A New Tool for Tracking Medicaid Adult Dental Benefits Across States

CareQuest Institute Continuing Education Webinar

Thursday, August 25, 2022

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health®

Housekeeping

- We will keep all lines muted to avoid background noise.
- We will send a copy of the slides and a link to the recording via email after the live program.
- We'll also make the slides and recording available on carequest.org.

To receive CE Credits:

- Look for the evaluation form, which we'll send via email.
- Complete the **evaluation by Friday, September 2.**
- Eligible participants will receive a certificate soon after via email.

We appreciate your feedback to help us improve future programs!

ADA C·E·R·P® | Continuing Education Recognition Program

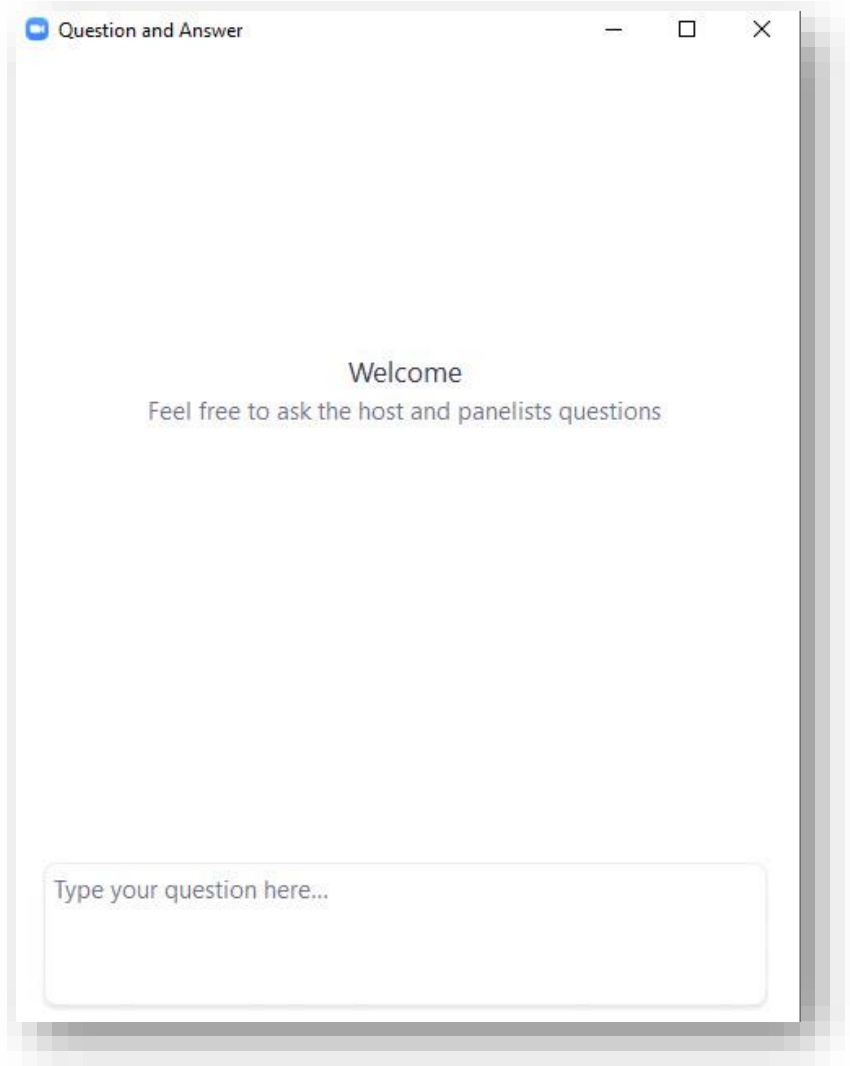
The CareQuest Institute for Oral Health is an ADA CERP Recognized Provider. This presentation has been planned and implemented in accordance with the standards of the ADA CERP.

*Full disclosures available upon request

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health™

Question & Answer Logistics

- Feel free to enter your questions into the **Question & Answer box** throughout the presentations.
- We will turn to your questions and comments toward the end of the hour.



CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

Learning Objectives

At the end of this webinar, you'll be able to:

- Discuss why we needed a new classification system to understand Medicaid adult dental benefits
- Define an extensive adult dental benefit within Medicaid
- Identify the ongoing utility of the Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage Checker
- Use the Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage Checker and its findings

Our Strategy

Vision

A future where every person can reach their full potential through optimal health

Mission

To improve the oral health of all

Purpose

To catalyze the future of health through oral health

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health®

Today's Presenters

A New Tool for Tracking Medicaid Adult Dental Benefits Across States

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

WEBINAR | Thursday, August 25, 2022 | 3-4 p.m. ET | ADA CERP Credits: 1

MODERATOR & PRESENTER

Stacey Auger, MPH
Policy Consultant,
CareQuest Institute

PRESENTER

Chelsea Fosse, DMD, MPH
Senior Health Policy Analyst,
Health Policy Institute (HPI)
of the American Dental
Association

PRESENTER

Stacey Chazin, MS, MPH
Leadership Development and
Capacity Building Consultant,
Oral Health Progress and
Equity Network (OPEN)

PRESENTER

Tanya Dorf Brunner, MS
Executive Director,
Oral Health Kansas

Two new tools

Rubric Assessing Extensiveness of State Medicaid Adult Dental Benefits (Rubric)

A survey tool that defines an extensive Medicaid adult dental benefit *and* assesses the extensiveness of existing coverage within each state.

Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage Checker

An interactive tool that displays state-by-state results of the Rubric.

The results represent a snapshot in time and are reflective of coverage offered by each state at the time the Rubric was applied (spring 2020).

Check out the *Featured Resources* section on the CareQuest Institute website for more information about the Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage Checker

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

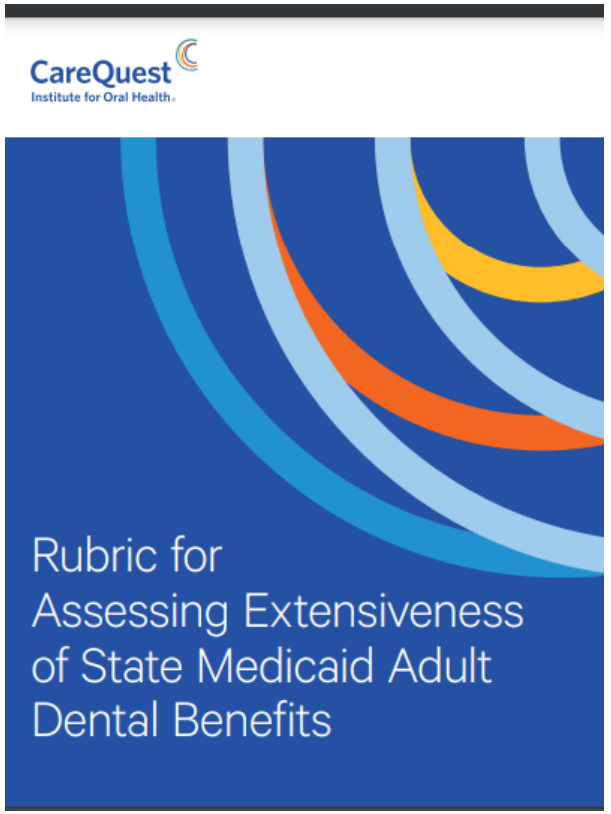
The Rubric: What it Is and What it Does

What it is:

- A survey to be completed by state dental directors or their equivalents

What it does:

- Defines an extensive Medicaid adult dental benefit
- Assesses the extensiveness of existing coverage within each state's Medicaid program



CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

Definition of an Extensive Medicaid Adult Dental Benefit

The Rubric defines an extensive dental benefit as one that provides coverage for a range of dental procedures considered adequate for the prevention of disease and promotion of oral health; the restoration of oral structures to health and function; and the treatment of emergency/urgent conditions for the largest group of Categorically Needy Medicaid adult beneficiaries ages 21-64 covered by the state's Medicaid program.

How the Rubric Works

Fourteen questions assess coverage of specific procedures and services, including *allowed frequency*, in eight service categories.

- Annual benefit maximum
- Diagnostic services
- Preventive services
- Restorative services
- Endodontic services
- Periodontal services
- Prosthodontic services
- Extraction services

The categories of procedures encompass specific services that are: most commonly reimbursed by employer-based dental plans; reflective, where possible, of clinical guidelines for practice; and that are critical to maintaining lifelong oral health.

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

Why the Rubric is Needed

Previous definition provided no clear guidance on:

- Specific covered service categories necessary to constitute an extensive benefit
- Specific procedures to be covered within each service category
- Specific service frequency that is covered
- Whether coverage is offered to all adult Medicaid beneficiaries or only to select subset(s) (e.g., pregnant people).

