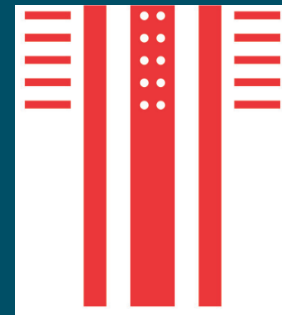


Pathways to Oral Health

MCOH Model: Advancing Access to Care Through
Medicaid

Friday, March 6, 2026
Jefferson City, Missouri



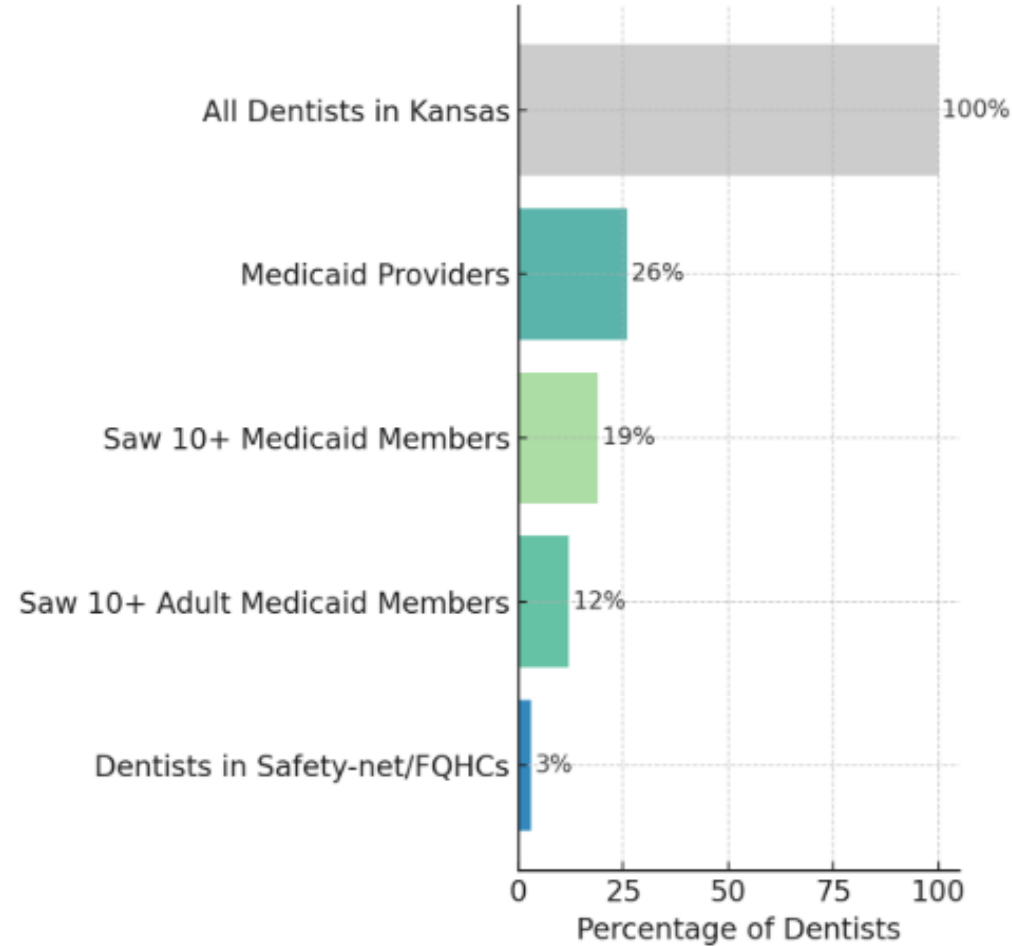
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Background

- Adequate oral healthcare is among the greatest unmet healthcare needs for individuals with disabilities
 - Dental providers traditionally are not taught to provide care for people with disabilities
 - At Oral Health Kansas, help finding care for a person with disabilities is one of our most frequently asked question
 - The Kansas Medicaid dental provider network is inadequate to meet the needs in the state
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2024 Medicaid Dental Provider Network

Narrowing Pool of Kansas Dentists Serving Medicaid Patients



Improvements in Kansas Medicaid dental coverage

2019-2020

Rate increases on
preventive & diagnostic
services as well as fillings
\$6.0 million

2022

Dental coverage
extended to adults:
fillings, crowns,
periodontal care, & Silver
Diamine Fluoride
\$3.5 million

2023

Denture coverage
added for adults
\$1.2 million

2024

Preventive dental
coverage added for to
adults: exams,
x-rays, & cleanings
\$4.8 million

2025

Dental and
Sedation
Dentistry rate
increases
\$11.9 million

\$27.4 million added to the Kansas Medicaid dental program in six years.

