



**ORAL HEALTH
&
THE MEDICARE POPULATION**

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The Center for Medicare Advocacy

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The Center for Medicare Advocacy is a national non-profit law organization that works to advance access to comprehensive Medicare, health equity, and quality health care for older people and people with disabilities.

- Founded in 1986
- Headquartered in CT and Washington, DC, additional attorneys in CA, MA, and MD
- Staffed by attorneys, advocates, a nurse consultant, and technical experts
- Provides education, legal analysis, writing and assistance
- Systemic change – Policy & Litigation, based on our experience with the problems of real people
- Inappropriate Medicare denials – and appeals
- Medicare/Medicaid Third Party Liability Projects

Welcome and Introduction

Kata Kertesz

Center for Medicare Advocacy

Presenters:

- Judith Haber, Santa Fe Group
- Allison Neale, Henry Schein, Inc.
- Kaz Rafia, CareQuest Institute for Oral Health
- Wey-Wey Kwok, Center for Medicare Advocacy

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introduction** – Kata Kertesz, CMA (Moderator)
- **Oral Health Advocacy Overview** – Wey-Wey Kwok, CMA
- **CMS Medically Necessary Dental Coverage and Nominations Process** – Judith Haber, Santa Fe Group
- **Private-Public Partnerships to Advance Integration of Oral Health and Overall Health** – Allison Neale, Henry Schein, Inc.
- **Philanthropy’s Role in Advancing Oral Health Equity** – Kaz Rafia, CareQuest Institute for Oral Health
- **Questions & Panel Discussion**

Oral Health Advocacy Overview

**Wey-Wey Kwok,
Center for Medicare Advocacy**

Medicare's Exclusion of Payment for Dental Care

No payment may be made under part A or part B for any expenses incurred for items or services “in connection with the care, treatment, filling, removal, or replacement of teeth or structures directly supporting teeth...”

Social Security Act § 1862(a)(12)

Thus, **Original Medicare does NOT cover most dental care**, including cleanings, fillings, tooth extractions, dentures, etc.

NOTE: Statute says that **if hospitalization is required** due to underlying medical condition & clinical status, or severity of dental procedure, Part A may pay for inpatient hospital services. But, dental procedure itself is likely NOT covered unless narrow exception applies.

Narrow Exception to Dental Payment Exclusion

- For decades, policy only allowed payment for dental services performed **“incident to and as integral part of” a covered service performed by the dentist** (e.g., repairing jaw fracture, removing tumor in the mouth)
- For decades, “same time, same dentist” rule posed a barrier
- What about patients who require dental services in connection with *other* covered medical procedures or treatments?
- As a result of years of advocacy, Medicare recently issued “clarification” that allows payment for dental in additional clinical circumstances

Medicare Population Dental Coverage

Kaiser Family Foundation (2021) issue brief:

[Medicare and Dental Coverage: A Closer Look | KFF](#)

- Nearly 1/2 of beneficiaries have no dental coverage (2019)
- 94% of Medicare Advantage (MA) enrollees are in a plan that provides or offers some dental coverage.
 - Some plans require separate premium
 - Covered care, service limits, and cost sharing vary widely
 - 59% in plans that are capped at \$1000 or less annually (average \$1,300)
 - Most limit coverage to in-network providers or charge more for out-of-network care
- Adult dental benefits are *optional* for Medicaid programs.
 - Only 25 states and DC currently provide fairly comprehensive adult dental benefits ([NASHP 2022](#))

Advocating for a Comprehensive Medicare Dental Benefit

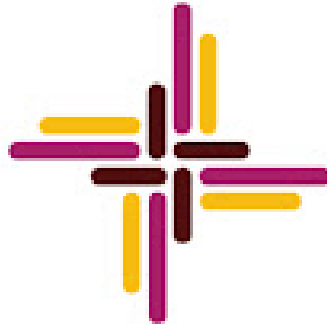
- **Adding it to Part B**
 - Co-insurance structure that beneficiaries are used to
 - Treated the same as other benefits for purposes of Medigap plans
 - Existing structure for appeals, determining provider payment
 - Existing low-income protections through state QMB programs
 - **Medicare Advantage enrollees would be entitled to equivalent dental benefits**
- **Medicare has expanded coverage in the past**
 - for disabled individuals (1972); hospice (1982);
 - prescription drugs (2003-2006); preventive services (2010)

Many facets to systemic change

- Insurance is one piece of the larger puzzle
- Implementation is crucial
 - Will dental providers participate?
 - Will patients access care?
- Viewing problems and solutions through the lens of health equity and social justice
- Interconnected sets of solutions

**CMS Medically Necessary
Dental Coverage & Nominations Process**

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The Oral Health Medicare Journey

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Member, Santa Fe Group

Professor Emerita, NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing

Collective Impact!



When Medicare was created in 1965...

...dental opted out.

- **Fast forward to 2016:** Santa Fe Group (SFG) salons focused on the oral health disparity for older adults, launching a national interprofessional **Consortium** - grown to 244 organizations - to pursue incremental coverage of medically necessary dental care.



- **The *Build Back Better* bill** gave us hope for a Medicare Part B dental benefit and attracted broad support. Although that didn't pass, progress is being made on the medically necessary front, generating data that can soon be used to pave the way for a comprehensive benefit.

