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Whereas, Public Health Sudbury & Districts has passed a Board of Health resolution calling on the Ministry of Health to increase reimbursement rates under the Healthy Smiles Ontario program to improve provider participation and access to dental care for children and youth; and

Whereas, the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit continues to observe similar barriers in Nipissing and Parry Sound districts, including limited provider participation and resulting challenges in accessing timely dental care for eligible children; and

Whereas, untreated dental disease in children can have significant health and developmental impacts and may lead to avoidable use of hospital-based dental services;

Therefore Be It Resolved That, the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit endorse the resolution of Public Health Sudbury & Districts calling on the Ministry of Health to increase reimbursement rates under the Healthy Smiles Ontario Schedule of Dental Services and Fees to align with the Ontario Dental Association Suggested Fee Guide for General Practitioners; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved That, this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA); the Ontario Dental Association; Health Unit Member Municipalities, and all Ontario Boards of Health.