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My Presentation

- Framing access to oral health care
 - A national health care crisis
 - Strengthening the Safety Net
 - HRSA's recent oral health accomplishments
 - Opportunities going forward
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Oral Health Care Access: A National Crisis

- Limited access a problem for all segments of the US population
 - 1/3rd of all adults have untreated cavities
 - Tooth decay most common chronic childhood disease, 5 times as common as asthma and 7 times as common as hay fever
 - Children miss 51 million school hours/year for dental problems and dental visits
 - Adults lose 164 million work hours/year
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Oral Health Care Access: A National Crisis

- Financing oral health care
 - 108 million Americans lack dental coverage
 - For each child without medical insurance, there are 2.6 without dental insurance
 - For each adult without medical insurance, there are 3 without dental insurance
 - Nearly \$64 billion is spent on dental services each year – roughly 48% paid by dental insurance, 4% by government programs, and 48% out-of-pocket
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Oral Health Care Access: A National Health Care Challenge

- The scientific evidence continues to grow: poor oral health has a significant impact on general physical health
 - The statistics are overwhelming – but the progress is minimal
 - Prevention strategies are successful, but not widely available to those who suffer most
 - The Oral Health Safety Net has gaps
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Factors That Limit Access to Oral Health Services Nationally

- Low numbers of providers participating in Medicaid and CHIP
 - Low reimbursement rates
 - Uneven distribution of practitioners; the number of new dentists has declined while the number of retiring dentists has increased
 - Only 1.9% of graduating dental students intend to work for underserved populations
 - Limited scope of practice by dental mid-levels
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Factors That Limit Access to Oral Health Services Nationally

- Insufficient dental infrastructure
 - Little coordination between general physical and dental services
 - Lack of education and training of other primary care providers
 - Lack of education and training of patients about prevention and treatment of this chronic disease
 - State budgetary pressures
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Strengthening the Safety Net

- Further develop State financing and purchasing strategies
 - Broaden the provider network
 - Expand the dental safety net
 - Expand CHIP coverage
 - Enhance consumer and provider education
 - Promote Oral Health Literacy in communities
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HRSA's Oral Health Accomplishments

- Services
 - Workforce
 - Infrastructure
 - Policy
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HRSA's Recent Oral Health Accomplishments – Health Services Delivery

- Health Center Expansions
 - Health centers provided care to **3.1 million** dental patients; 131% increase since 2001
 - Health centers employed:
 - 2,299 dentists; 119% increase since 2001
 - 892 dental hygienists; 183% increase since 2001
 - 4,329 other dental staff; 122% increase since 2001
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Office of Strategic Priorities

- Serves as the principal advisor to the Administrator on major health priorities including, but not limited to oral and mental health.
 - Provides leadership and coordination to improve oral and mental health infrastructure, delivery, and systems of care;
 - Establishes short-term and long-term goals and objectives to improve the quality of oral and mental health care;
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Office of Strategic Priorities

- Collaborates with other departmental and Federal agencies to promote oral and mental health by building public-private partnerships
 - coordinates oral and mental health activities across HRSA programs
 - Establishes program goals, objectives and priorities to improve oral and mental health status and outcomes to eliminate disparities.
 - Dr. Denise Geolot –Director
 - Dr. Jay R. Anderson, Chief Dental Officer
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HRSA's Recent Oral Health Accomplishments – Health Services Delivery

- ❑ 88 percent of health centers provided preventive oral health care services on site or by paid referral
 - ❑ 75 percent of health centers provided comprehensive oral health care services
 - ❑ In FY 2009, HRSA awarded \$8.7 million to support expanded oral health services at 40 health centers
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HRSA's Recent Oral Health Accomplishments – Health Services Delivery

- Oral health is the most “popular” service expansion opportunity –
 - Since 2001, a total of \$55 million has been awarded to support 312 oral health service expansion grants in health centers
 - HRSA receives almost 300 applications every time we have a solicitation.
 - In FY 2009, we were able to fund only 14% of applications (only to a score of 98).
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HIV Oral Health Services

- Ryan White HIV/AIDS Dental Reimbursement Program (2008)
 - **64** accredited dental education programs are received funding
 - Over **12,000** dental /hygiene students and dental residents trained in HIV oral health care
 - Over **36,000** HIV positive patients received oral health care
 - **\$8.4** million awarded
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HIV Oral Health Services

- Ryan White HIV/AIDS Community Based Dental Partnership Program
 - **12** accredited dental education programs received funding
 - **\$3.3** million awarded
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HIV Oral Health Services