Previous Definition of an Extensive Dental Benefit

A more comprehensive mix of services, including many diagnostic, preventive, minor and major restorative procedures. It includes benefits that have a per-person annual expenditure cap of at least $1,000 and covers at least 100 procedures out of the approximately 600 recognized procedures per the ADA's Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature.[1]

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

[1] Nasseh K, Vujicic M, O'Dell A. *Affordable Care Act expands dental benefits for children But does not address critical access to dental care issues.* Health Policy Resources Center Research Brief. American Dental Association. April 2013. Available at: https://www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/ada-org/files/resources/research/hpi/HPIBrief_0413_3.pdf?la=en

Workgroup that Developed the Rubric

Workgroup[1] led by CareQuest Institute for Oral Health[2] as part of Oral Health 2020

- American Dental Association
- Center for Health Care Strategies
- Health Policy Institute
- Medicaid Medicare CHIP Services Dental Association
- National Academy for State Health Policy
- Oral Health America
- The Oral Health Progress and Equity Network
- Current and former state Medicaid dental program officials
- *Feedback and testing provided by numerous state and national experts*

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

[1] *Workgroup comprised of Core Group and Advisory Committee. Click here for a listing of members*

[2] *Formerly DentaQuest Partnership for Oral Health Advancement*

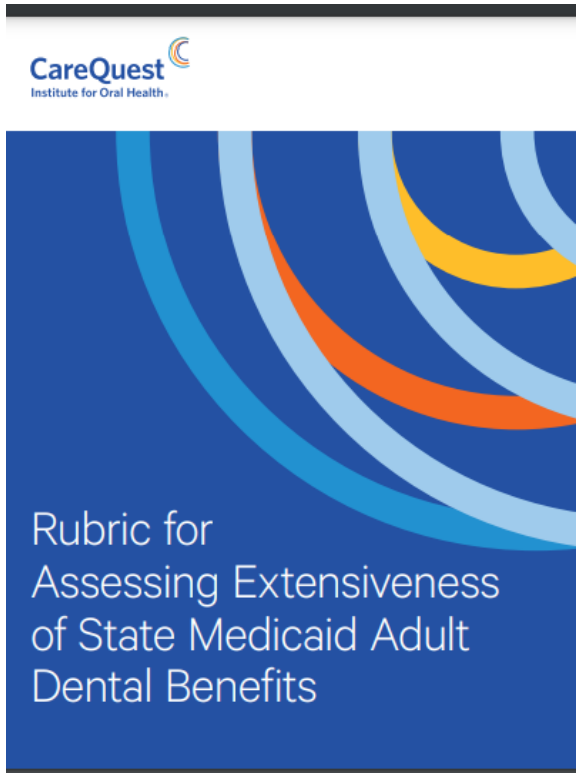
Development Process

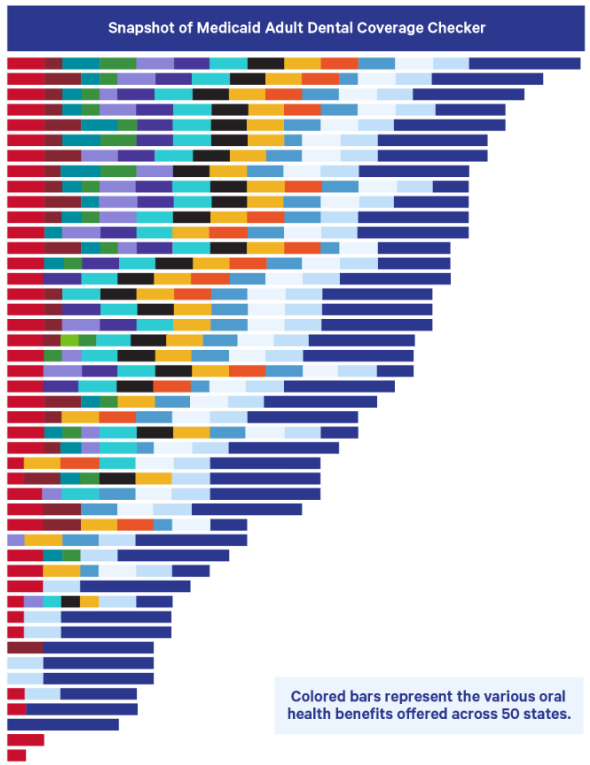
Between 2014-2022, the Workgroup:

- Developed iterative drafts of the Rubric
- Solicited feedback and suggestions for improvement from state and national leaders
- Incorporated edits and revisions
- Completed two rounds of beta-testing
- Released the Rubric to all 50 states and DC in spring 2020 in conjunction with MSDA's *National Profile of State Medicaid and CHIP Oral Health Programs*
- Presented results to MSDA members in spring 2021
- Incorporated additional edits and revisions based on that presentation
- Developed and launched Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage Checker

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

The Intent of the *Rubric* and *The Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage Checker*





CareQuest
Institute for Oral Health

The Intent of the *Rubric* and *The Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage Checker*

The <u>Intent</u> of both tools is to be a resource for *<u>all</u>* by:

- Providing a clear and consensus-driven definition of an extensive Medicaid adult dental benefit
- Helping policymakers, administrators, and advocates assess the extensiveness of a state's benefit and identify areas for improvement and expansion
- Capturing point-in-time information at the state level
- Assessing the extensiveness of benefits offered in each state
- Allowing states to assess their benefit offerings in relation to other states
- Illustrating over time how the national coverage landscape has changed

The Intent of the *Rubric* and *The Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage Checker*

Both tools are ***not*** intended to be:

- A report card to rank order states
- A scored assessment of a Medicaid agency or administrator
- A tool to assess appropriate levels of provider participation within a Medicaid network or adequate reimbursement rates
- A tool that specifies appropriate treatment for an individual

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

Contact Information

Stacey Chazin, MS, MPH
Leadership Development and Capacity Building Consultant,
Oral Health Progress and Equity Network (OPEN)
schazin@openoralhealth.org

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

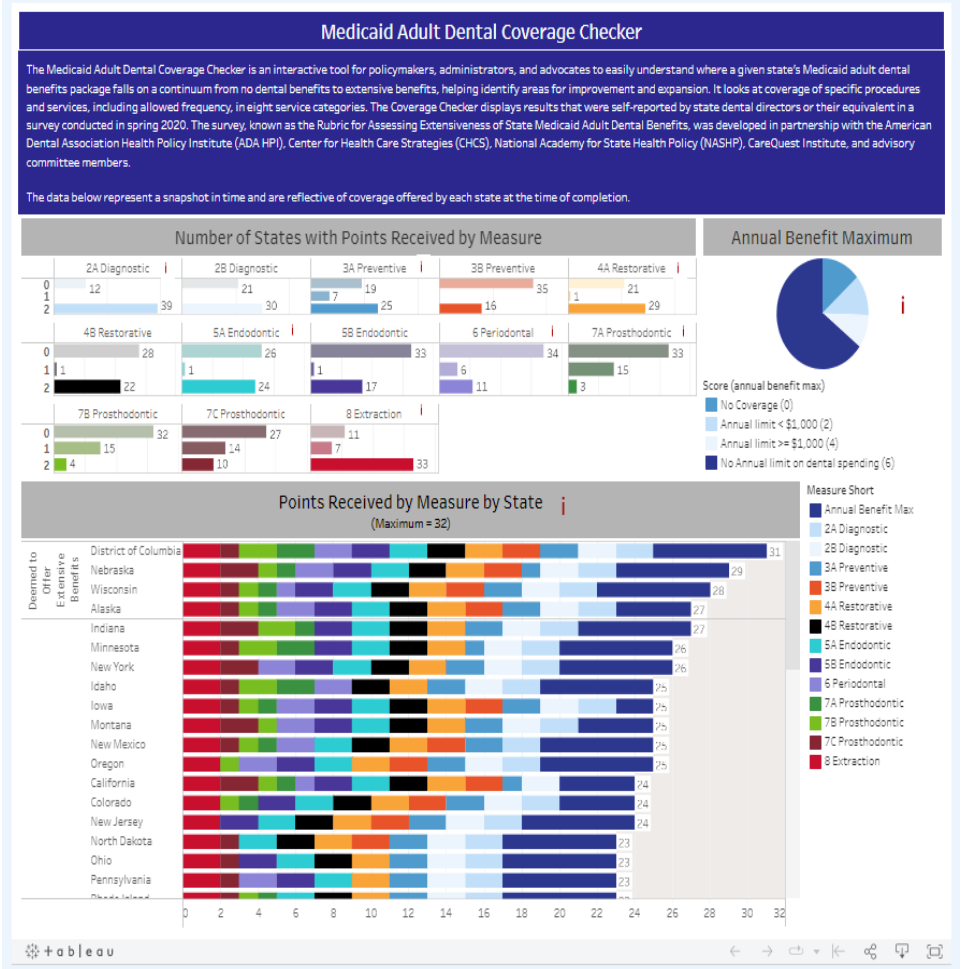
The Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage Checker

What it is:

- An interactive tool that displays state-by-state results of the Rubric

The results represent a snapshot in time and are reflective of coverage offered by each state at the time of completion.

The results display benefits on a continuum from no benefits to extensive.

