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**Peak Family Medicine Now Offering Preventive Dental Care During Regular Medical Visits**

**Montrose, Colo. – August 1, 2016** – Peak Family Medicine is now offering a variety of preventive dental health services for children and adults during regular medical visits at its Montrose clinic. All forms of dental insurance, including Medicaid and Child Health Plan *Plus*, are accepted.

Under the direction of registered dental hygienist Cheryl Seitz, RDH, BSDH, the services provided include oral health education, exams, cleanings, x-rays, fluoride varnishes and sealants. Medical care is available at Peak Family Medicine Monday – Saturday from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., with dental care offered Wednesday – Saturday.

Integrating dental care into regular medical visits allows Ms. Seitz to collaborate with the Peak Family Medicine medical team to immediately assess conditions such as cavities during well-child checkups and provide important oral health education. These new services will help to meet a growing need in Montrose for both pediatric oral health care and dental providers that accept Medicaid. If more extensive dental care is needed, Peak Family Medicine patients will be referred to dentists in the community.

Located at 1550 E. Niagara Road, Peak Family Medicine is a primary care medical practice working in concert with Montrose-based Peak Professionals. Peak Professionals provides integrated primary care, dental hygiene and psychology services to children and families. Pharmacy services are also available. The practice offers convenient evening and Saturday hours in order to meet the needs of working families.

Peak Family Medicine is able to offer integrated dental care to those in Montrose through funding it received from Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation's (DDCOF) Colorado Medical-Dental Integration (CO MDI) Project. The first project of its kind in the U.S., CO MDI is integrating dental hygienists in 16 Colorado primary care clinics over five years in an effort to increase access to preventive dental health services.



“Our goal is to make it easier for patients to access the health care they need to lead successful lives,” said Joe Adragna, MD, medical director of Peak Family Medicine. “Oral health is an important part of health care. However, many people in our community, especially children, have limited access to dental care. By integrating medical and dental care, we can now address dental needs on-site while providing care in an environment that’s convenient and familiar. I believe CO MDI will have a positive impact on our patients’ oral health that will lead to better overall health.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, tooth decay is the most common chronic disease among U.S. children ages 6 to 11. CO MDI is designed to improve the dental health of Colorado’s youngest residents and reach families who have limited access to dental care due to geographic barriers, lack of insurance or transportation difficulties. DDCOF has allocated approximately \$3.3 million in funding to the CO MDI clinics to hire hygienists, purchase equipment, deliver care and receive comprehensive technical assistance.

**To make an appointment at Peak Family Medicine, please call (970) 497-4921.** For a complete list of the CO MDI clinics as well as more information on the project, visit [www.deltadentalcofoundation.org/co-mdi/](http://www.deltadentalcofoundation.org/co-mdi/).

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#### **About Peak Family Medicine/Peak Professionals**

Peak Professionals, parent company of Peak Family Medicine, Peak Pediatric Psychology and Peak Dental Hygiene provides next-level comprehensive health care by utilizing a team-based approach with integrity and a community focus. To learn more, visit [www.peakpros.org](http://www.peakpros.org).

#### **About Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation**

Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation’s mission is to improve the state's oral health by eradicating childhood tooth decay. Over the past 15 years, the Foundation has been solely funded by Delta Dental of Colorado. Its initiatives have included educational programs targeting low-income, high-risk families; support of dental health education for medical and dental students as well as providers; and opportunities to teach good dental habits and cavity prevention among pregnant women and children. As a 501(c)(3) organization, the Foundation works to make good dental health a community priority. A core belief is that, because dental disease is almost 100 percent preventable, efforts to improve oral health will result in a healthier Colorado overall. To learn more about Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation, please visit [www.deltadentalcofoundation.org](http://www.deltadentalcofoundation.org).