CAPITOL BUREAU

Kansas lawmakers invest \$10 million to Medicaid Dental Program

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Texas Dentists for Medicaid Reform

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rates, meaning more Ka

The Kansas Medicaid De-

cleanings, dentures, and

Medicaid Reform News

Kansas Significantly Increases Medicaid Dental Rates

JULY 18, 2025

The Kansas legislature recently took a major step forward to improve Medicaid dental care by approving a 10% increase in its Medicaid dental fee schedule. The ini-

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Kansas Legislature Approves Medicaid Dental Rate Increase Effective July 1

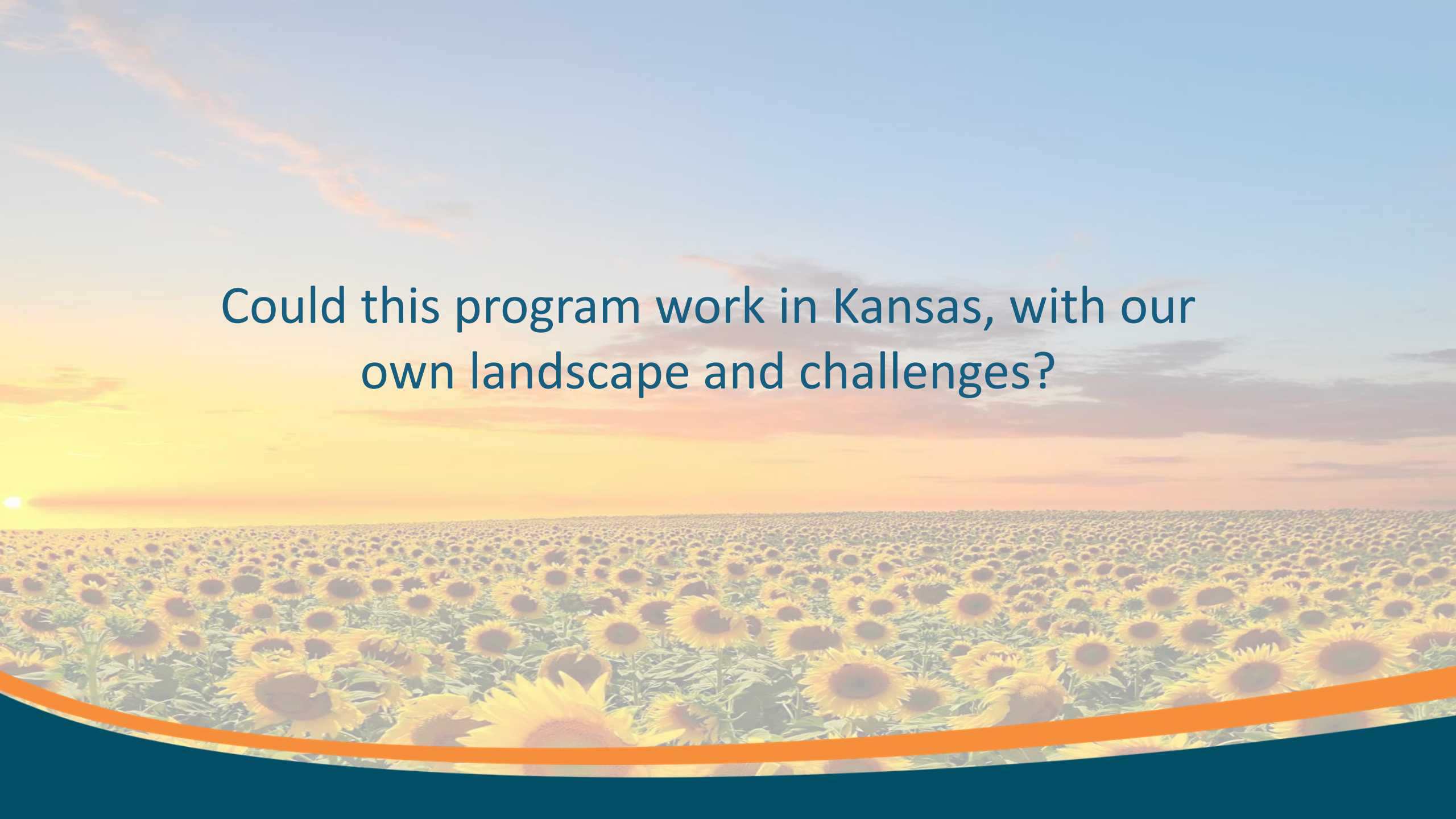
For the first time in more than 25 years, Kansas Medicaid dental reimbursement rates are seeing a significant boost. The Kansas Legislature has appropriated \$10 million to increase Medicaid dental rates, effective July 1, 2025.