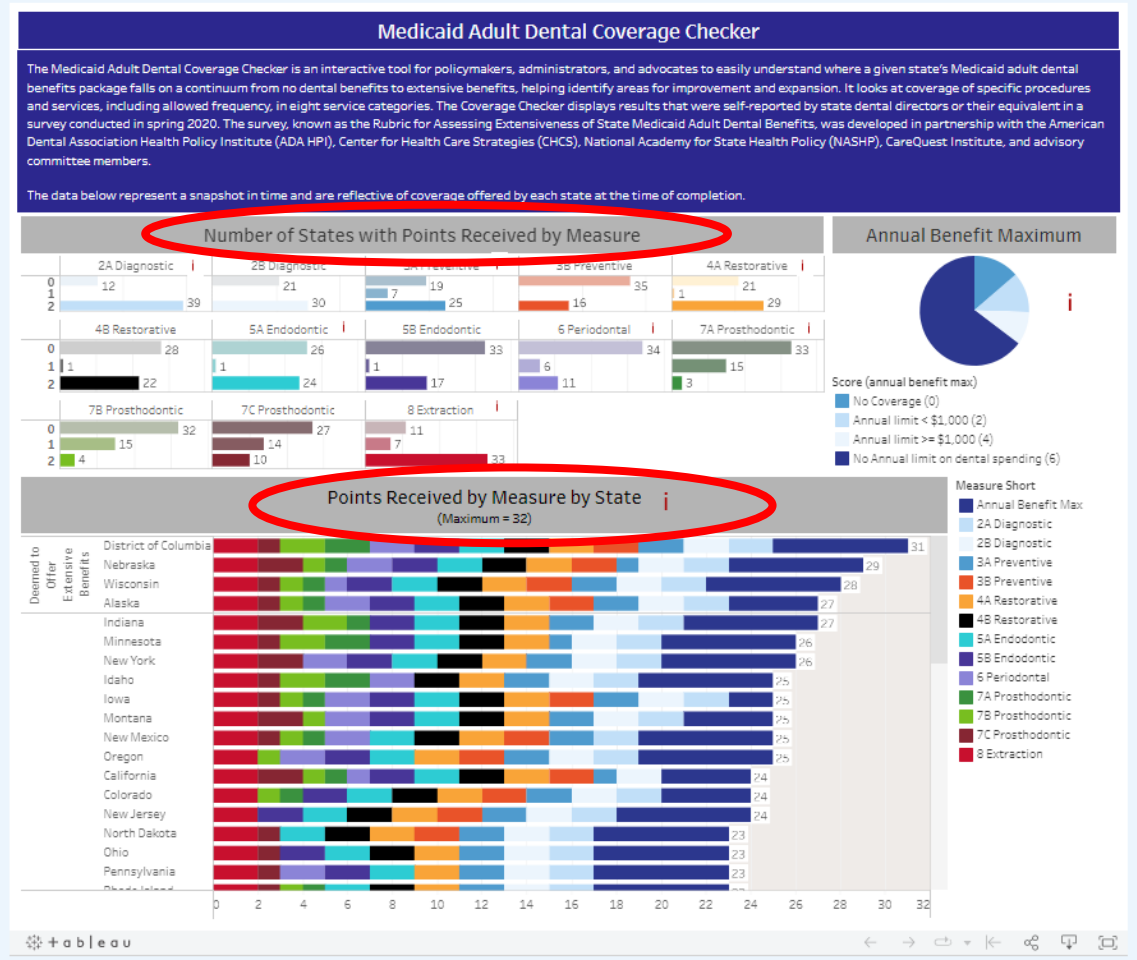


CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

The Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage Checker

The Coverage Checker contains two sections:

- Number of States with Points Received by Measure
- Points Received by Measure by State

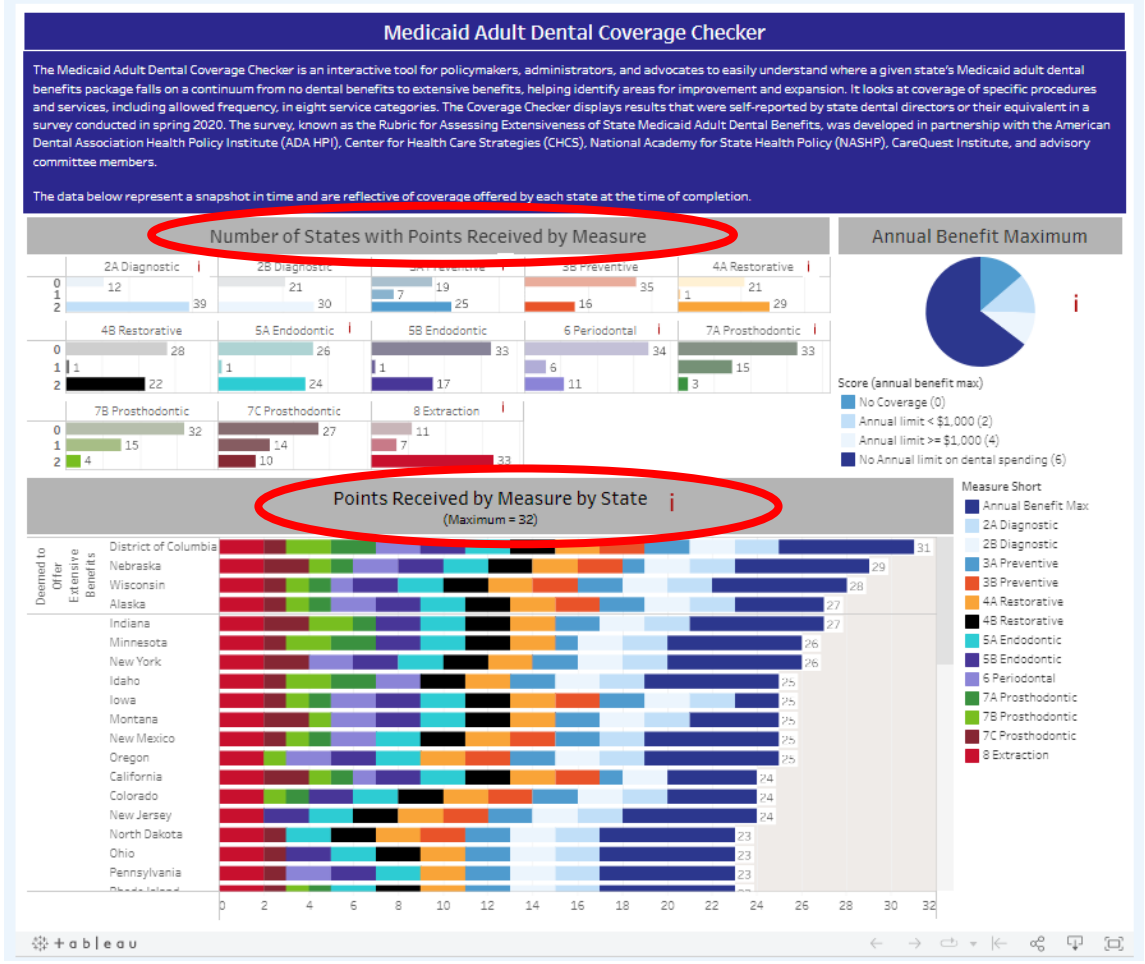


CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

The Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage Checker

The Coverage Checker looks at coverage within eight service categories

- 14 questions
- Each contains a points system:
  - *0 = never covered*
  - *1 = only covered in emergencies*
  - *2 = covered on a routine basis*

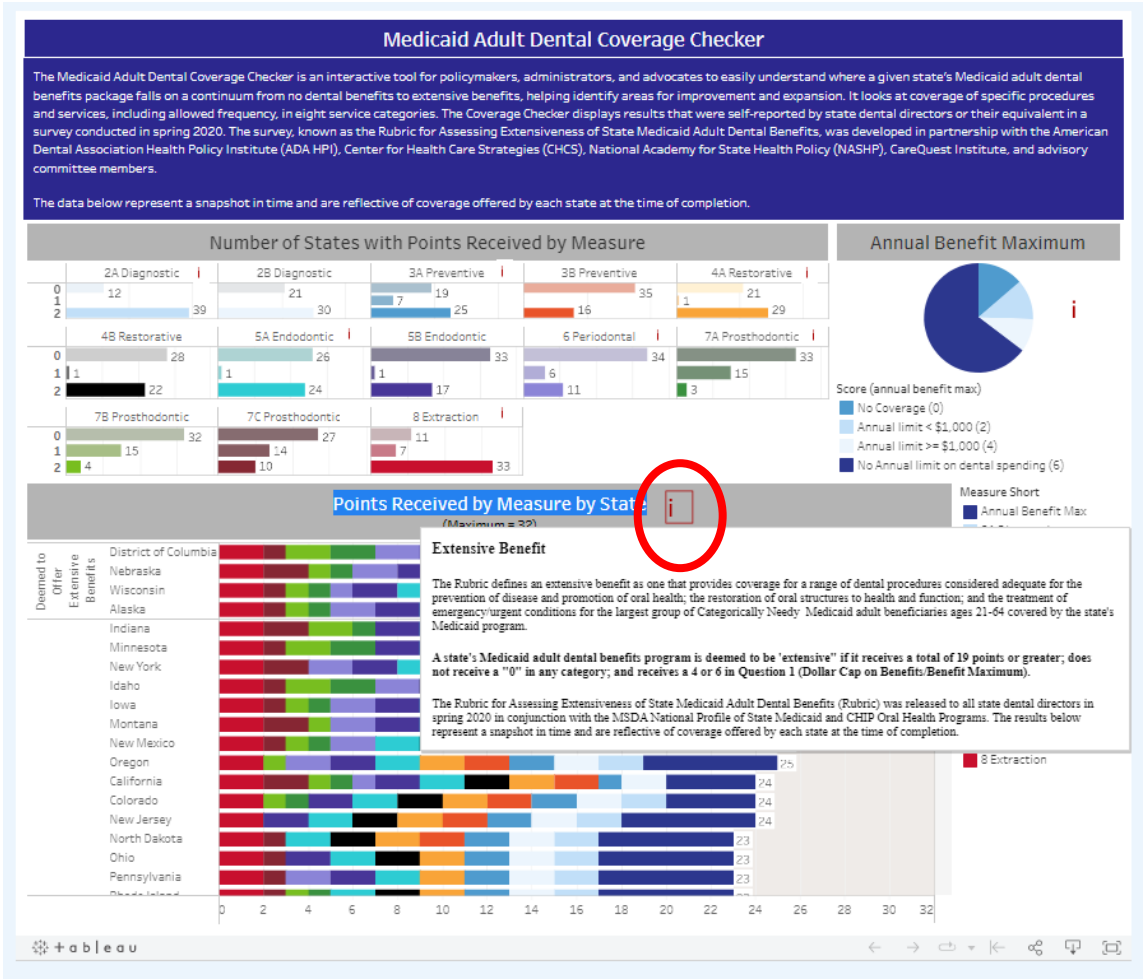


The Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage Checker

The Rubric defines an extensive Medicaid adult dental benefit[1].