More Effective, Equitable & Affordable Care

Medicare Coverage of Medically-Necessary Oral Health is a Proven Way to Achieve These Priorities



Medical Teams



Dental Teams



Medicare Beneficiaries

Medically Necessary Medicare Dental Coverage

Is Now a Reality *thanks to the Administration's clarification in the Physician Fee Schedule for 2023 and 2024.*

To avoid medical complications and unnecessary cost, PFS clarified coverage for dental services that are inextricably linked and substantially related and integral to:

- organ transplant surgery
- cardiac valve replacement
- valvuloplasty procedures
- head and neck cancers
- chemotherapy
- CAR T-cell therapy and radiation
- high-dose bone-modifying agents
- head and neck cancers (writ large)

With CMS' annual nominations process, *the opportunity now exists to clarify equitable coverage of all relevant conditions.*

On the Horizon...

Nominations have been submitted to CMS for 2025:

Autoimmune Disease

- Sjögren’s Foundation: “immunosuppressive therapies prescribed to manage autoimmune diseases can be severely complicated and compromised by oral/dental disease and conditions.”

Diabetes Mellitus

- SFG: “We now have evidence that periodontal treatment improves glycemic control in people with both periodontitis and diabetes by a clinically significant amount when compared to no treatment or usual care.” (Cochrane Review)

End Stage Renal Disease

- ASN and NKF: “Treatment of dental infections risking/causing blood stream infections (BSI), poor glycemic control, and other complications can be integral and substantially related to the clinical success of medical therapies to manage ESRD.”

Congressional Support

Lawmakers to CMS – February 20, 2024

“[W]e are writing in support of nominations we understand you are receiving for clarification of payment policy for dental services that are inextricably linked, substantially related and integral to the clinical success of covered medical services...”



Implementation Challenges

- Increase Knowledge of Medical, Dental, and Consumer Communities
- Motivate Providers to Participate
- Implement Documentation and Reimbursement Protocol
- Evaluate Outcomes

Community Support

AARP
ABLE NH (Advocates Building Lasting Equality in NH)
ACA Consumer Advocacy
Acuity Specialists
Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma Research Foundation
AIDS Foundation of Chicago
Alliance for Retired Americans
Allies for Independence
ALS Association
American Academy of Nursing
American Academy of Periodontology
American Association for Community Dental Programs
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Diabetes Educators
American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons
American Association of Kidney Patients
American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American Association of Public Health Dentistry
American Association on Health and Disability
American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association
American College of Cardiology
American College of Emergency Physicians
American College of Gastroenterology
American College of Physicians
American College of Rheumatology
American Dental Assistants Association
American Dental Education Association
American Dental Hygienists' Association
American Diabetes Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Head and Neck Society
American Heart Association
American Institute of Dental Public Health
American Kidney Fund
American Liver Foundation
American Medical Association
American Muslim Health Professionals (AMHP)
American Nephrology Nurses' Association
American Network of Oral Health Coalitions
American Nurses Association
American Parkinson Disease Association
American Psychiatric Association
American Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Public Health Association
American Society for Radiation Oncology
American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Transplant Surgeons
American Society of Transplantation
American Thoracic Society
Arcora Foundation
Arizona Oral Health Coalition
Arthritis Foundation
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)
Association of Community Cancer Centers
Association of Oncology Social Work
Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors
Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Be a Hero
Brain Injury Association of America
California Dental Association
California Medical Association
CareQuest Institute for Oral Health
Carlson Foley Enterprises
Catholic Health Association of the United States
Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly (CARIE)
Center for Elder Law & Justice
Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation
Center for Medicare Advocacy
Center for Popular Democracy
Champaign County Health Care Consumers
Children's Dental Health Project
Coalition for Oral Health for the Aging
Coalition of Texans with Disabilities
Colgate Palmolive Company
Colorado Consumer Health Initiative
Community Catalyst
Community Dental Health NPO
Connecticut Oral Health Initiative
Cornerstone Dental Specialties
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America
Culpeper Wellness Foundation
Davis Phinney Foundation for Parkinson's
Delaware Dental Hygienists' Association
Dental Lifeline Network
Dental Trade Alliance
Dentsply Sirona
Dialysis Patient Citizens
Dientes Community Dental Care
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
Eating Disorders Coalition
Elderly Housing Development & Operations Corporation
Epilepsy Foundation
EXCELth, Inc.
Families USA
504HealthNet
Florida Health Justice Project
Georgia AIDS Coalition
Georgians for a Healthy Future
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality
Haleon
Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing
Hawai'i Oral Health Coalition
Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!
Head and Neck Cancer Alliance
Health Care For All (MA)
Health Care Is a Human Right WA
Health Care Voices
Healthy Living and Learning Center
Heartland Alliance
Henry Schein Cares Foundation
HIV Medicine Association
Hispanic Dental Association
International Pemphigus and Pemphigoid Foundation
Island Liaison, Inc.
John A. Hartford Foundation
Jon C Burr Foundation

Community Support (cont'd)