Missouri Coalition for Oral Health Medicaid Facilitator Program

- Significantly increased the number of Medicaid providers
- Improved access to dental care for individuals that rely on Medicaid
- Designed to dispel common Medicaid myths
- Provided dedicated support to dental providers
- Relationship based
- Used a targeted digital campaign designed to recruit providers to the Medicaid network



A vast field of sunflowers stretches to the horizon under a sunset sky. The sun is a bright yellow orb on the left, casting a warm glow over the scene. The sky transitions from a pale blue at the top to a deep orange near the horizon. The sunflowers are in full bloom, their yellow petals and dark brown centers creating a textured pattern across the field. A thick, curved orange line runs along the bottom of the image, separating the field from a solid dark blue footer.

Could this program work in Kansas, with our
own landscape and challenges?





Communication



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Communication

My Dental Care Passport

Designed to improve the dental office visit for people with disabilities.

Inspired by the disability community and created with input from dental providers.

Intended to be shared with the dental team before an individual/family arrives at the dental office

Allows the dental team to make small impactful adjustments to the office setting.

MY DENTAL CARE PASSPORT

For users: This passport is unique to you. Please fill out all information that you think is important.

[You can find the Passport User Guide here.](#)

For my dental team: This is key reading for all staff working with me. It gives important information about how I can be supported when visiting your clinic. This passport should be kept visible and used when you talk to me or have a question about me. [You can find the Dental Team Passport User Guide here.](#)



Scan the QR Code
to learn more.

ABOUT ME

My name is:

I like to be called:

My preferred pronoun is:

☐ He ☐ She ☐ They ☐ Not listed

I am my own guardian.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please check the box that applies:

- ☐ I completed this form myself.
☐ I completed this form with help from someone else.

This is the best person to contact for more information about me:

Name:

Phone:

Email:

What type of disability do I have:

Please list all disabilities below.



COMMUNICATION AND BEHAVIOR

Ways that I prefer to communicate with people:

Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Talk to me directly, even if I bring someone with me.
☐ Use plain language.
☐ Give me time to process the questions.
☐ I have a speech impairment and can be difficult to understand.
☐ It takes time to form my words so please be patient.
☐ I am non-speaking, but I am communicating with you in other ways.
☐ Other:

I communicate using:

For example: speech, preferred language, sign language, communication devices or aids, pictures, non-speaking sounds. Please state if extra time or support is needed.



SENSITIVITIES

There are some things at the dental office that cannot be taken away. However, there are things that you and the dental office can do to help make your dental visit more relaxing. Please add any information about what makes you feel upset or relaxed at the dental office below.

These are some things that can upset me:

Please check all that apply. Please describe your needs.

- ☐ Smell:
For example: dental office, perfume.
- ☐ Sounds:
For example: phones, drill, voices, clock.
- ☐ Sight:
For example: lights (overhead, dental light), mirrors.
- ☐ Positions:
For example: chair tilt, being "still".
- ☐ Closeness:
For example: people, objects.
- ☐ Touch or Temperature:
For example: gloves, air, gauze, water, suction, tools, room, water temperature.
- ☐ Texture:
For example: gauze, cotton, metal.
- ☐ Pressure:
For example: seeking, aversion.
- ☐ Taste:
For example: gloves, toothpaste, flavors.
- ☐ Other:



DENTAL EXPERIENCE

My best visit to the dental office was when:

Share things that DID work well.

My worst visit to the dental office was when:

Share things that DID NOT work well.