Within the Coverage Checker, a state's Medicaid adult dental benefits program is deemed to be extensive if it:

- Receives 19 points or more
- Does not receive a '0' in any category
- Receives a '4' or '6' in the *Annual Benefit Maximum* category



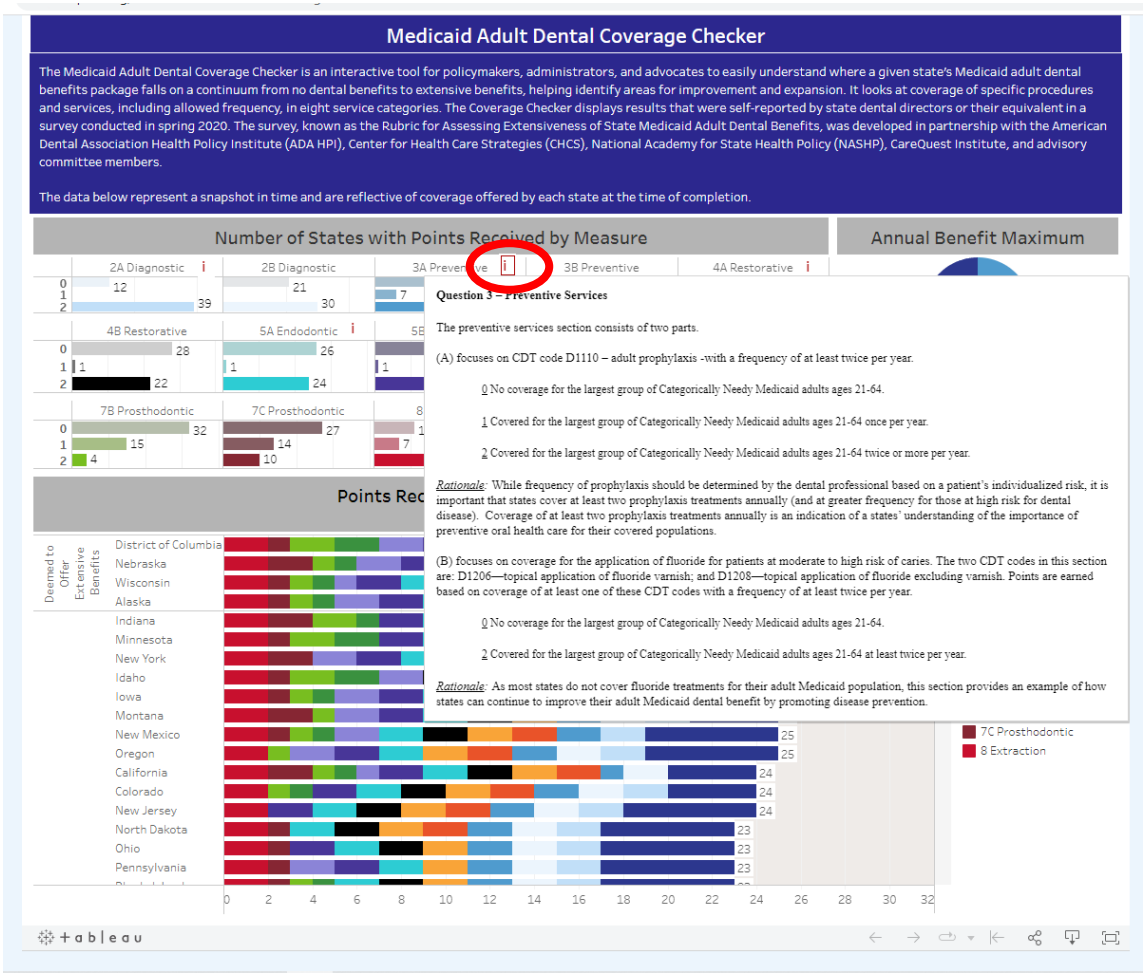
The Rubric defines an extensive dental benefit as one that provides coverage for a range of dental procedures considered adequate for the prevention of disease and promotion of oral health; the restoration of oral structures to health and function; and the treatment of emergency/urgent conditions for the largest group of Categorically Needy Medicaid adult beneficiaries ages 21-64 covered by the state's Medicaid program.

Number of States with Points Received by Measure

Hover over any of the red information *'i'*s to find the language for each question in the Rubric.

For instance, the Preventive Services section has two parts:

- Part A focuses on adult prophylaxis and CDT code D1110 with a frequency of at least twice per year.
- Part B focuses on coverage for the application of Fluoride and CDT codes D1206 and D1208. Here points are earned based on coverage of **at least one** of these codes with a frequency of **at least twice per year**.



CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

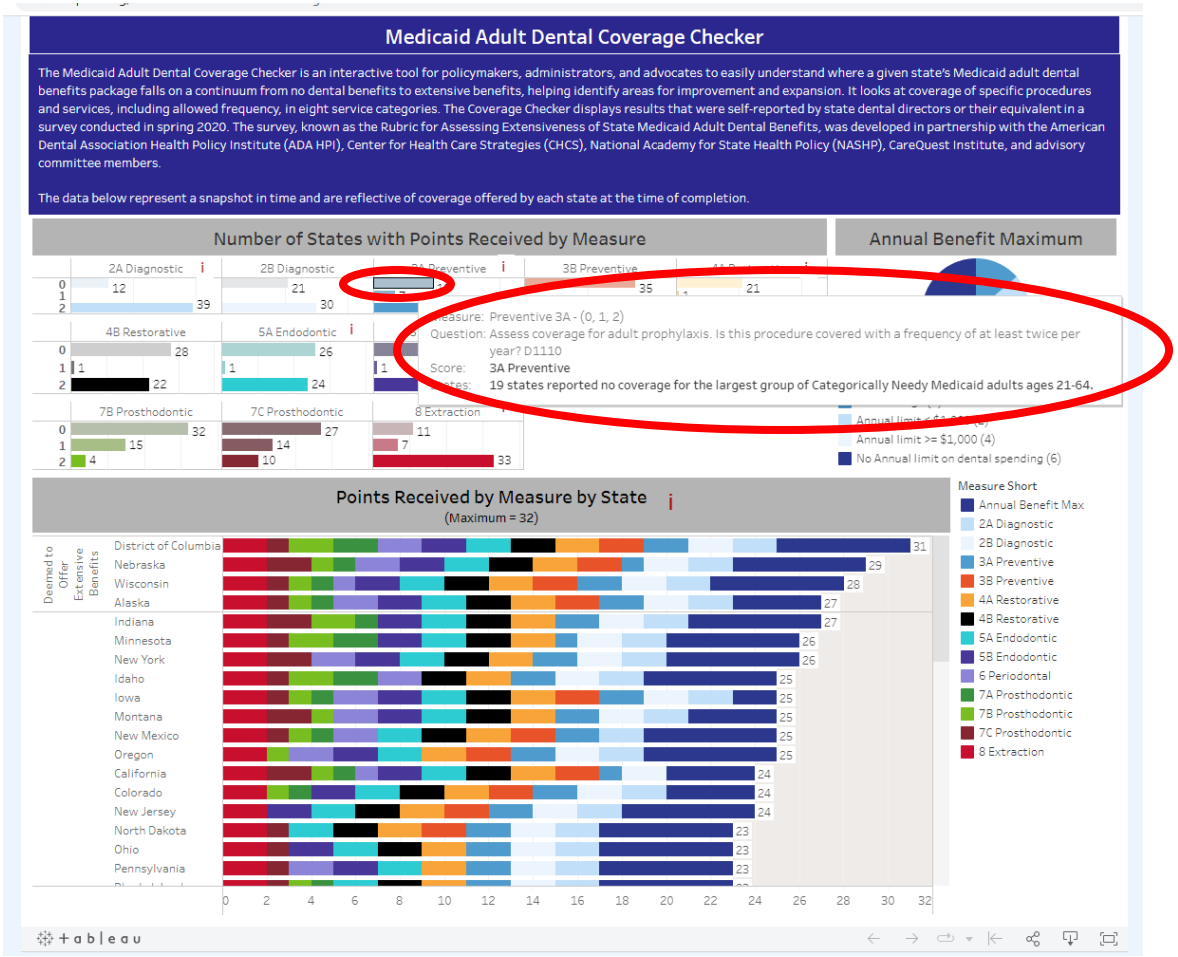
The Rubric defines an extensive dental benefit as one that provides coverage for a range of dental procedures considered adequate for the prevention of disease and promotion of oral health; the restoration of oral structures to health and function; and the treatment of emergency/urgent conditions for the largest group of Categorically Needy Medicaid adult beneficiaries ages 21-64 covered by the state's Medicaid program.

Number of States with Points Received by Measure

Hover over the different color bars within each section to see how many states did or did not offer coverage for a specific service.

For instance, within 3A (Preventive Services-adult prophylaxis):

- 19 states reported no coverage (0 points)
- 7 states reported coverage *once* per year (1 point)
- 25 states reported coverage *twice or more* per year (2 points)