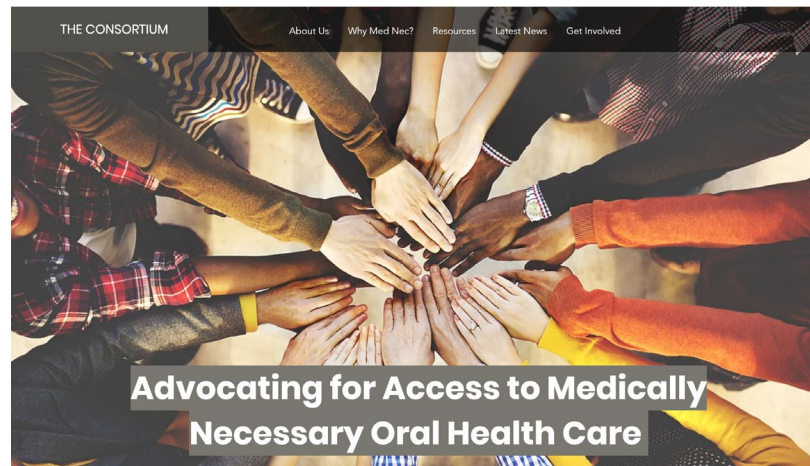
Justice in Aging
Kentucky Oral Health Coalition
Klamath Basin Oral Health Coalition
Lakeshore Foundation
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
Louisiana Primary Care Association
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
Lupus Foundation of America
Maryland Dental Action Coalition
Massachusetts ME/CFS and FM Assoc
Medicaid|Medicare|CHIP Services Dental Association
Medicare Rights Center
Mended Hearts
Mental Health America
Metro New York Health Care for All
Michigan Primary Care Association
Minnesota Dental Therapy Association
myNEXUS
National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association of Area Agencies on Aging
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
National Association of Community Health Centers
National Association of Dental Plans
National Association of Nutrition and Aging
Services Programs
National Association of Social Workers
National Association of States United for Aging
and Disabilities
National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity
National Comprehensive Cancer Network
National Committee to Preserve Social Security
and Medicare
National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care
National Consumers League
National Council for Behavioral Health
National Dental Association
National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention
National Hispanic Medical Association
National Health Law Program
National Interprofessional Initiative on Oral Health
National Kidney Foundation
National League for Nursing

National Medical Association
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Network for Oral Health Access
National Osteoporosis Foundation
National Rural Health Association
National Stroke Association
North American Transplant Coordinators Organization
Northwest Harvest
Nursing Interventions for Health System Elders
NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing
Ohio Alliance for Retired Americans Educational Fund
Oklahoma Policy Institute
Oncology Nursing Society
Oral Cancer Foundation
Oral Health Kansas
Oral Health Nursing Education and Practice Program
Oral Health Ohio
Oral Health Progress and Equity Network (OPEN)
Our Mother's Voice
PA Coalition for Oral Health
Pacific Dental Services Foundation
Parkinson's Foundation
Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative
Pennsylvania Health Access Network
PEW Dental Campaign
Piedmont Regional Dental Clinic
PRC
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Pride At Work - WA North, Mt. Kulshan Chapter
Procter & Gamble
ProHEALTH Dental
Project Accessible Oral Health
Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action (PSARA)
Renal Healthcare Association
Renal Physicians Association
Research!America
Santa Fe Group
School-Based Health Alliance
Scleroderma Foundation
Senior Charity Care Foundation
Senior Mobile Dental
Sepsis Alliance

Sjögren's Foundation
Smiles To Go, LLC
Social Security Works
Society for Transplant Social Workers
Statewide Poverty Action Network
Support for People with Oral and Head and
Neck Cancer
Texas Oral Health Coalition, Inc
Texas Parent to Parent
The AIDS Institute
The Arc of the United States
The Bingham Program
The CornerStone Community Development
Center
The Gerontological Society of America
The Michael J. Fox Foundation
The National Forum of ESRD Networks
The Society for Thoracic Surgeons
The TMJ Association
Third Way
Tri-Area Community Health
Trust for America's Health
United Health Organization
United Network for Organ Sharing
UUFHCT
Virginia Community Healthcare Association
Virginia Health Catalyst
Virginia Organizing
Virginia Rural Health Association
Washington Healthcare Access Alliance
Wayne County Oral Health Organization
Wesley Living Woodland Homes
West Central Initiative
Western Center on Law and Poverty
Winters Elder Day Council
WomenHeart, The National Coalition for
Women with Heart Disease

Questions and Discussion

Thank you!



<https://www.oralhealthconsortium.org/>

Private-Public Partnerships to Advance the Integration of Oral Health and Overall Health

**Allison Neale,
Henry Schein, Inc.**



Partnering to Advance Oral Health for Better Overall Health

Allison Neale

*Vice President, Public Policy, Henry Schein, Inc.
Managing Director, Henry Schein Cares Foundation*

