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FREE Children's Dental Sealant & Fluoride Varnish Clinic

**North County Health Services & San Diego County Dental Society
Team Up to Offer Preventative Dental Services to the Uninsured**

SAN MARCOS, Calif., Feb. 4th, 2013 - North County Health Services (NCHS) is proud to announce they have teamed up with the San Diego County Dental Society to offer a FREE dental sealant and fluoride varnish clinic to the regions' uninsured population, 1-18 years of age, on February 9, 2013 at the NCHS San Marcos location.

Dental sealants and fluoride varnishes are a safe, quick and painless way to prevent cavities in children. "These preventative measures are a necessary part of a child's total dental care, that can not only easily help protect their teeth, but set them on a course for healthy long-term oral hygiene," says Michelle Gonzalez, VP of Operations at NCHS. According to the Center for Disease Control Oral Health Division, tooth decay is largely preventable, yet remains the most common chronic disease of children age 6 to 11 years (25%), and adolescents age 12 to 19 years (59%). "We are so pleased to work with the San Diego County Dental Society. They are wonderful supporters of our mission to improve the overall health status of our community and share our vision for preventive health care," says Gonzalez.

This event is open to anyone without dental resources/insurance ages 1-18, and must have a parent or guardian present. NCHS will also offer FREE school entry dental exams and fun prizes. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are welcome.

WHAT: FREE Dental Sealant & Fluoride Varnish Clinic

WHEN: February 9, 2013 – 9AM to 1PM

WHERE: North County Health Services, 150 Valpreda Road, San Marcos, CA 92069

WHO: North County Health Services & San Diego Dental Society

ADDITIONAL INFO: Appointments recommended, please call 619-692-8858 - Walk-ins welcome

ABOUT NORTH COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES

North County

Health Services is a private not-for-profit organization that serves over 60,000 patients annually at 10 health centers in Carlsbad, Encinitas, Oceanside, Ramona and San Marcos, and through two mobile clinics. NCHS has been providing affordable, quality & comprehensive care to members of our north San Diego County communities, including those who are uninsured or underinsured for over 40 years. Services at NCHS include pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, dental care, internal medicine, adolescent medicine and radiology as well as community health outreach, prevention and disease management programs. We accept Medi-Cal, Medicare, Sharp Health Care, Care 1st and other private insurances. If you are uninsured, we calculate cost of care on a sliding scale, and you may also be eligible for no-cost programs based on your income or may qualify for a discount. For more information, visit www.nchs-health.org or call 760-736-6767.