- Ryan White Special Projects of National Significance Oral Health Initiative:
 - **15** grantees received funding to provide oral health care
 - Approximately **2,500** new HIV patients have received oral health care
 - **\$6** million awarded to **15** grantees



Rural Health Services

- The Outreach Grant program supports projects that demonstrate creative and effective models of outreach and service delivery in rural communities.
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Rural Health Services

- Many of the projects address access to affordable oral health care services that are culturally appropriate since many of our grantees serve large minority population groups
 - Population groups with Low English Proficiency
 - Training to Primary Care providers on how to recognize oral health disease particularly in young children, expectant mothers.
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Workforce

- National Health Service Corps
 - FY 2009 Field Strength: Dentists currently serving = 464
 - Dental Hygienists serving = 66
 - Dental Scholars in School/Training = 771,030
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Workforce

- Seven dentists serve as U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Officers and as HRSA employees in NHSC's Ready Responder Program.
 - These officers serve in dental health shortage areas, and can be deployed quickly to provide effective care in areas experiencing public health emergencies.
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Workforce

- NHSC also provides technical assistance on providing dental care to the underserved to providers and organizations in the field.
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Workforce (continued)

- State Oral Health Workforce Grants - **25** awards, **\$10** million in 2009
- \$17 million will be awarded in 2010
- Residency Training in General and Pediatric Dentistry - **3** awards, **\$10.1** million
- Dental Public Health Residencies -**3** awards, **\$283,000**
- Children's Teaching Hospitals – 2009, HRSA's CHGME supported **56** children's hospitals; 30 of the hospitals trained an average of more than 130 dental residents

Workforce

- Residency Training in General and Pediatric Dentistry program has 28 grantees for approximately \$10.2 million in funding.
 - The last competitive cycle was for FY 2008. The funding supports residency programs to plan and develop new general and pediatric dental residency training programs.
 - In addition, some funds provide financial assistance to residents.
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Workforce (continued)

- Geriatric Faculty Fellowship Program -165 out of 500 (nearly 1/3) of providers trained have been dentists
 - Minority Faculty Fellowship – **1** award, **\$56,000**
 - HCOP – **11** awards, **\$8.2** million
 - Centers of Excellence - 1 award, \$2.4 million
 - Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students – approximately **480** dental and dental hygiene students, **\$2.2** million
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Workforce (continued)

- Health Professions Student Loans and Loans for Disadvantaged Students - approximately **2,000** dental students and **\$2.5** million
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Infrastructure

- Maternal and Child Health
 - Established an IAA in 2007, to support national, State and local Head Start programs around oral health care.
 - MCHB also maintains the National MCH Oral Health Resource Center
 - Under CHIP Reauthorization MCHB has developed an IAA with CMS to build an oral health provider locator tool.
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Infrastructure

- ❑ Targeted Oral Health Service Systems grants to State:
 - **20 grants, 12 States, \$3.2 million**
 - ❑ Leadership Education in Pediatric Dentistry:
 - 3 Academic Centers funded, \$600K in FY 2009
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Infrastructure

- The Partnership for State Oral Health Leadership cooperative agreement represents a partnership between the oral health program and the dental public health community within States.
 - The partnership provides a forum for experts to gather and share data and provide technical expertise to the dental public health community to reduce oral disease and increase access to dental services.
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Policy

- IOM: The US Oral Health Workforce in the Coming Decade
 - Current oral health needs and demographics
 - Future trends
 - Challenges
 - Innovative strategies for improving access
 - Next steps
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Collaborations across DHHS

- Agency-wide focus for FY 2010
 - 2010 IOM Studies to make recommendations to DHHS and HRSA
 - An Oral Health Initiative
 - Oral Health Access to Services
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An Oral Health Initiative

- IOM committee will explore ways to increase public awareness of the relationship and importance of good oral health to good physical health
 - promote prevention and improve oral health literacy to health providers and the public; and recommend ways to improve access to oral health care.
 - The committee will recommend actions that the DHHS can undertake to further these objectives and establish that oral health is part of overall health.
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Considerations will include:

- Assessment of the current oral health care system.
 - Examination of preventive care interventions, their use and promotion, including greater health literacy;
 - Review of the elements of a national oral health initiative encompassing regulations, statutes, programs, research, data, financing, and policy and recommend actions for DHHS agencies and, if relevant and important, other actors.
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Oral Health Access to Services

- An IOM committee will assess the current U.S. oral health system of care for Children and Women
 - Describe a desired vision for the oral health care system; and recommend strategies to achieve that vision.
 - The project will examine issues that affect underserved populations that are most vulnerable to oral disease
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Oral Health Access to Services

- IOM will assess the role of safety net providers, both public and private,
 - with a specific focus on the provision of oral health services to women and children
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