

**From:** [SIM\\_OHA](#)  
**To:** [Chaparro, Deanna L](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Comments on the Report of the Quality Council  
**Date:** Friday, August 05, 2016 3:06:01 PM

---

**From:** Marty Milkovic <marty.milkovic@ctdhp.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 2, 2016 8:28 AM  
**To:** SIM, OHA  
**Subject:** Comments on the Report of the Quality Council

Thank you for the good work of the Quality Council and all of the SIM volunteers and staff.

I would recommend that item 6 from the 'Reporting Measure Set' under 'Prevention': 'Oral Evaluation, Dental Services (Medicaid only)' be moved to the 'Core Measure Set'.

Dental caries is the most common childhood disease. Both caries and periodontal disease, chronic conditions, are very common in adults. They are significantly more common than a number of the other diseases in the 'Prevention' section of the 'Core Measure Set'.

Dental diseases are serious, causing missed school, work and a great deal of pain. While there is no comprehensive collection of the data, a number of deaths from complications of these infections have been reported. For a prominent example see: 'For Want of a Dentist', Washington Post, 2/28/2007, <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/02/27/AR2007022702116.html>). In particular periodontal disease has been linked to diabetes, heart disease and other diseases (see American Academy of Periodontology, 'Periodontal Disease and Systemic Health', <https://www.perio.org/consumer/other-diseases>, accessed 8/1/2016).

Thank you for your consideration.

---

Marty Milkovic MSW  
**Connecticut Dental Health Partnership (CTDHP)**  
The Dental Plan for HUSKY Health  
195 Scott Swamp Road • Farmington, CT 06032  
W: 860-507-2302 • C: 203-437-0442 • T: 860-880-0656  
[Like us on Facebook](#)

<p>This communication, together with any attachments hereto or links contained herein, is for the sole use of the intended recipient(s) and may contain information that is confidential or legally protected. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any review, disclosure, copying, dissemination, distribution or use of this communication is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. If you have received this communication in error, please notify the sender immediately by return e-mail message and delete the original and all copies of the communication, along with any attachments hereto or links herein, from your system.</p>
--