These are the things I sometimes do that you might find difficult in the dental office:

For example: limb movements that may strike your hand when holding a dental tool.

In the past, I had medication to stay calm during dental care.

This is often called sedation. For example: laughing gas, pills to help you stay calm, I.V. sedation, general anesthetic in a hospital, etc.

☐ Yes. ☐ No.

If yes, describe what was used, if known.



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ACCESSIBLE ORAL HEALTH 2025 ECHO:

BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN DENTAL TEAMS TO SERVE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

- This series will include 5 courses on Thursdays, beginning September 4 through October 2, 2025.
- All courses will be held via Zoom Noon – 1:00 PM CST.



Register Here:

bit.ly/AccessibleOralHealth2025ECHO

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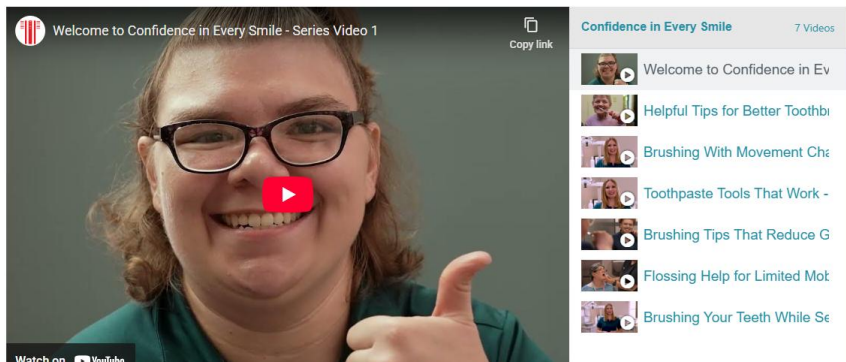
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Caring for Your Teeth at Home



Confidence in Every Smile Video Series

Confidence in Every Smile – a video series designed to make brushing and flossing easier for people living with physical or cognitive disabilities. Each video shares practical tips, creative tools, and encouragement so everyone can care for their teeth with confidence. From handling toothbrushes and toothpaste, to managing gagging or flossing with limited mobility, to brushing comfortably when you can't stand at the sink, these videos help you discover what works best for you.



Brushing the Teeth of Others

Help caregivers build confidence and compassion.

This training video shows practical ways to make brushing someone else's teeth easier, safer, and more comfortable—while supporting dignity and better oral health. Perfect for trainers teaching caregivers who support people with disabilities.



Trainer Resources

Reinforce learning with our free Training Guide and three Supplemental Handouts:

-  Daily Oral Hygiene Training Guide
-  A Healthy Mouth Means a Healthier Body
-  Daily Oral Hygiene Routine
-  Daily Oral Hygiene Checklist
-  Toothbrush Resistance Guide



Medicaid Access

For Dentists



Provider Guidance Documents



Enrollment and Credentialing



Claims Denial Support



Dispel Medicaid Myths



Webinar Series

FOR DENTISTS

Join KanCare: Make a Meaningful Impact for Your Neighbors

As a dentist, your work is more than just a profession—it is a chance to impact lives. Becoming a Medicaid provider through KanCare allows you to offer essential dental care to individuals who need it most, including patients with disabilities. It is truly meaningful work that makes a lasting difference in your community.

We are here to support you every step of the way. With technical assistance, specialized educational information on treating patients with disabilities, and seamless enrollment guidance, we help dental offices become KanCare providers and expand the network of professionals dedicated to serving individuals with disabilities.

Take the next step today and experience the personal and professional fulfillment of providing quality dental care to those who need it most!

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Marketing & Outreach Campaign Objectives:

- Recruit More Dentists to Be Medicaid Providers
- Public awareness of the My Dental Care Passport
- Public awareness of Pathways resources



A photograph of a modern dental chair in a clinical setting. The chair is blue and white, positioned in the center of the frame. In the background, there are white cabinets, a sink, and various dental equipment. A text overlay in the center reads "EVERY CHAIR TELLS A STORY".

EVERY CHAIR TELLS A STORY

Challenges

Campaign launched before the rate increase

New rates, not ideal

Changing perceptions take time

Campaign strong but not hearing from providers

Lessons Learned



Timing is key



Partnerships are
invaluable

Wins

Medicaid Dental Rates

Campaign

Grant Extension & Additional Funds

Providers

Recognition

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