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Highmark purchases x-ray machine for MOVHD

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department got some help from one of their community partners when Highmark purchased a Panorama X-ray machine for their Wood County office.

Their aid has also helped MOVHD provide dental services to those that do not have insurance.

"We are very grateful for the generosity of the Highmark Foundation in purchasing this machine," said Rebecca Eaton, director of the Clinical and Dental Department at MOVHD. "With this tool we can perform proper diagnosis of cavities and the like for our child patients and our adult patients in the Smiles for Life program."

The Smiles for Life program is a dental screening and referral program that is open to low-income adults and children who meet income guidelines. Fluoride varnish and dental sealants are also available. The service is available to West Virginia residents and Washington County, Ohio, residents.

Highmark has aided MOVHD in the past with seeing dental patients and making correct referrals when more work is needed.

"We are happy to help provide this service to our community," Eaton said. "Dental health affects the whole health of the body and we want our residents to be as healthy as they can be."

For more information on the dental program or to make an appointment, call 304-485-7374.

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The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department serves Wood, Wirt, Calhoun, Pleasants, Ritchie and Roane Counties. It is located at 211 Sixth St. in Parkersburg. The offices are open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 304-485-7374 or visit the website, movhd.com for more information. Follow them at Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department MOVHD on Facebook and @MOVHealthDept on Instagram and Twitter.