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*Our Mission - to improve oral health with all Missourians by advocating for sound public policy.  
Our Vision - Oral Health for all.*

# Who are we and what do

- ▶ MCOH is a 501c3 advocacy organization focused on policy and system improvements to increase access to oral health services for all Missourians.
- ▶ We are best described as a statewide network of oral health advocates.
- ▶ We have achieved a lot, including significant changes to increase access -
  - ▶ 2016 – Achieved reinstatement of adult dental benefits in Missouri Medicaid
  - ▶ 2022 – Achieved an historic provider rate increase for Medicaid dental benefits
- ▶ Other particular areas of focus include – teledentistry, access to care for people with I/DD (Intellection and Developmental Disabilities), community water fluoridation, and keeping oral health a priority in the Missouri legislature.

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- ▶ We are also working to increase dental provider participation in Missouri Medicaid/MO HealthNet (MHD)
- ▶ Through the generous support of the Missouri Foundation for Health we are –
  - ▶ Developing a media campaign for providers
  - ▶ Supporting the work of the Missouri Dental Association to assist providers
  - ▶ Measuring progress
  - ▶ Directly supporting providers in working with Medicaid

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## What I do to assist providers

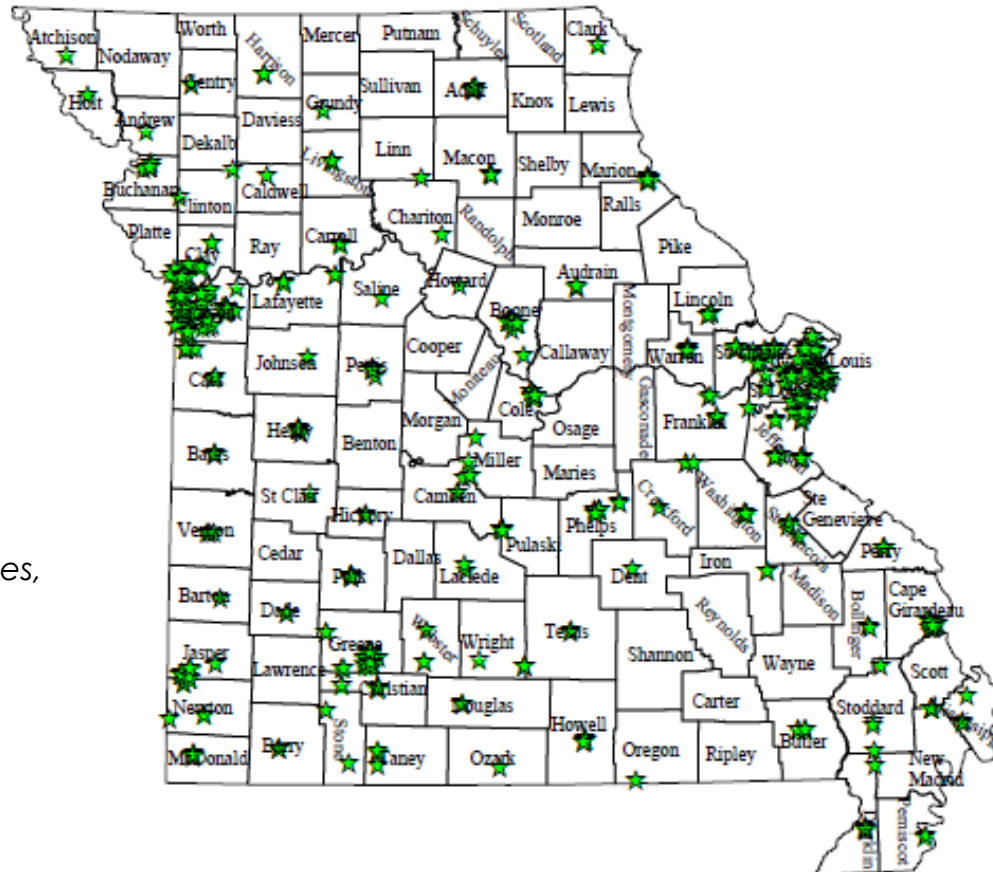
- ▶ Assist with MO HealthNet enrollment
- ▶ Assist with Managed Care credentialing
- ▶ Provide resources for billing questions
- ▶ Connect with provider training resources
- ▶ Help to resolve issues
- ▶ Work with MO HealthNet and MDA on provider issues

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# Access to Care

## Dentist Accepting Medicaid



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# Addressing Access to Care

- ▶ MCOH works to achieve consistent access to dental care for all Missourians – a dental home
- ▶ Increasing Medicaid dental provider numbers will increase access to care - Increased access to care will increase the number of children ready to grow and learn, and the number of adults ready to productively contribute
- ▶ The new Medicaid dental rates create many possibilities - even though we know there are challenges –
  - ▶ Current Medicaid dental provider participation is low – 16% of MO dentists are providing Medicaid dental – most at FQHCs
  - ▶ Most private practices have not had experience with Medicaid
  - ▶ The pandemic has impacted staffing at dental practices
- ▶ Private dental practices can now view Medicaid as a financially viable funding source and an important market for their practice, expanding their practice to more community members
- ▶ Medicaid fees in some instances are higher than some private insurance rates

# Addressing Access to Care

Top Dental Code Fees				
Procedure	Dental Code	Office Fee	Other	
			Insurance	Medicaid
Periodic Exam	D0120	\$ 71.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 48.80
Limited Exam	D0140	\$ 85.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 71.20
Under 3 Exam	D0145	\$ 81.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 63.20
Comp Exam	D0150	\$ 91.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 83.20
PA	D0220	\$ 37.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 27.20
PA Add	D0230	\$ 37.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 23.20
Occlusal	D0240	\$ 43.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 36.80
PANO	D0330	\$ 125.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 104.80
Child PROPH	D1120	\$ 80.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 62.40
Fluoride	D1206	\$ 48.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 36.80
Resin 1 Post	D2391	\$ 164.00	\$ 103.00	\$ 169.60
Resin 2 Post	D2392	\$ 180.00	\$ 137.00	\$ 214.40
Resin 3 Post	D2393	\$ 206.00	\$ 152.00	\$ 264.00
PRIORCCRM	D2929	\$ 259.00	\$ 283.00	\$ 344.80
SSC	D2930	\$ 265.00	\$ 188.00	\$ 244.80
PULP	D3220	\$ 164.00	\$ 142.00	\$ 188.80

“Medicaid requirements are consistent across the board with fee for service and managed care plans making it easier to deal with than multiple insurance companies.”

- Dr. Ron Wilkerson



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