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Amerigroup Partners with DentaQuest to Launch Dental Home Services for Georgia Members

Dental Homes Integrate Dental, Medical and Behavioral Health Services to Facilitate More Holistic Care and Improve Health Outcomes.

ATLANTA, Ga. (Oct. 3, 2016) – Amerigroup Community Care, a Georgia statewide provider of Medicaid managed care services, has partnered with DentaQuest to launch Dental Home services to its members. The Patient-Centered Dental Home model connects each member to a personal dentist who leads a team of clinical care providers and staff who are committed to delivering comprehensive, coordinated dental care. Amerigroup is the first Georgia Medicaid managed care provider to offer its members Dental Home services.

“Amerigroup has seen increasing evidence that links oral health to total physical and mental health, and responded to the need to integrate our members’ overall medical care with high-quality, evidence-based dental programs,” said Dr. William Alexander, medical director for Amerigroup Georgia. “We are pleased to be the first Medicaid managed care provider in Georgia to offer our members this high-quality health care alternative that holds promise for increasing the delivery of appropriate and routine oral health care, reducing preventable dental disease and improving overall health outcomes.”

“Dental home programs like this one are a critical component of person-centered oral health,” said Brett Bostrack, senior vice president, DentaQuest. “The dental team can serve as an early detection system for chronic disease and social determinants that impact overall health. We are excited to be partnering with Amerigroup to meet the needs of those we serve in Georgia.”

The Dental Home model of care is particularly advantageous for people who access dental care from a trusted dentist, but may have not been seen by a physical health provider. The Dental Home dentist serves as the patient’s primary care provider to identify various needs and is able to refer patients to medical and behavioral health providers, the same way a primary care physician coordinates patient care. The adoption of this model is expected to better integrate health care services and dramatically improve the health and lives of Amerigroup members who participate in the program.

ABOUT AMERIGROUP COMMUNITY CARE OF GEORGIA

Amerigroup Community Care of Georgia helps improve health care access and quality for more than 375,000 low-income Georgians by developing innovative care management programs and services. Members are assured care that is not only accessible, but also accountable, comprehensive, integrated and patient-centered. Amerigroup Georgia provides ongoing community relations and outreach to encourage members to become active participants in their health care. Through health education programs, members are empowered to choose and sustain a healthy lifestyle. For more information about Amerigroup Community Care of Georgia, visit www.myamerigroup.com/ga.

ABOUT DENTAQUEST

Based in Boston, Mass., DentaQuest (dentaquest.com) is a leading national oral health company and the largest in the Medicaid space. Along with its charitable DentaQuest Foundation, its clinical DentaQuest Care Group and its educational DentaQuest Institute, its mission is to improve the oral health of all. Follow DentaQuest on Twitter [@dentaquest](https://twitter.com/dentaquest), Facebook at www.facebook.com/DentaQuest and LinkedIn at www.linkedin.com/company/dentaquest, and subscribe to our blog, Oral Health Matters at <http://oralhealthmatters.blogspot.com/>.

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