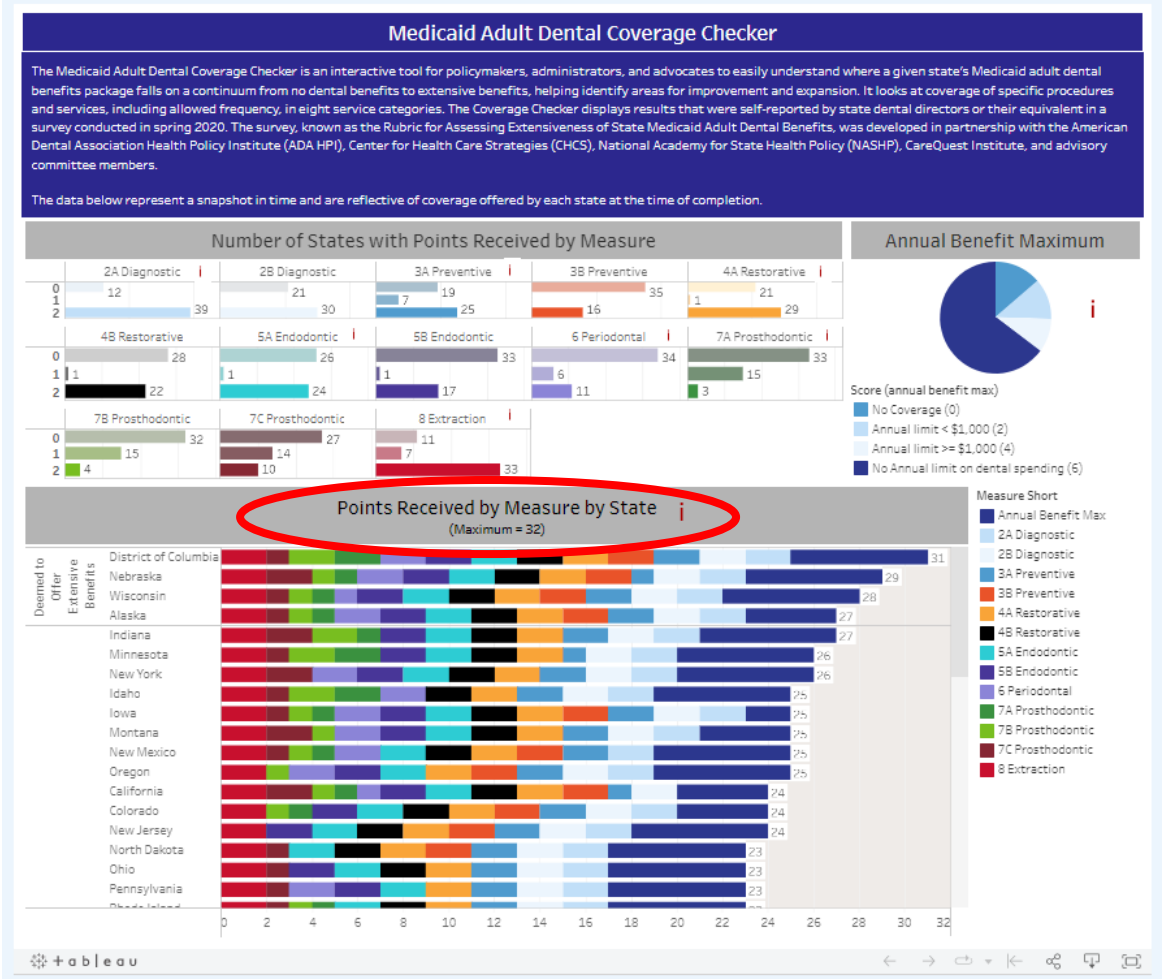


The Rubric defines an extensive dental benefit as one that provides coverage for a range of dental procedures considered adequate for the prevention of disease and promotion of oral health; the restoration of oral structures to health and function; and the treatment of emergency/urgent conditions for the largest group of Categorically Needy Medicaid adult beneficiaries ages 21-64 covered by the state's Medicaid program.

Points Received by Measure by State

This section displays Medicaid adult dental benefits across the country on a continuum from no benefit to extensive benefits.

- State name listed on left
- Each Rubric question has a designated bar that is color-coded to correspond with a question within the *Number of States with Points Received by Measure* section
- Total of points received by the state listed on the right



Additional Points

Additional points

- The results represent a snapshot in time and are reflective of coverage offered by each state at the time of completion (spring 2020)
- There has been tremendous progress made across the country in expanding Medicaid adult dental benefits over the past two years that is not reflected in this tool
- It is our intention to release a new Rubric survey within the coming months
- The current (2020) data in the Coverage Checker will serve as a baseline moving forward
- We want to hear from you!

Contact Information

Stacey Auger, MPH
Policy Consultant
CareQuest Institute for Oral Health
staceytaylorauger@gmail.com

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

Research & Advocacy Potential with the Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage Checker

A New Tool for Tracking Medicaid Adult Dental Benefits Across States

CareQuest Webinar

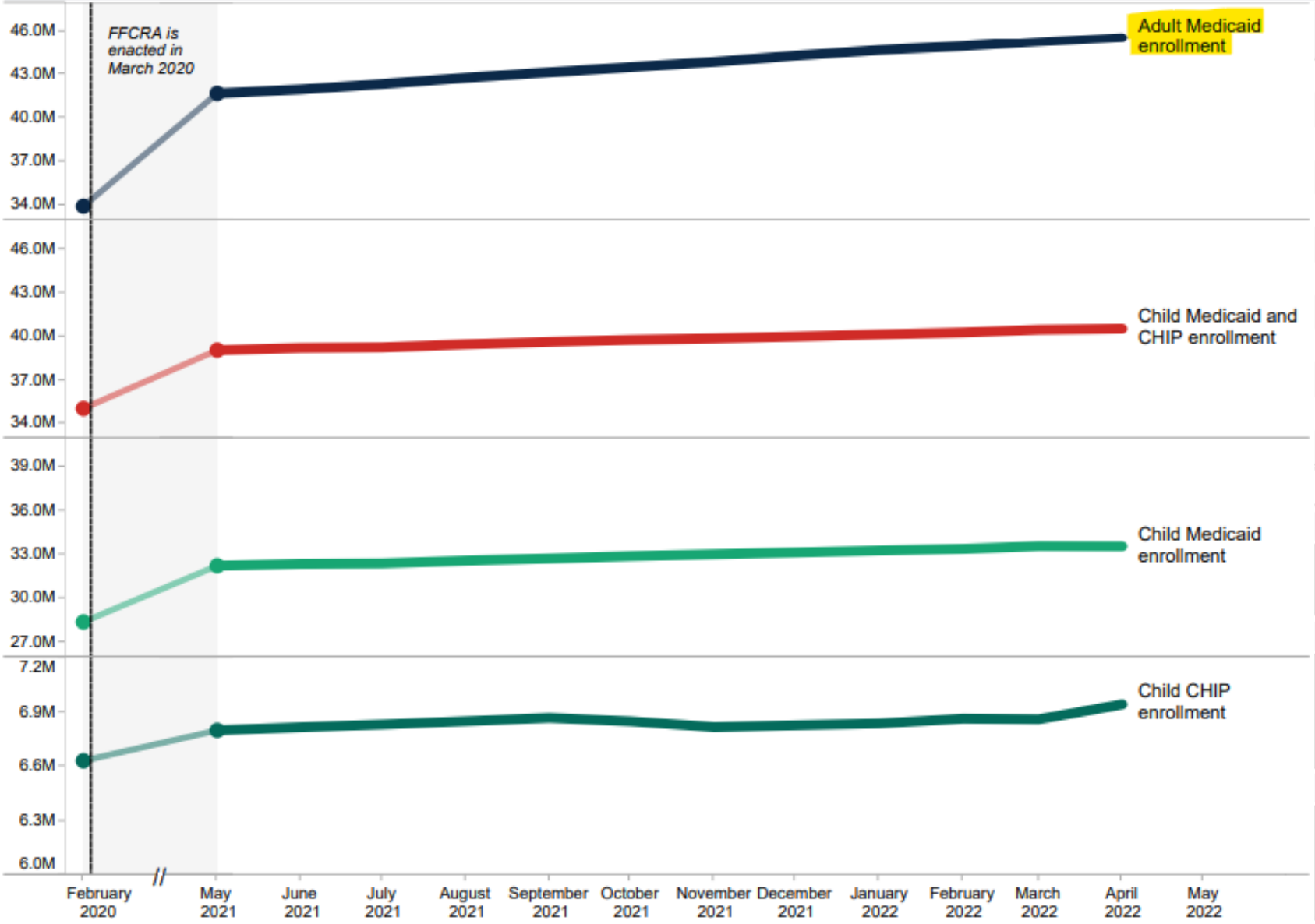
August 25, 2022

HPI Health Policy Institute

ADA American Dental Association®

Adult Medicaid enrollment up 34% from Feb ‘20

Figure 2. National adult and child enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP, February 2020 to April 2022, CMS Performance Indicator Data



Date	Adult Medicaid enrollment	Child Medicaid and CHIP enrollment	Child Medicaid enrollment	Child CHIP enrollment
April 2022	45,557,547	40,524,644	33,584,977	6,939,667
March 2022	45,266,362	40,454,352	33,596,800	6,857,552
February 2022	44,945,784	40,269,844	33,408,975	6,860,869
January 2022	44,662,473	40,131,531	33,297,229	6,834,302
December 2021	44,272,039	39,984,352	33,159,990	6,824,362
November 2021	43,840,975	39,854,697	33,040,318	6,814,379
October 2021	43,483,394	39,759,922	32,913,782	6,846,140
September 2021	43,126,410	39,619,301	32,754,070	6,865,231
August 2021	42,755,448	39,452,566	32,605,688	6,846,878
July 2021	42,321,202	39,241,362	32,412,885	6,828,477
June 2021	41,955,431	39,200,690	32,386,901	6,813,789
May 2021	41,685,975	39,051,785	32,255,516	6,796,269
February 2020	33,954,195	35,031,274	28,402,488	6,628,786

Annual trend, May 2021 to April 2022

From May 2021 to April 2022, national adult and child enrollment increased by 5,344,431 individuals (6.6%).

Monthly trend, March 2022 to April 2022

Adult Medicaid enrollment
Increased by 291,185 (+0.6%)