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Henry Schein – At a Glance

SERVING MORE THAN
1 MILLION
CUSTOMERS

MORE THAN
 **3,200**
 SUPPLIER
 PARTNERS

2022 GLOBAL
NET SALES
\$12.64
BILLION

HISTORICALLY
99%
OF ITEMS ORDERED
ARE SHIPPED ON THE
SAME BUSINESS DAY
THE ORDER IS RECEIVED

APPROXIMATELY
24,000
TEAM SCHEIN
MEMBERS

OPERATIONS OR
AFFILIATES IN
33
COUNTRIES AND
TERRITORIES

APPROXIMATELY **7,600**
FIELD SALES CONSULTANTS
TELESALES REPRESENTATIVES
AND FIELD TECHNICIANS

MORE THAN
300,000
PRODUCTS AND SOLUTIONS

90+
YEARS IN
BUSINESS

HENRY SCHEIN CORPORATE RECOGNITION



#1 HEALTH CARE
WHOLESALE

22
YEARS



12 YEARS



100% – 7 YEARS

COMPONENT
OF S&P
500® INDEX
6 YEARS

Oral Health is Integral to Overall Health

90% of U.S.'s \$4.1 trillion annual health care spend results from NCDs

Brain

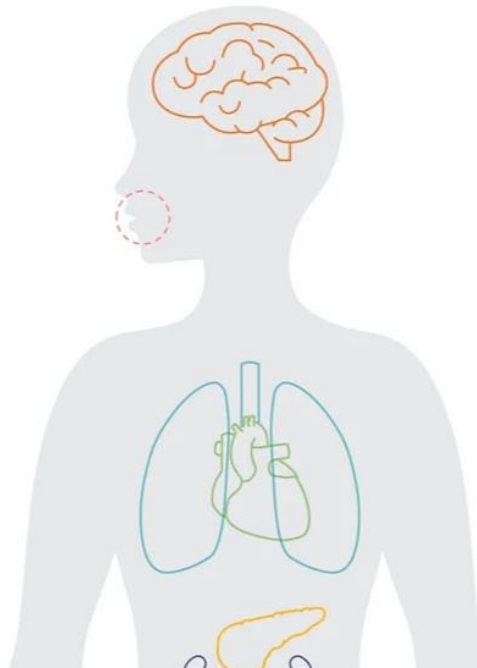
- Oral inflammation has been linked to Alzheimer's and dementia
- Oral inflammation is associated with increased blood clots leading to stroke

Heart

- Oral inflammation can raise the risk of heart attack by almost 3 times

Kidneys

- Oral inflammation stresses the kidneys' function to fight diseases
- Current research is showing a link between oral inflammation and kidney failure



Mouth

- Oral inflammation is linked to oral cancer
- Non-smokers are also at risk for oral cancer
- Oral cancer has a 30% survival rate if undetected but almost 100% survival rate if caught early

Lungs

- Oral inflammation can increase susceptibility to pneumonia and bronchitis

Pancreas

- Oral inflammation may disrupt blood sugars resulting in diabetes
- Oral inflammation has been linked to pancreatic cancer

Promoting oral health **COSTS SO LITTLE** and **RETURNS SO MUCH**

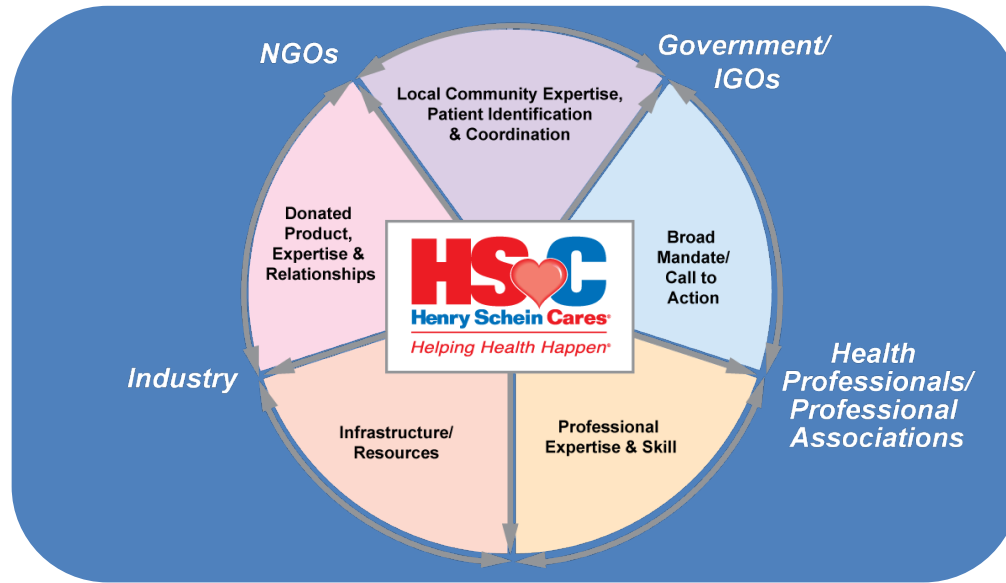
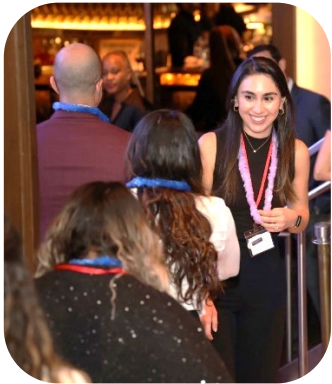
Advocating for Policy Changes to Improve Oral Health



Consortium for Medically Necessary Oral Health Coverage
<https://www.oralhealthconsortium.org/>

Partnering Across Sectors to Strengthen Interprofessional Integration

“SHE” Systemic Healthcare Initiative in partnership with CareQuest



S.M.I.L.E. Healthcare Pathway Program in partnership with NDA & other professional associations



The Power of Integrated Care

What is Systemic Health?

Systemic health recognizes the fundamental interconnectedness of all bodily systems to an individual's overall health and well-being.

The Importance of an Integrated Care Approach to Systemic Health

An integrated care approach recognizes the importance of **patient-centered care, the opportunity to close care gaps, and advance healthy equity**, and the necessity of shifting away from sick care to a model of preventive care and wellness, underscoring the importance of maintaining routine medical, dental, mental health care.

