

Hopi Health Care Center's Teledentistry Model

The Hopi Health Care Center (HHCC), an IHS Service Unit, is a critical access hospital that offers diverse services including dental care to 28,000 eligible patients. The HHCC is centrally located on the Hopi Reservation. The HHCC School-based Preventive Dental Program, started full operation in September 2008, uses teledentistry to support diagnostic, preventive and temporary restorative care for children in the elementary schools on the Hopi Reservation. The Teledentist is a pediatric dentist. One to two dental hygienists provide services in the school setting. At each school, children are provided with dental services onsite (include x-rays, intraoral photographs, prophylaxis/scaling, fluoride applications, dental sealants, temporary fillings, oral hygiene instruction, and oral health education). Further care is coordinated with the HHCC dental clinic. Once preventive services have been provided to all children with parental consent in a school, the mobile dental program relocates to the next school. The following is HHCC's teledentistry model.