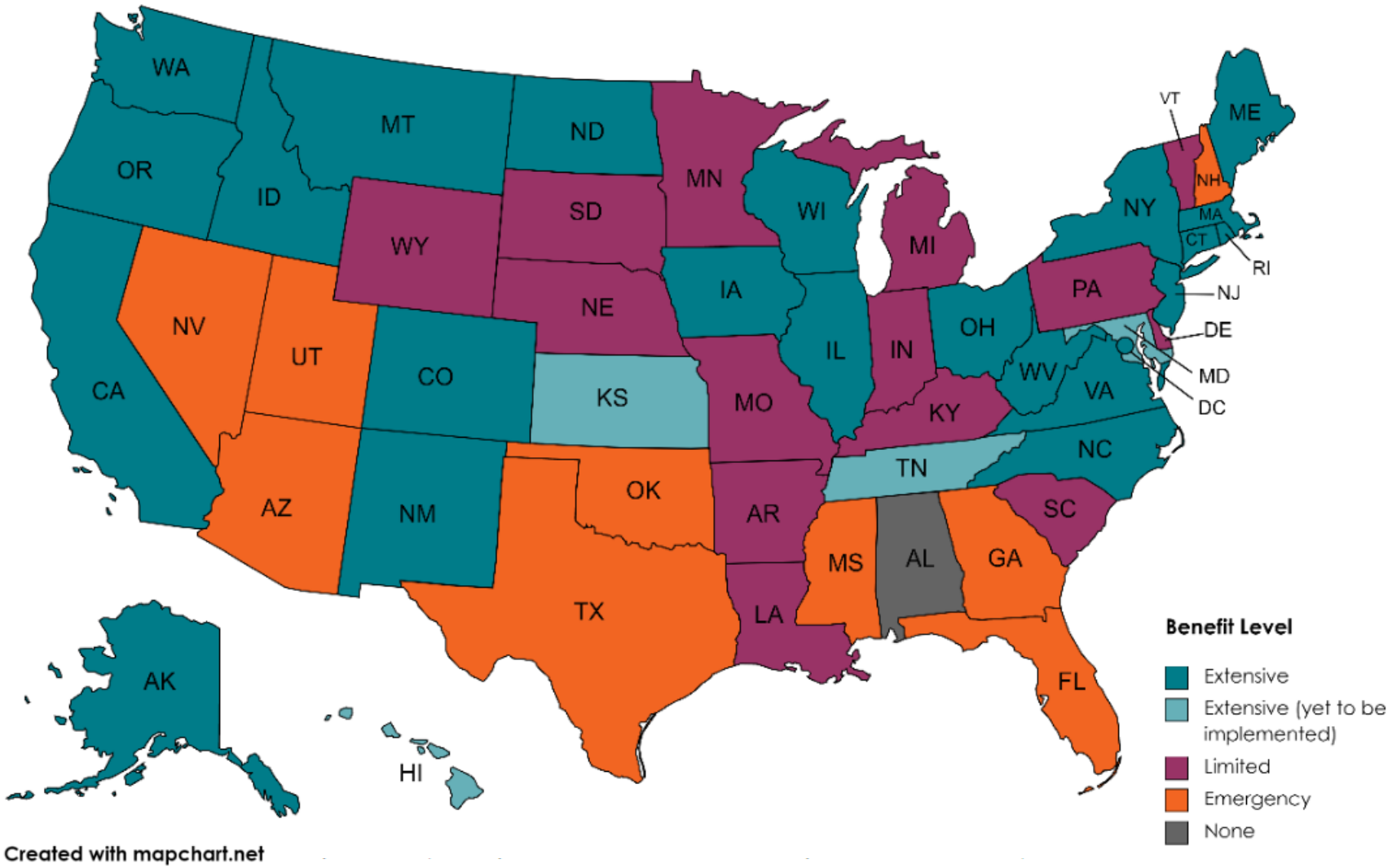
Child Medicaid and CHIP enrollment
Increased by 70,292 (+0.2%)

Cumulative change, February 2020 to April 2022*

Adult Medicaid enrollment
Increased by 11,603,352 (+34.2%)

Child Medicaid and CHIP enrollment
Increased by 5,493,370 (+15.7%)

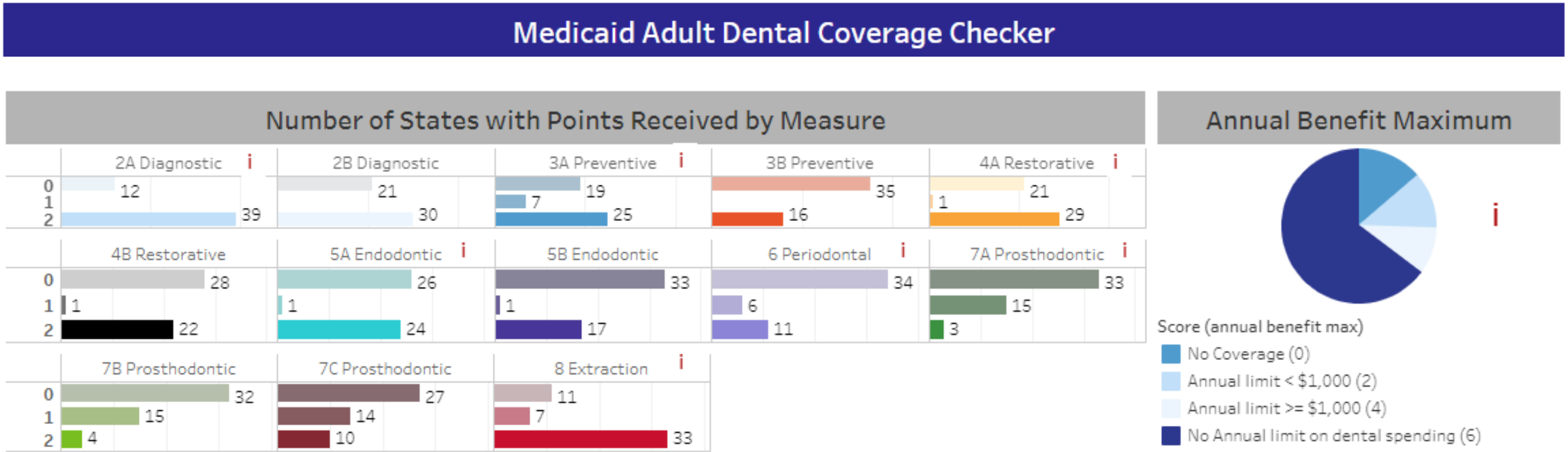
The Foundation for the New Tool



The traditional classification system used by the oral health policy community laid the foundation for the Coverage Checker. This new tool offers added granularity to help us research and identify concrete ways to improve Medicaid dental programs.

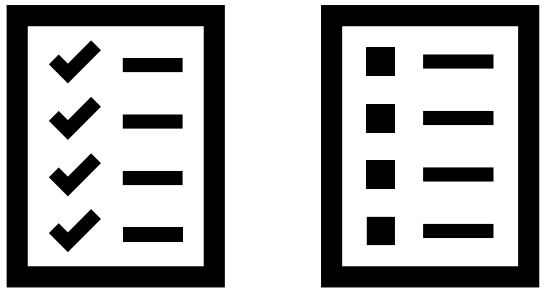
© 2022 American Dental Association. All Rights Reserved.

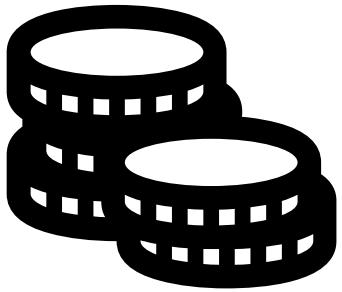
New Measures

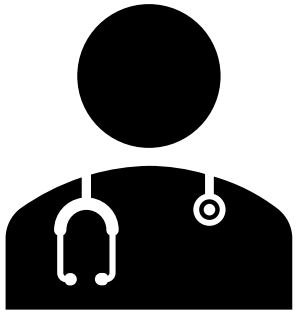


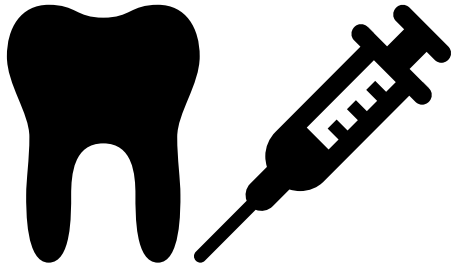
© 2022 American Dental Association. All Rights Reserved.

Research Potential









© 2022 American Dental Association. All Rights Reserved.

Advocacy Potential

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 3166

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve coverage of dental and oral health services for adults under Medicaid, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

---

A BILL

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve coverage of dental and oral health services for adults under Medicaid, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Medicaid Dental Benefit Act of 2021".

SEC. 2. REQUIRING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR ADULTS.

© 2022 American Dental Association. All Rights Reserved.

Contact Information

Chelsea Fosse, DMD, MPH
Senior Health Policy Analyst,
American Dental Association - Health Policy Institute
fossec@ada.org
Health Policy Institute @adahpi

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

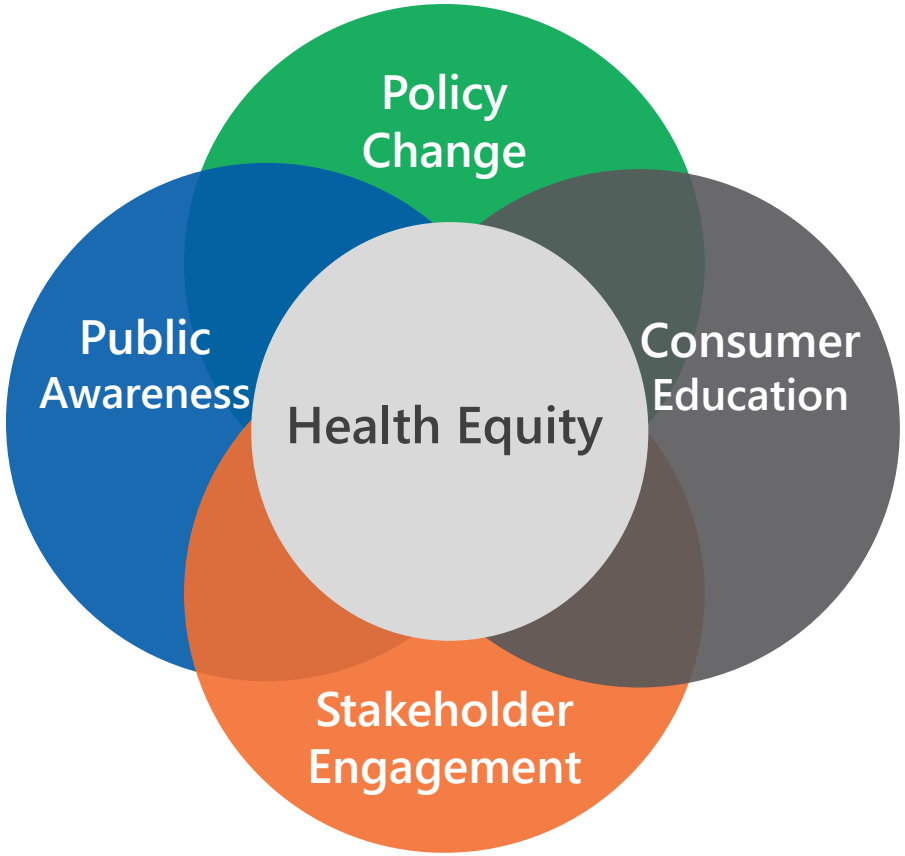
Putting the Coverage Checker to Use

Tanya Dorf Brunner, Executive Director
Oral Health Kansas, Inc.