Benefits:

- **Patients:** Better health outcomes; lower costs; more convenient care and reduced time visiting providers; reduced stress on individuals and families
- **Providers:** Healthier and happier patients; expanded patient base and higher revenue
- **Society:** Lower health care costs; higher societal productivity due to less healthcare complications; improved health equity
- **Cost:** A prevention and wellness approach leads to savings for individuals, private payors, and the U.S. Healthcare System

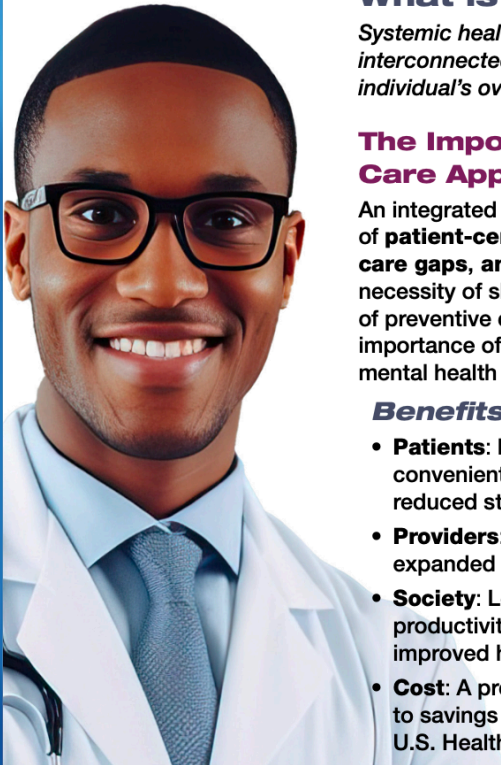
Current Barriers to Integrated Care

- **Education Model:** Aspiring and current Dental and Medical practitioners are educated in silos
- **Behavior:** Practitioners need to be motivated to have a vested interest in each other's respective professions
- **Scope of Practice:** Relevant governing boards in each state must permit the respective professions to conduct diagnosis and recommend treatments/care plans without fear of violating their licensure
- **Reimbursement Potential:** Providers engaging in interdisciplinary care should not have to do so as charity or at a loss
- **Infrastructure:** Every healthcare professional—medical, dental and mental health—must be empowered with the patient data (*i.e., integrated health records*) and tools (*i.e., products, testing, etc.*) to provide care

Henry Schein is Making a Difference

We recognize the crucial link between oral health and overall health—that “prevention is power.” Integrated care, prevention and wellness all go hand and hand and take place in the office-based healthcare setting. As the only global health care solutions provider serving office-based medical and dental professionals, we are uniquely positioned to help, directly, by:

- 1 Offering **solutions** needed for office-based dental and medical providers, including products, equipment, and related services.
- 2 Expanding the availability of **diagnostic testing**, in particular, point-of-care tests, to empower primary care practitioners to holistically screen patients for improved early detection and to close care gaps.
- 3 **Advancing health record interoperability** to provide patient record visibility through our leading open architecture dental practice management software that connects to over 40 medical electronic medical record softwares.
- 4 **Advocating with key partners** for issues key to the promulgation of integrated care models, including reimbursement, coverage expansion, and scope of practice.



Improving Access to Care for People with Disabilities

The facts about oral healthcare for people with disabilities

all smiles shine

BY THE NUMBERS:

1 BILLION

people worldwide
have a disability

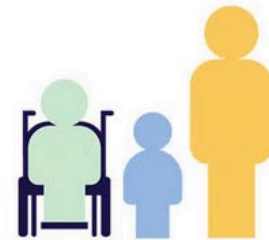
61 MILLION

adults in the US have
an intellectual or
physical disability

1 IN 54

children are diagnosed
with autism every year
and 1 in 700 babies
are born with
Down syndrome

#1 HEALTH
NEED



**The number one
health need**

for people with disabilities
is adequate oral care

6.5 million people

with disabilities are not able to access the oral
care they need

Children with disabilities are **30% more likely** to
have their first dental visit delayed

COMPARED WITH THE GENERAL POPULATION, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:



Have higher
rates and
increased severity
of periodontal
disease



Much higher
rates of
untreated
cavities



More
missing and
decaying
teeth



More gum
disease and
system diseases
including heart
disease and
diabetes

Infographic developed by Henry Schein partner
Project Accessible Oral Health

Improving Access to Care for Seniors



Alpha Omega Foundation

Henry Schein Cares®
FOUNDATION

Holocaust Survivors
Oral Health
Program



Program Guardians

The Claire Friedlander Family Foundation
Robert I. Schattner Foundation, Inc.



Improving Access to Care for Underserved Children



- **7 million children** have accessed free oral health services since inception
- **~1,500 events each year** staffed by **6,500 dentists** and **30,000 dental team members**

