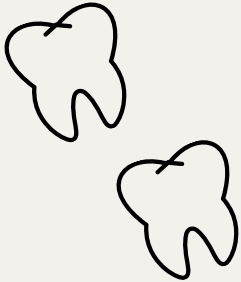


Preserve the Oral Health Delivery System

# Modernize Medicaid Dental Rates

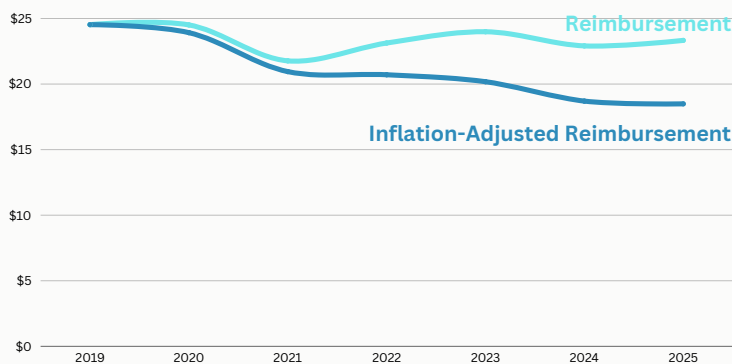
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Medicaid dental rates are at a tipping point. Without a justified re-basing of payment rates, Oregonians' oral and overall health will be at risk. We must be bold in addressing this threat to Oregonian's health.

While facing an ongoing erosion of Medicaid dental investments, oral health providers are striving to resolve pandemic-related issues – workforce, utilization and costs – and readying for new waiver responsibilities, increased caseloads and coverage.

## Real Dental Medicaid Reimbursement Rates Down by 25%



Support **HB 2597**, which requires OHA and CCOs to reimburse dental providers at a minimum of 59.8% the average rate paid by insurers in Oregon. Using transparent and actionable data from the independent nonprofit Fair Health will promote sound rate setting. The bill also directs OHA to review and revise rates annually.

## Providers Face Higher Caseloads

Since 2013, we have seen a 131% increase in the number of people enrolled in Medicaid/Child Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). 33% of Oregon's population is on Medicaid.

## Medicaid Reimbursement is 28.3% of the Commercial Average

Our state's fee-for-service reimbursement is the lowest of the Western states, compared to average dentist charges and private dental insurance. Most dentists in Oregon do not treat OHP patients. Approx. 12% of Oregonian dentists provide nearly all of this treatment.

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