

PRIMARY PREVENTIVE CARE THE FACTS

- **Has Over 40 years of Research Supporting It**
- **Is a “No Needles” and “No Drills” Procedure**
 - Does not require drills, Does not create aerosols that spread disease such as Covid
 - Effective treatment for very young children and children with special needs
 - Lessens the need for Hospital Dentistry and Sedation Dentistry
- **Has a Success Rate Comparable to Traditional Fillings**
- **SC has a Trained Work Force**
 - 41 RDHs and the faculty of the state dental hygiene programs were trained to provide SMART in 2018. For the past three years, all dental hygiene students have been taught the SMART technique as part of their curriculum.
- **Will Save Money and Improve Health without Additional Costs**
 - Health Promotion Specialists provided this service to 6,081 children (19,119 teeth) with a cost **savings** to Medicaid of \$1.4 million vs. traditional fillings in a dental office.
 - During the same timeframe: children were treated in a hospital or sedated, treated with pre-fabricated crowns and “baby tooth root canals” at a cost of \$13.5 that could have potentially been avoided.
- **There Have Been NO Known Adverse Consequences or Complaints Related to the Delivery of ART by Registered Dental Hygienists in SC**

**Primary Preventive Care Equates to Less Cost, Less Trauma,
Increased Employment Opportunities, Improved Health and
Millions in Savings.**

Remove the Barriers to the Care!