Creating A Healthier World Requires Our Collaboration & Partnership





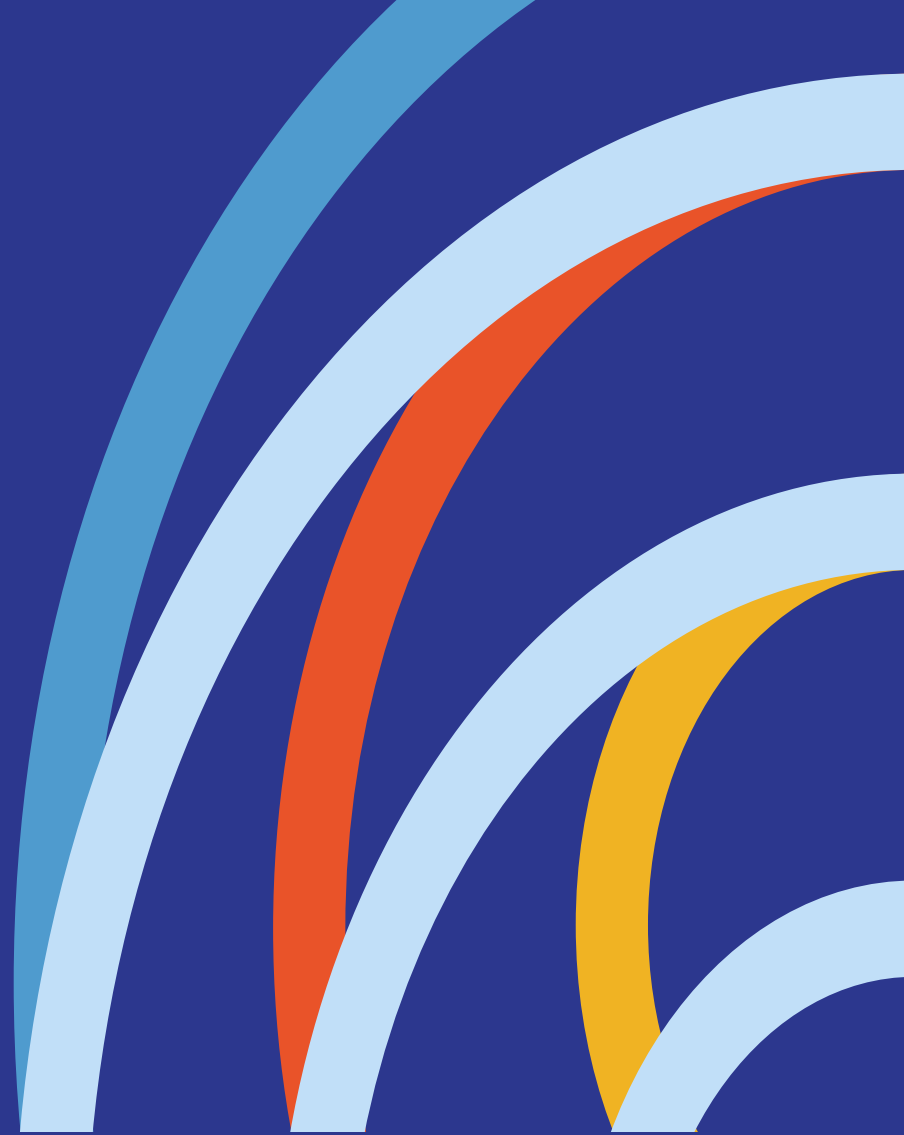
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Philanthropy's Role in Advancing Oral Health Equity

**Kaz Rafia,
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Philanthropy's Role In Advancing Oral Health Equity

Center for Medicare Advocacy



- Definitions Around Health Equity
- National-level Spending On Healthcare & Outcomes
- Disparities in Oral Health
- How do we move forward

DISPARITIES

Preventable differences in the burden of disease, injury, violence, or opportunities to achieve optimal health that are experienced by socially disadvantaged populations.

