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Head Start students, families in Pennington and Red Lake counties to receive free dental care Oct. 4-6 on UCare's Mobile Dental Clinic

Inter County Community Council Head Start students and families who are UCare members can receive free dental care Oct. 4-6 aboard "dentist's office on wheels"

WHEN: Tuesday – Thursday, Oct. 4-6, 2011

WHERE: Pennington County Joint Use Facility
250 125th Ave NE
Thief River Falls

DETAILS: **UCare's Mobile Dental Clinic** is a fully equipped 43-foot vehicle – a "dentist's office on wheels" – that brings quality dental care to UCare members in Minnesota who have limited access to dental services.



UCare is partnering with the Inter County Community Council (ICCC) Head Start to serve children up to age 5 who are in this pre-school program and are members of UCare. The majority of the children live in Pennington and Red Lake counties. Care may also be given to some Head Start students who may not be UCare members.

Dental and dental hygiene students from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry will provide care to the children under faculty supervision, providing dental exams, cleanings, and fluoride treatments at no cost to UCare members.

UCare first introduced a mobile dental clinic in Minnesota in August 2002 through a partnership between UCare and the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. UCare is the first health plan in Minnesota to own and operate a mobile dental clinic.

[Inter County Community Council Head Start](#) works with qualifying families with preschool children by providing quality individualized education and family services.

ELIGIBILITY: UCare members who are enrolled students in the ICCC Head Start Program, and their family members

BACKGROUND: UCare (www.ucare.org) is an independent, nonprofit health plan providing health care and administrative services to more than 230,000 members. UCare partners with health care providers, counties, and community organizations to create and deliver innovative health coverage products for:

- Individuals and families enrolled in income-based Minnesota Health Care Programs, such as MinnesotaCare and Prepaid Medical Assistance Program.
- Adults with disabilities and Medicare beneficiaries with chronic health conditions.
- Minnesotans dually eligible for Medical Assistance and Medicare.
- Medicare-eligible individuals throughout Minnesota and in western Wisconsin.

UCare addresses health care disparities and care access issues through its UCare Fund grants and a broad array of community initiatives, such as the Mobile Dental Clinic.

The University of Minnesota School of Dentistry
(www.dentistry.umn.edu),

The University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, the state's only dental school, improves oral and craniofacial health by educating clinicians and scientists who translate knowledge and experience into clinical practice.

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