched its Community DentCare program in 1996 to help address these disparities, with special focus on children and the vulnerable elderly. We partner with around 70 neighborhood organizations to provide health screenings and dental services at sites around Northern Manhattan and the South Bronx. DentCare offers these services regardless of ability to pay.

DentCare has so far logged more than 150,000 patient care visits.

**How We Work**

Columbia fosters relationships with community partners—collectively called the Community DentCare Network—to coordinate visits to their location. Partners include Head Start centers, schools, foster care facilities, senior citizen and community centers, and child care centers. Dental faculty, hygienists, and trainees provide care onboard our Mobile Dental Center or directly on site.

**Mobile Dental Center**

DentCare operates a 35-foot-long mobile clinic outfitted for comprehensive dental care and oral
# Annual Report: Dental Health Screenings for Senior Citizens

**State Submission Annual Reporting Period:** October 2022 - September 2023

On April 11, 2023, Columbia University College of Dental Medicine launched a new Mobile Health Clinic, generously funded by a grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation. The new mobile clinic is staffed by faculty and students at Columbia University’s College of Dental Medicine and the Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons. Using an integrated model for both primary medicine and oral health that allows patients to receive comprehensive care, the van features both a dental chair and a medical examination table. The clinic is equipped to offer a new level of interdisciplinary preventive care, including vaccinations.

Like the current mobile clinic, which was funded by grant from Delta Dental, the new van services neighborhood schools, Head Start programs, daycare centers, foster care facilities, schools, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, and health clinics in Harlem, Inwood, Washington Heights, and the South Bronx to provide onsite oral health care and preventive health services to children and seniors through Columbia’s DentCare program.

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State Submission Date: October 16, 2023
In accordance with our commitment, Columbia University offers dental health screenings at various senior centers and community organizations in the local community, including Grant Houses and Manhattanville Houses. As of 2010, high blood pressure screenings are also offered as part of the services provided. Site visits are coordinated in conjunction with the organizations and the Dental Services professionals.

Columbia University dentists supervise a team of dental students who conduct the screenings. The screenings consist of an extraoral and intraoral assessment, caries and gum disease assessment, prosthesis evaluation, blood pressure screenings and general education on healthy diet and lifestyle habits. Referrals for immediate concerns are given as needed, including general medical referrals for hypertension.

The HIPAA Privacy Rule establishes national standards to protect individuals’ medical records and other personal health information and applies to health plans, health care clearinghouses, and those health care providers that conduct certain health care transactions electronically. The Rule requires appropriate safeguards to protect the privacy of personal health information, and sets limits and conditions on the uses and disclosures that may be made of such information without patient authorization. The Rule also gives patients rights over their health information, including rights to examine and obtain a copy of their health records, and to request corrections. Columbia University follows the HIPAA Privacy Rule.

**Additional Supporting Documentation**

- Copies of flyer templates to announce clinic visits (English & Spanish)
COLUMBIA DENTAL HEALTH DAY

- Free Dental Screenings
- Referrals
- Oral Care Packages
- Oral Hygiene Education
- Nutrition Advice

PSS Manhattanville Senior Center

Wednesday 4/12/23
9am-12pm
530 West 133rd Street

Please bring a form of ID and insurance information if you have any.
COLUMBIA DÍA DE SALUD ORAL

- Evaluaciones Dental Gratuitas
- Referidos
- Paquetes de Salud Oral
- Educación Oral
- Consejos Nutricionales

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Por favor, traiga una forma válida de identificación e información de seguro se la tiene.