CDC

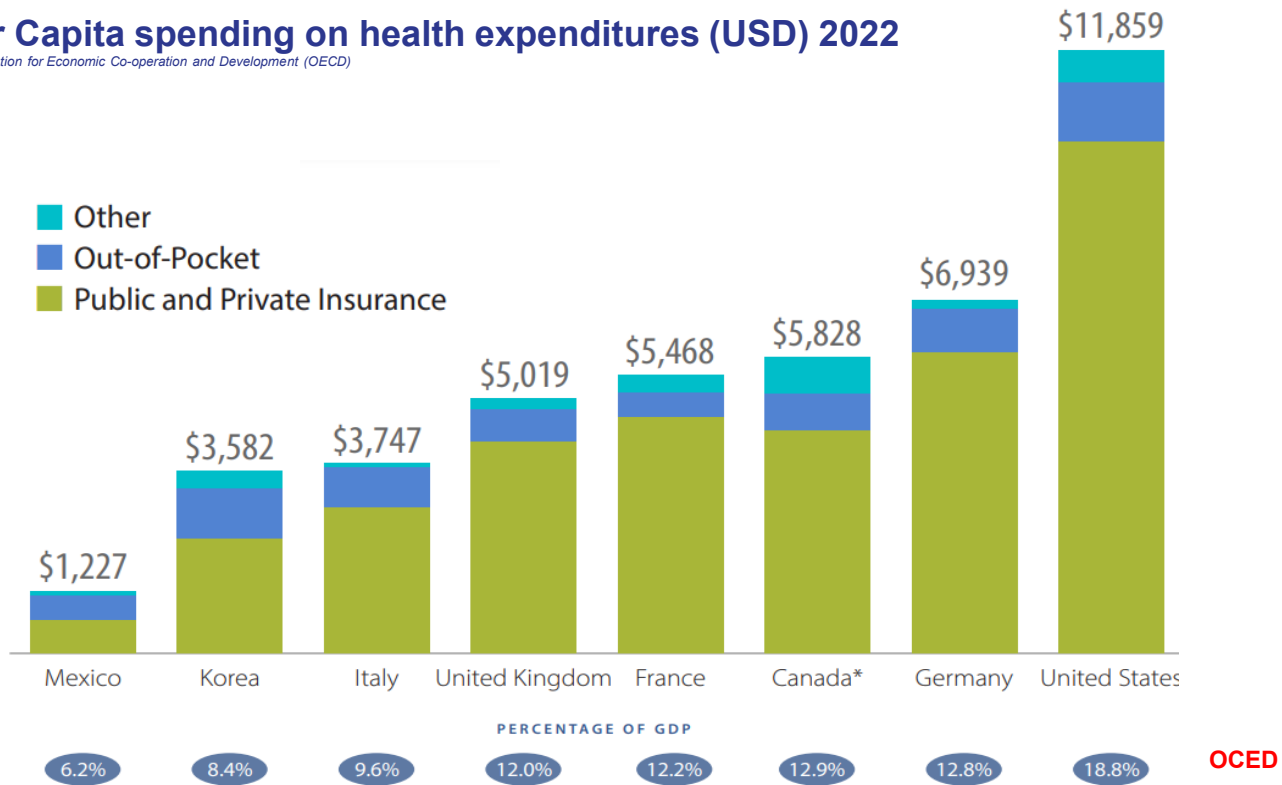
HEALTH EQUITY

*The attainment of the highest level of health **for all people**, where everyone has a **fair and just opportunity** to attain their optimal health **regardless of** race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, geography, preferred language, and other factors that affect access to care and health outcomes.*

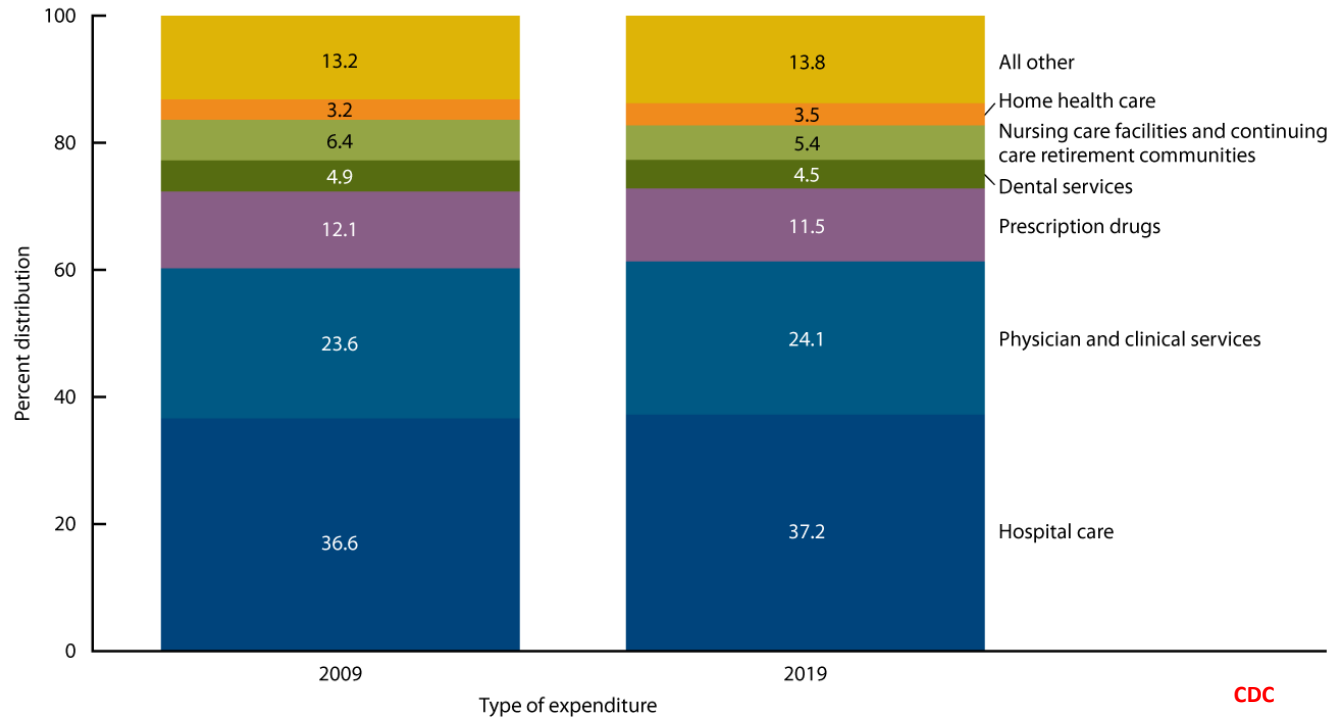
CMS

Per Capita spending on health expenditures (USD) 2022

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)



