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MEDICAID PROVIDER AND PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

- According to the New Mexico Dental Health Care Board that there are an estimated 1,216 licensed dentists in New Mexico.
- The dental providers have the option to participate in the Fee for Service Program and/or the Managed Care Medicaid Program.
- New Mexico Human Service Department (NMHSD) reports that there are:
 - 1,073 active dental providers enrolled in Medicaid
 - 690 dentists are enrolled in DentaQuest (BCBS and PHP's dental vendor)
 - 370 providers are enrolled in Envolve (WSSC's dental vendor)

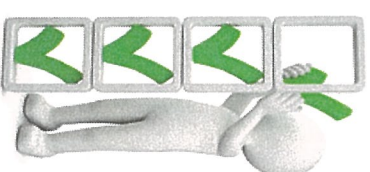
NEW MEXICO'S ANNUAL EPSDT PARTICIPATION REPORT

Annual EPSDT Participation Report			
Form CMS-416			
Fiscal Year: 2017			
1a. Total individuals eligible for EPSDT	National	42,995,500	New Mexico
12a. Total Eligibles Receiving Any Dental Services		20,095,662	230,443
		46.7%	55.4%

LEGISLATIVE CHANGE

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested to study:

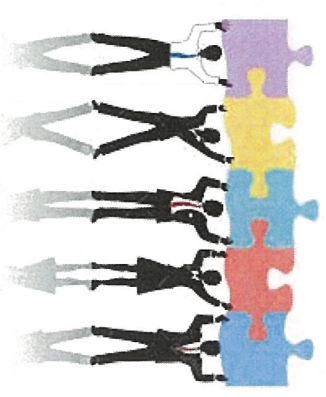
- A. expansion of participation in the dental care provider network accepting Medicaid
- B. increasing the number of providers enrolled in Medicaid
- C. reimbursement rates to medicaid providers
- D. ways to increase access for Medicaid patients
- E. ways to drive down the number and cost of medicaid acute dental visits over time



A. EXPANSION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE DENTAL CARE PROVIDER NETWORK ACCEPTING MEDICAID &

B. INCREASING THE NUMBER OF PROVIDERS ENROLLED IN MEDICAID

- As part of MMISR project, MAD is working on streamlining the provider enrollment process.
- Current provider enrollment process requires that dentists begin with Medicaid Fiscal Intermediary to get enrolled and then have to contact each MCO separately to complete enrollment.
- This process can take 4-6 weeks with a clean application to complete.
- We are moving towards a single enrollment effort that would simplify this process.

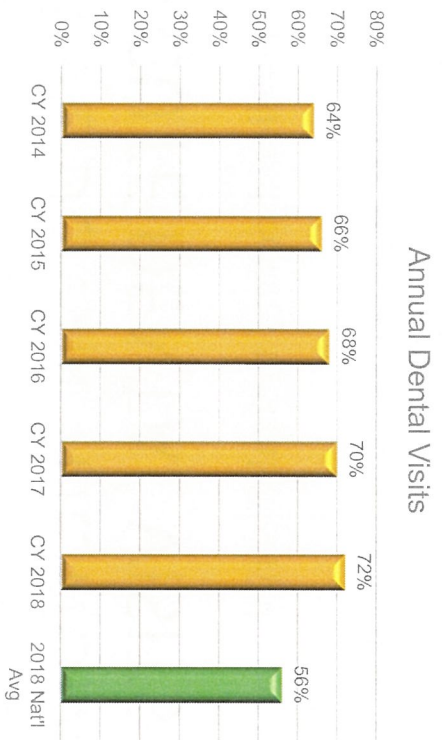


C. REIMBURSEMENT RATES TO MEDICAID PROVIDERS

- Effective July 1, 2019 NIM Medicaid covers topical fluoride varnish treatments for children aged six months through age 20.
 - The codes may be billed twice per year by either the child's dentist or primary care provider (PCP).
- Effective July 1, 2019, HSD restored 2016's 2% reduction of dental reimbursement.
- Effective October 1, 2019, HSD established a new minimum encounter rate for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) dental services of \$200.00
 - This increase was based on the national average cost of a dental encounter as established by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Uniform Data System for 2017.

D. WAYS TO INCREASE ACCESS FOR MEDICAID PATIENTS

- Care Coordinators:
 - Each Centennial Care MCO has Care Coordinators who assist members to coordinate the care and the services that the member may need
 - Coordination with MCOs and HEDIS Measures
- Percentage of Children from 2-20 enrolled in Medicaid who had an Annual Dental Visit



E. WAYS TO DRIVE DOWN THE NUMBER AND COST OF MEDICAID ACUTE DENTAL VISITS OVER TIME

- Effective July 1, 2019 NM Medicaid covers topical fluoride varnish treatments for children aged six months through age 20.
- The earlier children are exposed to fluoride, the less likely they are to develop cavities.
- By allowing both the dentist and the PCP to bill for fluoride varnish; a preventative service, children are less likely to develop caries and cavities.
- National data indicates that by covering this benefit the cost of restorative services will be reduced and that unnecessary ER visits related to dental diagnosis will be reduced.



QUESTIONS



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