



**CATAWBA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL PRACTICE NOW ACCEPTING
BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD NC COVERAGE**

HICKORY, NC – Catawba County Public Health Dental Practice is now accepting children ages 1 to 21 with dental coverage through BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina. The dental practice will continue to welcome children ages 1 to 21 with Medicaid or HealthChoice insurance and pregnant women with Medicaid coverage.

The opportunity to increase children’s access to Public Health’s dental practice came through participation in a capacity building grant from the BlueCross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation, which helped enhance the practice’s role as a dental home for children beginning at the age of one.

“Tooth decay is the most common disease of childhood, and it’s our goal to help prevent it,” said Doug Urland, Health Director, Catawba County Public Health. “This expansion allows our Dental Practice to assure access to preventive care and treatment for even more children in our community.”

Catawba County Public Health Dental Practice provides complete dental examinations and a wide range of preventive, treatment and educational services for children, including cleanings, x-rays, fluoride treatments, sealants, fillings, crowns, some surgical procedures, and instruction on brushing and flossing. Appointments can be made by calling (828) 695-5778.

Catawba County Public Health, located off Fairgrove Church Road behind Catawba Valley Medical Center in Hickory, N.C., works to protect and promote the health of all county residents. For more information, please call (828) 695-5800 or visit www.catawbacountync.gov/phealth.

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