



Dashboard of national progress toward targets

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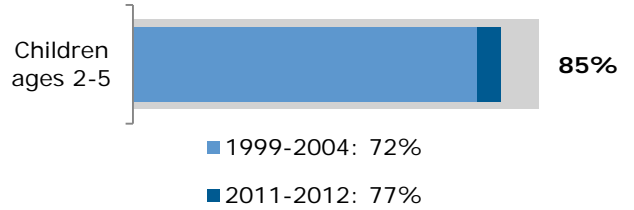
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Eradicate dental disease in children:

With the closing of disparity gaps, 85% of children reach age 5 without a cavity

Children ages 2-5 without caries



More children now reach age 5 without a cavity, but caries rates are higher for Black, Latino, and American Indian children.

Efforts by the Indian Health Services Early Childhood Caries Collaborative led to a 17% decrease in caries experiences among children ages 1-5 in American Indian communities.



Incorporate oral health into primary education:

10 largest school districts have incorporated oral health into their systems

To more fully incorporate oral health, districts are:

- Convening to share and identify key strategies
- Defining a comprehensive school oral health model
- Developing policy, finance, and sustainability strategies for school-based oral health services
- Implementing policy, finance, and sustainability strategies for school-based oral health services

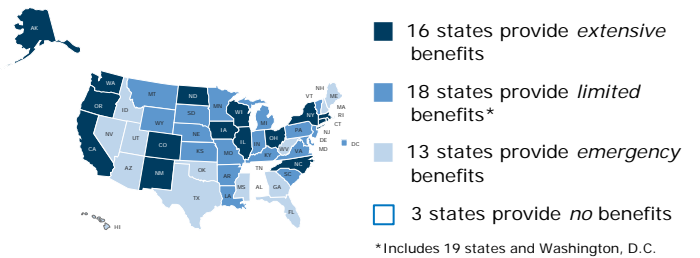
The 10 largest school districts offer oral health education, screenings, preventive services, and referrals. Not all children, however, are being served.

7 of 10 of the largest school districts are updating their consent processes to maximize access to and utilization of oral health services in their systems.



Include an adult dental benefit in publicly funded coverage:

At least 30 states have an extensive adult benefit



1 in 3 states provide extensive dental benefits to adult Medicaid recipients. Since July 2016, Arizona and California extended their benefits to cover additional oral health services.

Efforts to increase dental benefits are also underway in Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Oregon.



Include an adult dental benefit in publicly funded coverage:

Medicare includes an extensive dental benefit

To reach this target, advocates are working to:

- Convene a broad group of stakeholders
- Define the benefit
- Identify the core leadership team to champion the bill
- Launch a media campaign to increase awareness and support
- Identify and recruit a legislative champion to introduce the bill to Congress
- Score the benefit
- Get legislation authorizing a dental benefit in Medicare



Medicare does not include an extensive dental benefit, but efforts to introduce a bill are underway.

In January 2017, 124 congressional representatives introduced legislation to add dental services to Medicare. Though the current political context is not supportive of the bill, it will help frame the debate moving forward.



Build a comprehensive measurement system:

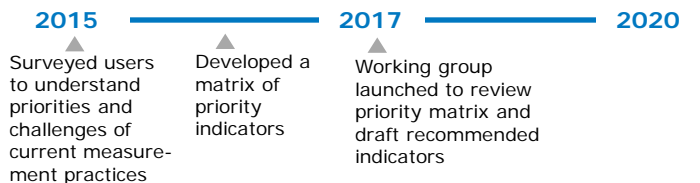
A national- and state-based oral health measurement system is in place

Phase 1 (2015-2017)

Develop priorities for oral health measurement

Phase 2 (2017-2020)

Develop comprehensive oral health measurement system



Experts are laying the groundwork to develop a comprehensive oral health measurement system.

In 2017, a working group of key federal agency officials and national experts was launched to review the matrix of priority indicators and draft recommended oral health indicators.



Integrate oral health into person-centered care:

Oral health is integrated into 50% of emerging person-centered care models

One in six accountable care organizations (ACOs) formed between 2012 and 2015 are contractually responsible for offering dental services.



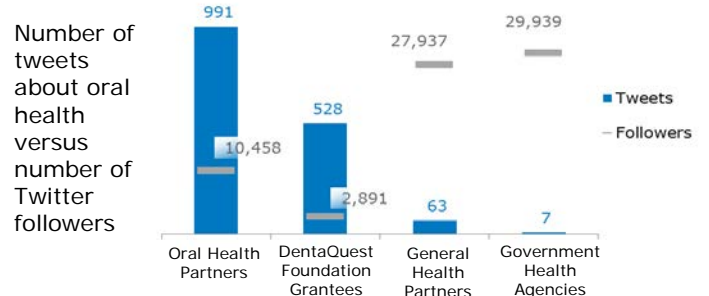
Opportunities to integrate oral health into other types of patient-centered care models are emerging.

Accountable payment models that cover person- or episode-level outcomes and costs, are expanding. Opportunities for incorporating oral health into these new models will likely become increasingly clear in the coming years.



Improve the public perception of the value of oral health:

Oral health is increasingly included in health dialogue and public policy



Opportunities exist to further engage partners who can expand the reach of public messaging.

A 2016 social media analysis found that DQF grantees and oral health partners tweet about oral health frequently, but government agencies and general health partners have significantly more followers.