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health®

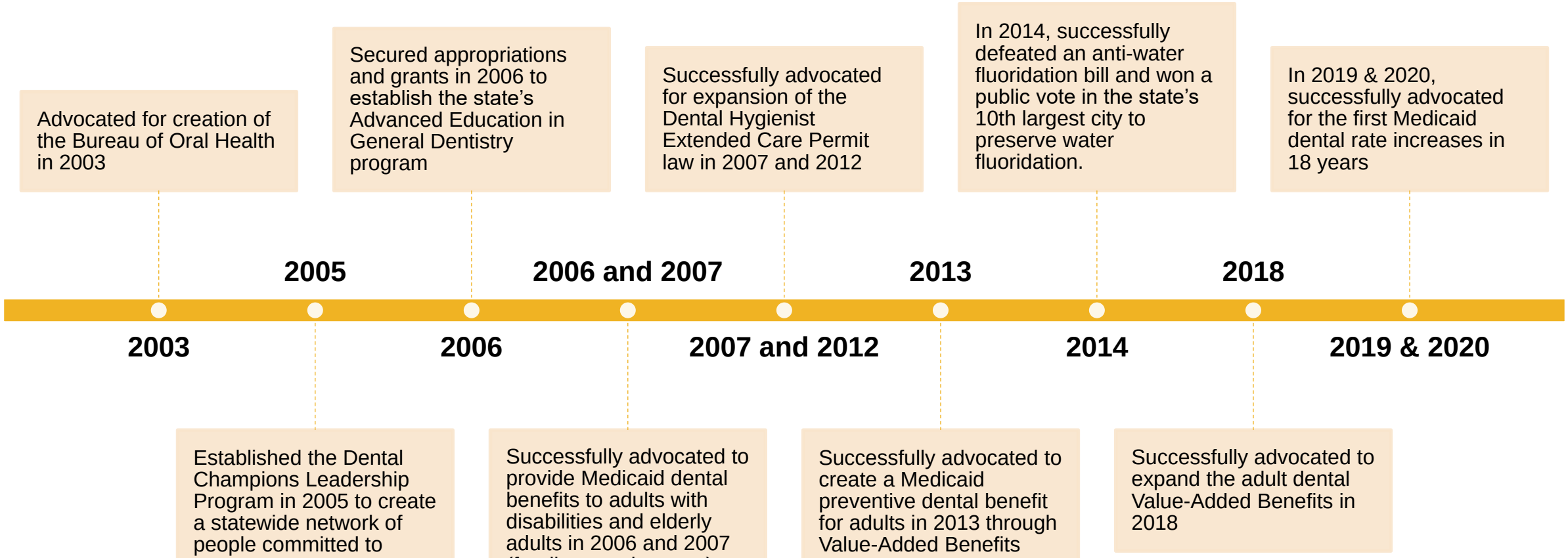
Oral Health Kansas Mission

To improve oral health in Kansas through advocacy, public awareness and education.



CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

Oral Health Kansas Accomplishments: 2003-2020



CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

Rate Increase Advocacy

- Medicaid dental rate increases in 2019 and 2020
- Data about impact has been scarce as a result of the pandemic
- House Social Services Budget Committee requested briefing on Kansas rates as compared to neighboring states in 2022

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

ORAL HEALTH KANSAS
ADVOCACY • PUBLIC AWARENESS • EDUCATION

Board of Directors

Tami Alexander
Families Together, Inc.

Sonja Armbruster
Wichita State University

Melanie Simmer-Beck, PhD, RDH
UMKC School of Dentistry

Veronica Byrd
Parents as Teachers Pine Ridge

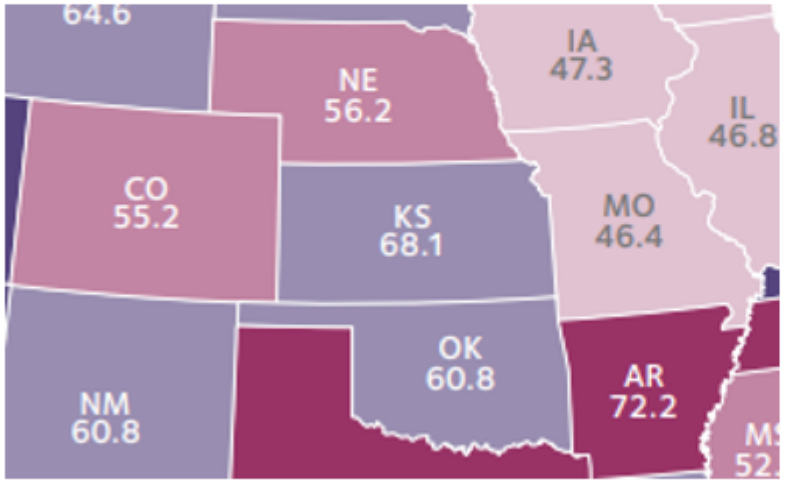
Kent Haverkamp, MD
Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas

Debra Meisenheimer, BS, MS, CPC

House Social Services Budget Committee
Medicaid Dental Provider Rates
February 3, 2022

Comparison of Kansas Rates

The American Dental Association has a research division called the Health Policy Institute. This group is led by health economists and dentists who specialize in research. They produced a report last fall that showed the Medicaid reimbursement rates as a percentage of private insurance reimbursement rates for every state. The report shows that the average Kansas' rates are higher than all of our surrounding states.



The data behind the report shows that the rate increases championed by this committee played a part in the relatively higher rates for Kansas as compared to our neighboring states.

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

Oral Health Kansas Accomplishment: 2022

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

Adult Dental Advocacy

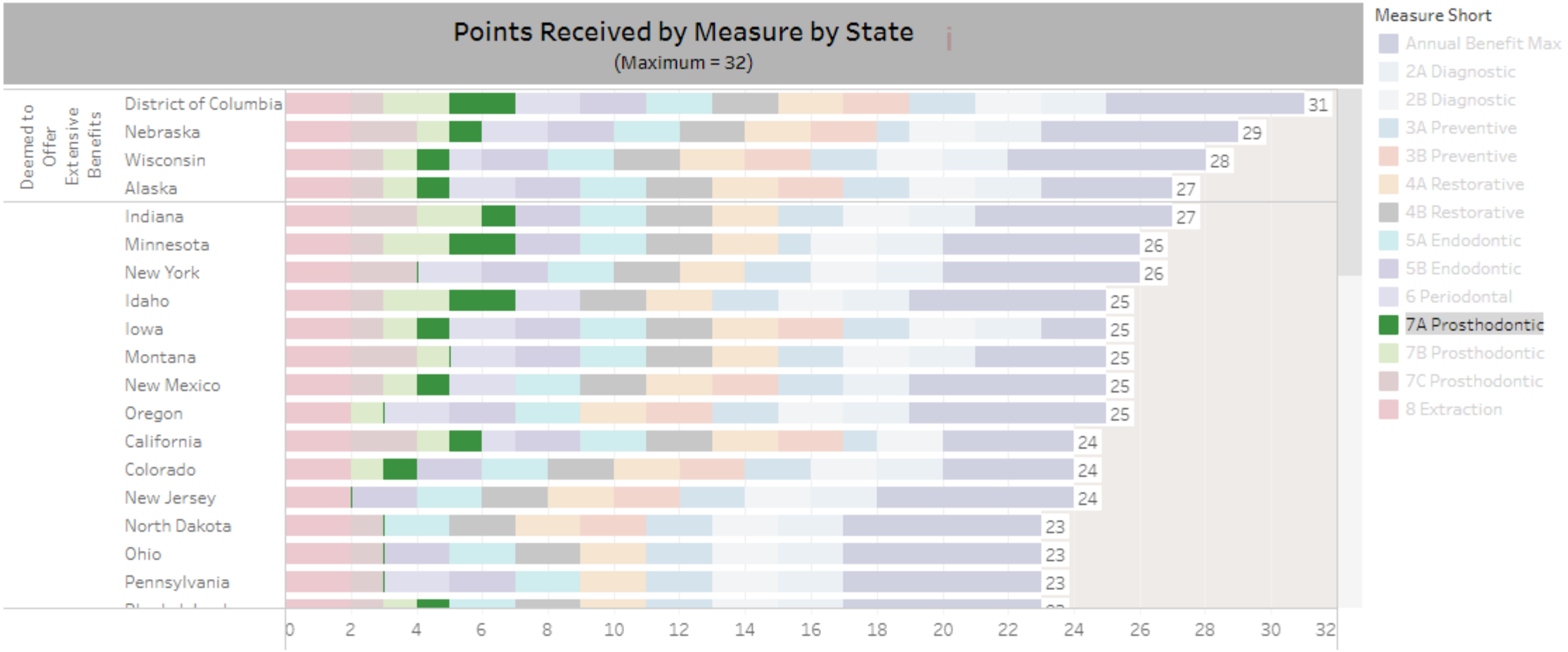
New Benefit

- Fillings, crowns, periodontal care
- Effective July 1, 2022

Next Steps

- Dentures
- Sedation dental care

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health®



CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

Using the Medicaid Adult Dental Checker

Potential audiences

- American Network of Oral Health Coalitions
- OPEN's Medicaid Dental Adult Dental Learning Collaborative
- Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors
- National Conference of State Legislatures
- National Association of Medicaid Directors

Thank you

Tanya Dorf Brunner
Executive Director
Oral Health Kansas, Inc.

