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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is the Tooth Taxi?**

The Tooth Taxi is the project of the Dental Foundation of Oregon (DFO), in partnership with OEA Choice Trust and ODS, whose mission is “Improving oral health for Oregon’s children.”

### **What are requirements for treatment?**

An up-to-date medical history signed by a parent or legal guardian and a signed consent from parent or legal guardian.

### **Which students can receive this treatment?**

The Tooth Taxi visits schools that have a high percentage of students that qualify for the free & reduced lunch program. The Tooth Taxi gives treatment priority to children that have no dental insurance, children that have never been to the dentist, or children with an emergent need.

### **What are the age limits?**

We will treat students in kindergarten through 12th grade who meet the other requirements, regardless of age.

### **What type of treatment will you provide?**

The Tooth Taxi will provide basic dental care, including exams, cleanings, sealants, restorations and extractions.

### **Are you equipped to handle acute dental needs?**

Yes

### **What are the qualifications of the professionals on the van?**

The van is overseen by a dentist licensed in the state of Oregon.

### **What if the student needs follow up care?**

We will indicate this on patient visit summary.

### **What if the student needs an antibiotic or fluoride?**

The need will be determined by the treating dentist. Antibiotics and fluoride will be handed out on a limited basis. No narcotics or pain medication will be available or will be prescribed from the van.

### **What if the student is afraid of receiving dental treatment?**

Our caring and experienced staff will work with the child to ensure that he or she is as comfortable as possible.

### **What if the student has dental insurance?**

Preference will be given to the uninsured, those who have never been to the dentist and those with acute pain.

### **Where will the patient files be kept?**

All files will be electronic records.

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### **How will the parent or legal guardian learn about the results of the treatment?**

Each patient will receive a printout that summarizes the treatment.

### **Will the school be liable if something were to go wrong with treatment?**

Before any student is treated, the DFO will have received a signed parental permission slip and waiver that states that the DFO is responsible for the care given on the Tooth Taxi.

### **Will there be any costs to the schools?**

The costs associated with the Tooth Taxi will be covered by the generous contributions from our donors.

### **What do we need to do to prepare?**

An OEA Choice Trust representative & the Tooth Taxi program manager will work with your school to coordinate the necessary paperwork and preparation for hosting the Tooth Taxi.

### **Where will you park the Tooth Taxi?**

The OEA Choice Trust representative and the Tooth Taxi program manager will work with your school to determine the most appropriate and safe location to park the van.

### **Do you need access to a power outlet?**

Power outlet specifications will be provided to the school in advance of the mobile clinic visit.

If power outlet specifications cannot be met, the van will run on a generator.

### **Will there be an educational/prevention component program with the van?**

Yes, we will offer to teachers a 20 minute oral hygiene presentation for their class. All students receive one-on-one education during the screening.

### **How long will the students be out of class?**

Appointments are scheduled for one hour. Students will be escorted from the classroom to the Tooth Taxi and back to the classroom.

### **What if I have further questions?**

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