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# **Dental Medicaid Programs An ADA-Focused Update**

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# American Dental Association (ADA)

*“We make people healthy!”*

The ADA’s mission is to help dentists succeed and **support the advancement of the health of the public**. We are guided by our core values, which include integrity, excellence, and a dedication to bring you evidence-based insights that empower you to provide quality oral care for all patients.

# Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP)

- Guiding the Community and the Profession
- Historic passage of a health equity resolution (2021)
- Establishment of a Medicaid Reform Task Force
  - Passed a more comprehensive Dental Medicaid Policy (2023)
  - Established a road map for reforms including federal, state, dental schools, dentist education, etc.
  - Recreated the Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) who recommends policy, education programs, and champions state reforms

# Pilot Project

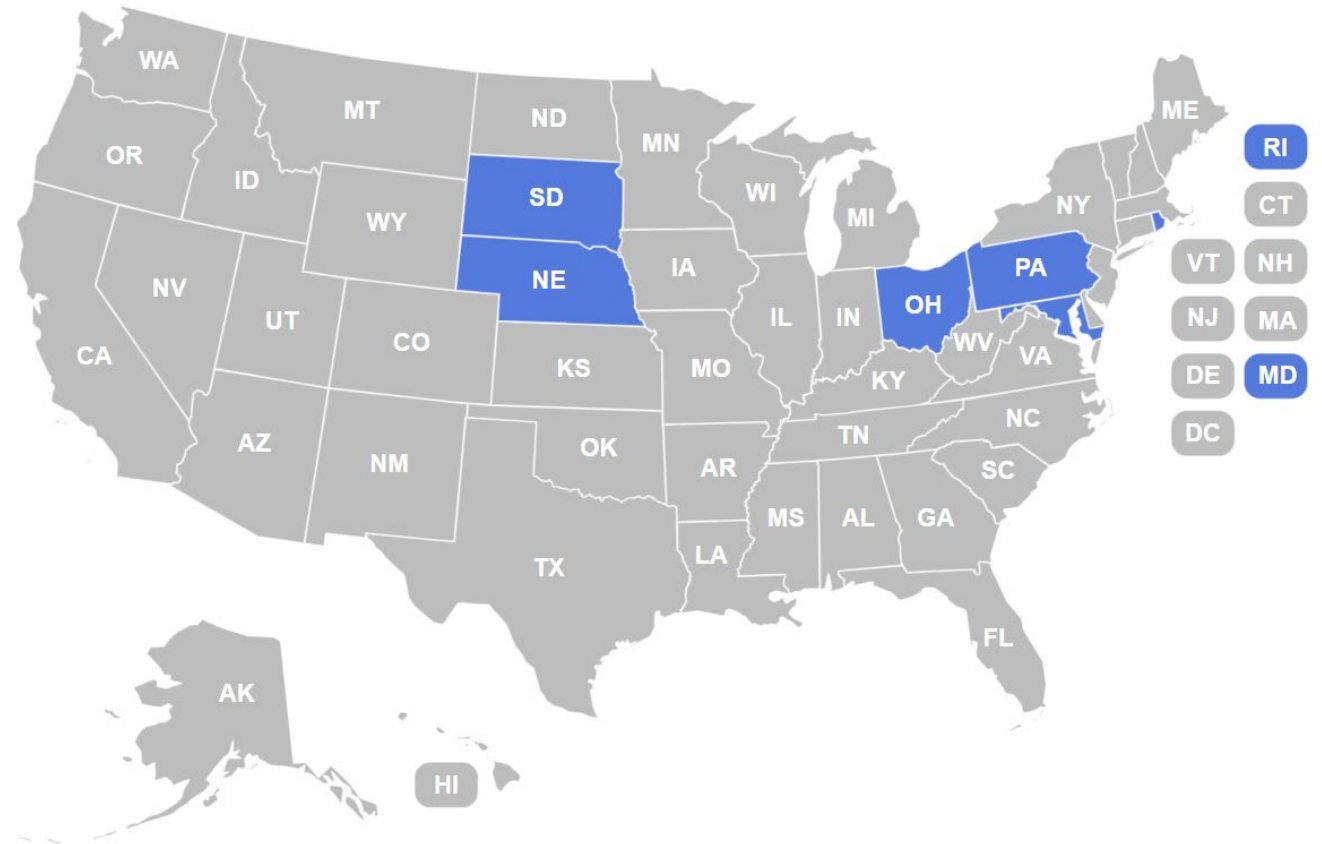
Improve provider participation  
in Medicaid



Increase utilization of  
dental services for children  
and adults

# List of Pilot States

- South Dakota
- Ohio
- Nebraska
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- Maryland



# Strategy

## **Phase 1:**

Establish State Teams

## **Phase 2:**

Identify State-specific Goals & Strategies

## **Phase 3:**

Convene a Collaborative & Share Outcomes

# Goals

Increase the number of Medicaid providers with claims for Medicaid beneficiaries by 5–10%.



Increase the number of Medicaid providers with claims for more than 100 Medicaid beneficiaries by 5–10%.



Measure change in the number of Medicaid beneficiaries receiving dental services by category of service.

# Approach

## Leadership Champions

Promote continued partnership and a shared vision to improve oral health outcomes amongst Medicaid beneficiaries.

## Collaboration

Engage in state-based teams to establish strategic goals.  
Participate in a Collaborative (quarterly) with CMS.

## Evaluation (Data)

Establish Medicaid data / surveillance analysis to achieve goals and monitor trends.  
Engage in evaluation practices (state-based & within the Collaborative).



# Overarching State Pilot Strategy

## Engagement



Determine initiatives and activities to improve provider participation in Medicaid to increase utilization of dental services for children and adults.

## State-Driven Systems



Ensure active state level dental technical advisory committee.

## Expected Outcomes & Affiliated Actions

- Improve Provider Participation & Patient Utilization
- Address Barriers to Care
- Increase Community Dental Health Coordinators (CDHC)
- Data sharing for children and adults
- Conduct dentist surveys on reasons for participation or non-participation in Medicaid
- Support with legislative initiatives such as dental loan repayment based on Medicaid engagement
- Best practices on age 1 dental home and ED deferrals for non-traumatic dental visits



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