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DHEC News Release: Nominations sought for sixth annual Dr. Carlos Salinas Award

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COLUMBIA, S.C. - Nominations are open through June 28 for the Dr. Carlos Salinas Award, which recognizes a S.C. dentist who serves patients with special health care needs, the state Department of Health and Environmental Control announced today.

"The S.C. Dental Association, S.C. Oral Health Coalition and Advisory Council, and Specialized Care Company established this award to honor excellence in dental care and advocacy for individuals with special health care needs," said Christine Veschusio, director of DHEC's Division of Oral Health. "The winner will receive the award and special recognition at a fall conference and the recipient's name will be placed on a perpetual plaque displayed at the MUSC College of Dental Medicine."

According to Veschusio, the award is named for Carlos Salinas, DMD, in recognition of his commitment to assisting people with special needs. Dr. Salinas has been with MUSC's College of Dental Medicine for more than 35 years.

Requirements for the award:

The nominee must be a dentist licensed to practice dentistry in South Carolina.

Nominations may be submitted by anyone except the nominee (the person submitting the nomination must include his or her name and contact information).

A formal letter of nomination must be included that states why the nominee should be selected, and how the nominee has provided exceptional care for patients with special needs.

Nominations must be received or postmarked by June 28 (electronic submissions are preferred).

Please e-mail nomination materials to Karen Gambrell at oralhealth@dhec.sc.gov or send them via U.S. Mail to Karen Gambrell; DHEC's Division of Oral Health; Mills-Jarrett Complex; Box 101106; Columbia, S.C. 29211.

For more information, visit **our webpage on the Carlos Salinas Award**

<<http://www.scdhec.gov/health/fhpf/diseaseresourcesforhealthcareproviders/oralhealth/carlossalinasaward/>> or call 803-898-0194.

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