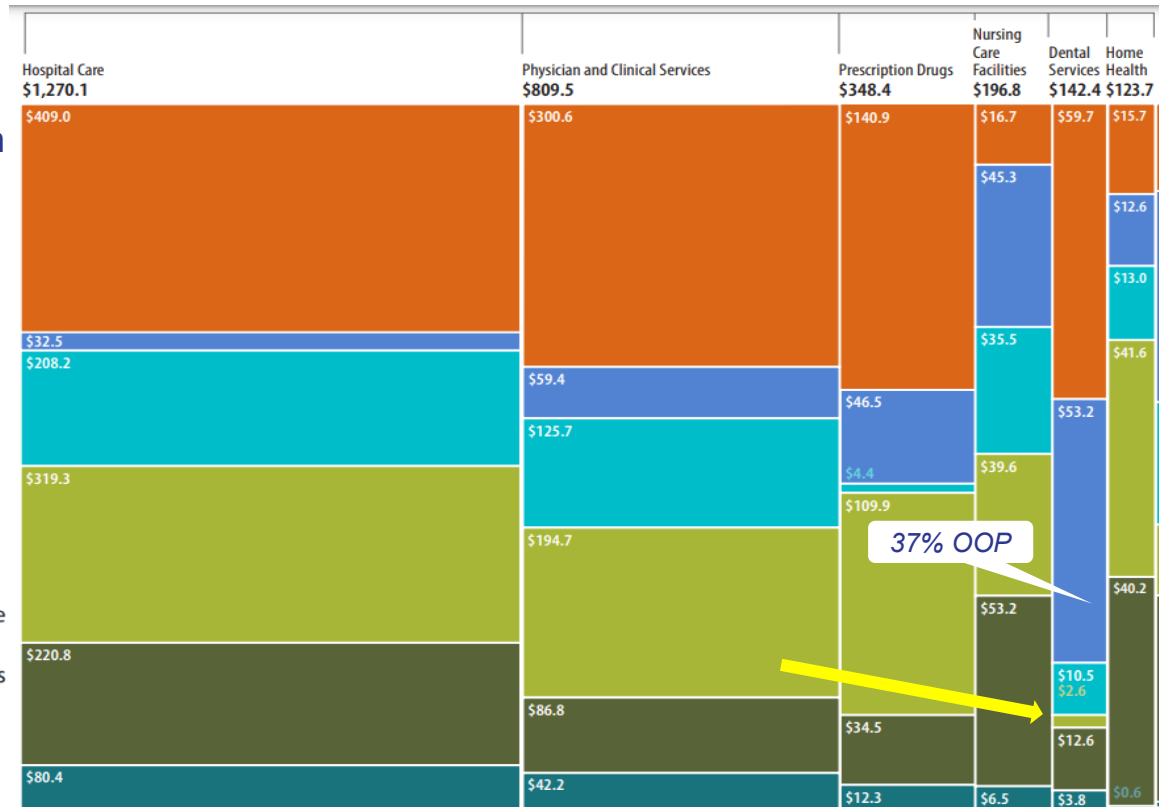
Dental service expenditures, as a percentage of national health expenditure, have declined



Payer Mix For National Health Expenditure (\$B)

CMS

- Private Health Insurance
- Out-of-Pocket
- Other Third-Party Payers
- Medicare
- Medicaid
- Other Public Insurance



Consider:

- With this much spending and out-of-pocket burden, what is the impact on the socioeconomically marginalized?
- Is the impact strictly financial?
- If the impact is not the same, should the solution be the same?

And we know there are plenty of
disparities in access and outcomes

68%

Percentage of adults 65 years or older with **periodontal (gum) disease** (CDC)

19%

Nearly 1 in 5 of adults 65 or older have **lost all their teeth** (CDC)

78%

78% of **oropharyngeal cancer** cases are in adults > 55 (NYU)

29%

Percentage of adults 65 or older have **diabetes**. (ADA)

47%

About half of adults 65–80 reported that they do not have dental insurance
(U MICHIGAN)

\$1000

Average out of pocket cost spending on dental care **among MA beneficiaries**
(Health Affairs)

95M

Number of 65 and older individuals in this US by 2060.
(Double from 2023)
(KFF)

73%

Nearly three-quarters of Medicare beneficiaries with incomes of less than \$10,000 per year did not visit a dentist
(KFF)

How does CareQuest Institute engage and lead in this space ?



Philanthropy

- Equitable healthcare workforce pathways
- Community Health Worker (CHW)
- Medical Dental Integration



Analytics and Data Insights

- Data Equity And Disaggregated Data
- Oral Health Index
- SOHEA Survey
- Participatory Research



Education

- Collaborative and health-equity centered webinars
 - Medical Dental Integration
 - Social care coordination
- On-demand and growing offering of CE



Policy and Advocacy

- Partnership with other leading advocates in this space to advance federal and state initiatives
- Grassroots network support



Health Transformation

- Healthcare economics
- Integrated models of care
- Total cost of care and cost of inequities





OCED <https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/sites/675059cd-en/index.html?itemId=/content/component/675059cd-en#:~:text=In%202022%2C%20average%20per%20capita,555%20for%20every%20US%20citizen.>

CDC [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus/topics/health-care-expenditures.htm#:~:text=In%202019%2C%20hospital%20care%20spending,%25\)%2C%20and%20home%20health%20care%20\(](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus/topics/health-care-expenditures.htm#:~:text=In%202019%2C%20hospital%20care%20spending,%25)%2C%20and%20home%20health%20care%20()

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CDC [https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/basics/adult-oral-health/adult_older.htm#:~:text=About%202%20in%203%20\(68,or%20older%20have%20gum%20disease.&text=Tooth%20loss.,65%2D74%20\(13%25\)](https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/basics/adult-oral-health/adult_older.htm#:~:text=About%202%20in%203%20(68,or%20older%20have%20gum%20disease.&text=Tooth%20loss.,65%2D74%20(13%25))

NYU <https://dental.nyu.edu/research/nyu-oral-cancer-center/oral-cancer/facts.html#:~:text=Age,frequently%20in%20much%20younger%20patients.>

MICHIGAN <https://www.healthyagingpoll.org/reports-more/report/dental-care-coverage-after-65-experiences-perspectives>

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