



## **Appendix:**

### **Research Methodology for COHI's Report:**

<https://www.ctoralhealth.org/husky-network-provider-report>

COHI's report, "Expanding The Oral Health Private Provider HUSKY Network: An Assessment of Results of Increased Reimbursement Rates and Provider Participation in Connecticut (April 2024)" is based on an analysis of data from a survey provided to licensed providers in Connecticut. The questionnaire included a set of questions based on their experiences and perceptions of Medicaid rate increases and the acceptance of Medicaid.

The survey of providers resulted in 225 complete surveys. Missing data were minimal. Both categorical data (yes, no, or 1 – 3 categories) as well as qualitative responses for questions 3, 4, and 5 were entered into an Excel spreadsheet. Qualitative responses for Q3 were coded as Yes (positively affected by the regulatory increase in reimbursement rates) or No (not affected: decisions did not change because of the increases in reimbursement rates, decisions were negatively affected e.g. with reductions in patient load) Qualitative responses for Q4 was grouped into 9 variables, each coded as 1 = present or 2 (absent). These responses were summarized to obtain a continuous variable for a total number of barriers (range 0 – 9).