

CompBenefits Texas Quality Improvement Program Project

Project Name: Health Promotion/Outreach 2005

Project Type: Quality of Care/Preventive Health

Project Sponsors: CompBenefits and Texas Dental Association Smile Foundation

Background:

The Mission of the Texas Dental Association Smile Foundation is to “educate the public and profession about oral health, enhance the public image of dentistry, and improve access to dental care for the citizens of Texas.” To that end, the Texas Dental Association Smile Foundation sponsors events throughout the year in Texas through a dental assistance program entitled, “Texas Mission of Mercy (TMOM).” TMOM is a large multi-day dental mission that brings hundreds of dentists, dental professionals and other volunteers from across Texas together to donate their professional services. Their goal is to relieve immediate pain and restore smiles. In 2005, the TMOM treated over 1,440 patients at a \$508,000 estimated value of service.

Objectives:

- Providing basic preventive dental care to a target population of children and adults in Texas, across several counties in underserved areas.

Methods/Materials:

- Oral exam
- Basic preventive care/prophylaxis
- Basic restorative and cosmetic dental procedures

Outcome/

Gains Achieved:

The Texas Mission of Mercy (TMOM) project was successful in treating over 1,400 patients at an estimated \$508,000 value of service. The project is ongoing throughout the year with greater numbers of patients being served each year. CompBenefits made a financial contribution of \$250 to the Texas Dental Association Smile Foundation to help support their efforts with the TMOM project.