



Dental Services

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Coverage of Dental Services

Medical Assistance:

- Comprehensive benefit for children up to 21 and pregnant women
- Limited benefit for adults 21 and over

MinnesotaCare:

- Comprehensive benefit for children up to 19
- Limited benefit for adults 19 and over

Dental Access



- Fewer than 40% of Minnesota children in Medical Assistance have a yearly dental visit.

Policy Objectives

- **Fair Rate**
- **Simplified Rate Structure**
- **Remove Barriers for Provider Participation**
- **Pay for Outcomes and Quality**

Medicaid Service Area Identified in the Access Monitored Review Plan	Medicaid Base Rate as a Percentage of Base SEGIP Payment	Average MA Payment as a Percentage of Base SEGIP Payment
Dental	47%	56%

Simplified Rate Structure

- 23.8% increase for children on Medical Assistance
- 9.65% increase for services provided outside the metro
- 37.5% Critical Access increase for Medical Assistance
- 20% Critical Access increase for MinnesotaCare
- 54% increase for MinnesotaCare
- 20% increase for community clinics

Remove Barriers for Provider Participation

Administrative complexity:

- Rate structure
- Credentialing
- Benefit limitations

Recognize provider for:

- Delivering high quality care
- Improving oral health outcomes
- Partnering to address social determinants of health

Blue Ribbon Commission Proposal

- **Fair Rate**
 - Increases the base rate by 54% for adults and 24.4% for children in MA
- **Simplified Rate Structure**
 - Repurpose current add-ons to the base rate
- **Remove Barriers for Provider Participation**
 - Contract for a uniform administrator
- **Pay for Outcomes and Quality**
 - Invest in dental homes

Thank You!