

DENTAL COVERAGE IS CRITICAL

PROTECT HUSKY & RESTORE PARENT ELIGIBILITY TO 201% OF FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL



Reducing or eliminating Medicaid adult dental benefits has led to significant increases in dental-related emergency department visits and associated costs in states like California, Maryland, and Oregon.



Ensuring low-income adults have access to comprehensive dental coverage can improve employability. Adults lose millions of work hours each year due to dental disease.



Increasing access to dental coverage can help to reduce disparities because untreated dental disease disproportionately affects racial and ethnic minorities.



Treatment of gum disease can lead to better overall health, lower health care costs, and fewer hospitalizations.



School-based health centers (SBHCs) provide care to kids at school, preventing missed school days. SBHCs provide care to many kids on Medicaid and would not be able to survive without Medicaid funding.

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