



Oral Health Foundation is Renamed DentaQuest Foundation

Boston, MA -- As of April 1, 2009, the Oral Health Foundation is renamed the DentaQuest Foundation (www.DentaQuestFoundation.org).

Our new name shows our affiliation with the DentaQuest oral health enterprise. Our collective mission is to improve oral health and we do this in a number of ways: through administration of quality dental benefit programs (DentaQuest), research and improvements focused on the efficiency and effectiveness of oral health delivery systems (DentaQuest Institute, formerly Catalyst Institute), and our work as a foundation. Together, we are united in our mission to improve oral health.

During 2009, the DentaQuest Foundation will continue to act on three key components of the United States' Surgeon General's 2003 National *Call to Action*:

- Change perceptions of oral health,
- Replicate effective programs and proven methods, and
- Increase collaborations and partnerships focused on oral health improvements.

The Foundation is partnering with national philanthropies and health funders, along with health care associations, dental and non-dental providers, national and state health policy leadership, coalitions, and community health advocates in collaborative action for sustainable change, and systems improvements.

The DentaQuest Foundation (www.DentaQuestFoundation.org)

The DentaQuest Foundation, based in Boston, Massachusetts, supports and promotes optimal oral health. Since the Foundation was formed in 2000, it has worked to change perceptions about oral health and disease, promote effective models of care, remove barriers between people and health services, and cultivate public and private partnerships for better oral health. From 2000 to 2008, the Foundation provided \$17 million in grant funding toward these priorities.

DentaQuest (www.DentaQuest.com)

DentaQuest, headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts, is the fourth largest oral health enterprise in the United States, working in 23 states and the District of Columbia. DentaQuest takes an integrated and holistic approach that considers all aspects of oral health: from the administration of dental benefit plans (commercial and government) critical to prevention, to the work of the DentaQuest Institute on evidence-based research that improves the effectiveness and efficiency of delivery of care, to the philanthropic work of the DentaQuest Foundation in elevating public awareness and identifying solutions to oral health issues and disparities. DentaQuest is committed to improving the oral health of the residents of the communities it serves.