tdorf@oralhealthkansas.org
@TLDorf
@OralHealth_KS

www.oralhealthkansas.org

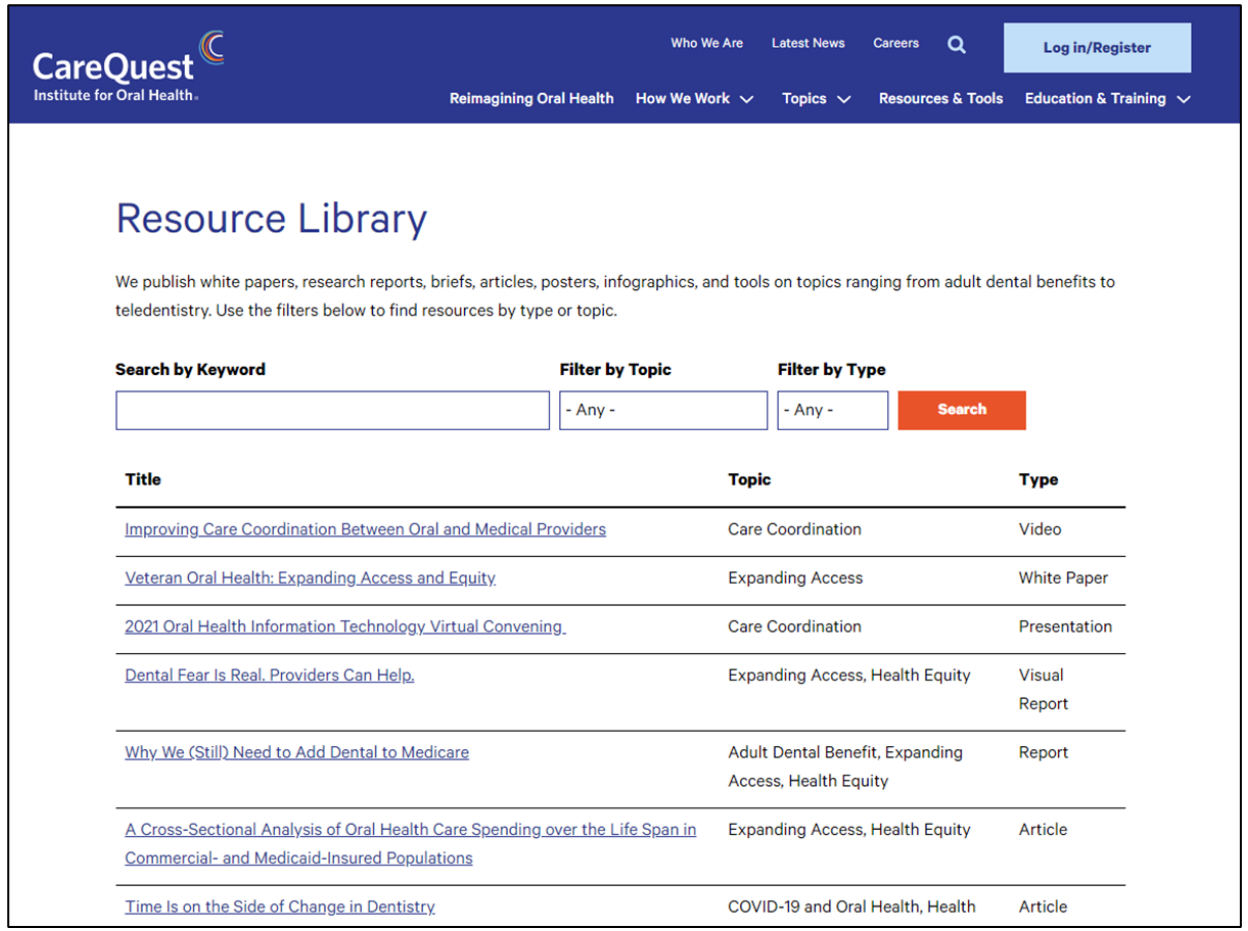
ORAL HEALTH KANSAS
ADVOCACY • PUBLIC AWARENESS • EDUCATION

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

Questions and Answers

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health™

To Explore More Industry-Leading Research



www.carequest.org/education/resource-library

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

Webinar Evaluation

Complete the **evaluation by Friday, September 2** to receive CE credit.

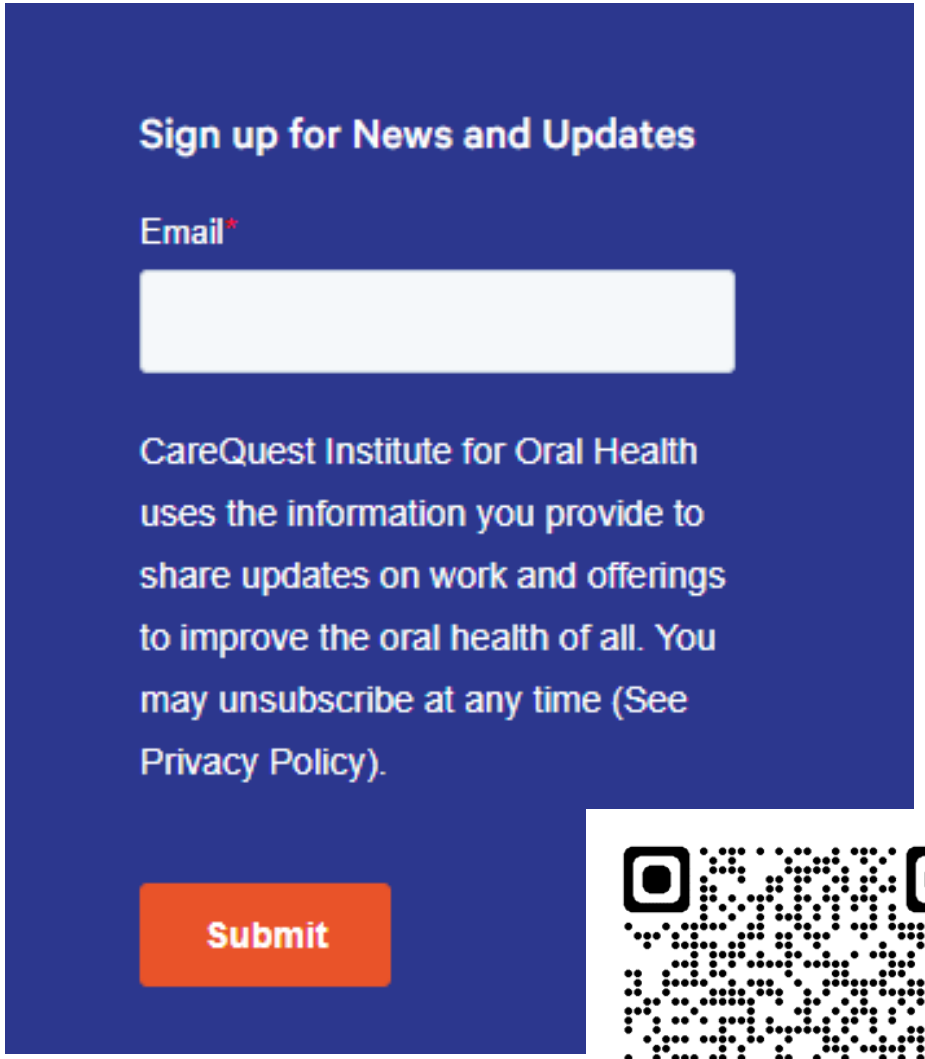
Next Webinars:

Thursday, September 15, 2022, 1 – 2 p.m. ET
Nuestra Sonrisa Hispana: Exploring Disparities in Hispanic Oral Heath

Thursday, September 22, 2022, 7 – 8 p.m. ET
The Latest on Infection Prevention and Control for Dental Professionals

Sign up to receive our newsletter to get more information on future webinars!

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health



Stay Connected

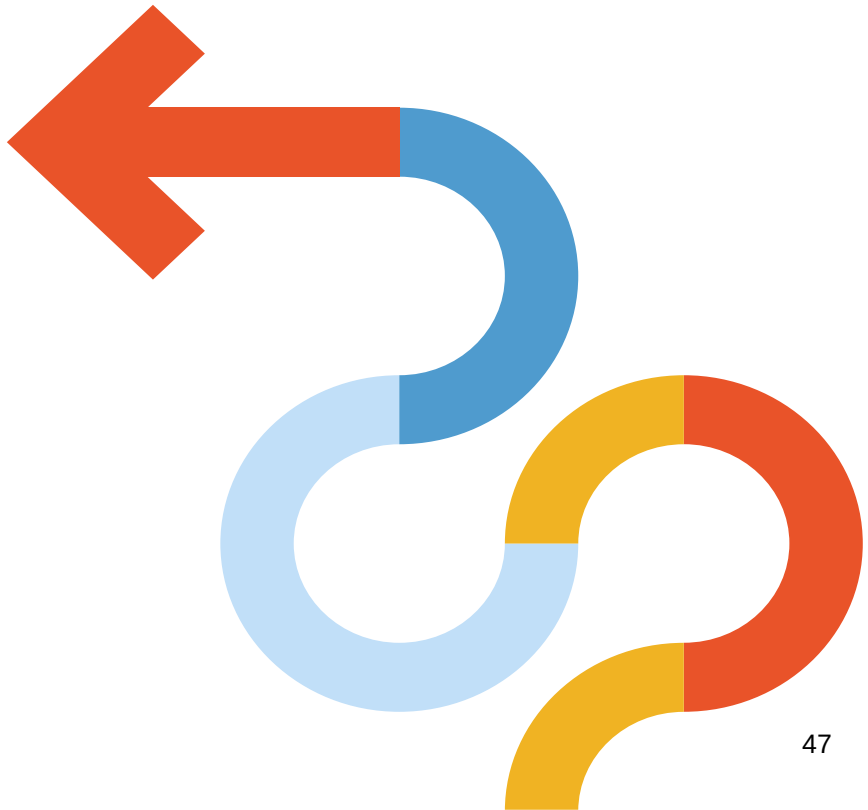
Follow us on social media

@CareQuestInstitute

@CareQuestInstitute

@CareQuestInst

CareQuest Institute



CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

CareQuest

Institute for Oral Health®