

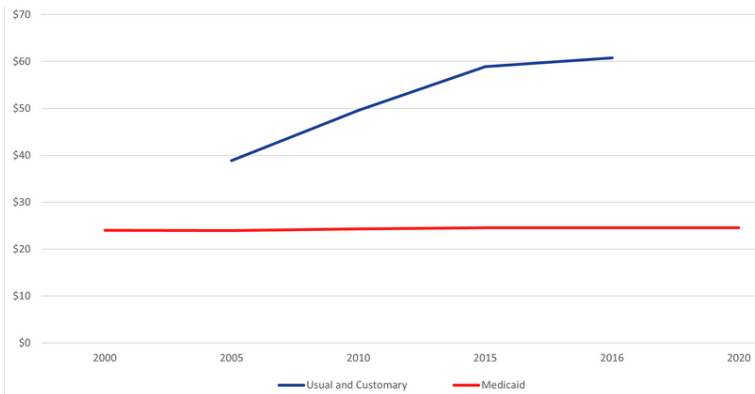
INCREASE ACCESS TO QUALITY ORAL HEALTH CARE



In 2020, Iowa only invested \$30.2 million into the Dental Wellness Plan (DWP). That's 1.6% of the state's total Medicaid budget.

IOWA'S DENTAL MEDICAID FEES HAVE NOT INCREASED IN NEARLY 20 YEARS

Child Dental Cleaning



Iowa's reimbursement increased **\$0.57** over 20 years and is currently 37% of the customary charge.

THE BOTTOM LINE FOR IOWA DENTISTS



"The issue is Medicaid reimbursement rates don't cover the cost of materials and overhead. Dentists are charitable, but a small business can't survive on charity. We are long overdue for an increase in reimbursement to reflect the actual cost of treating patients."

-Dr. Rachael Revell, West Des Moines pediatric dentist serving Medicaid patients.

THE ASK

Align Medicaid dental reimbursement rates with Hawki.

Investing \$31.5 million into the DWP program ensures Iowa families have access to quality dental care and small businesses are able to recover their costs. In turn, dentists can provide optimal care for their patients.

COST TO STATE TO ALIGN RATES WITH HAWKI



\$15M



\$16.5M

ABOUT IDA

Representing over 1,800 dentists, the IDA is the largest oral health association in Iowa. More than 80 percent of Iowa's practicing dentists are members of the IDA. The IDA's broad membership throughout the state and across all specialties reflects a unique commitment by dentists to work together to enhance their profession on behalf of their patients and all Iowans. Each member of the IDA is also a member of one of Iowa's 10 district dental societies and the American Dental Association.

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THE IMPACT OF A SMILE

Untreated dental infections can spread to other parts of the body. This leads to increased Medicaid medical costs, including ~\$2M in ER costs in 2020.



3yo, West Des Moines, with decay on teeth causing pain and infection. Teeth extracted in the OR. He will not have any teeth until permanent teeth come in at about 7.



4yo, Fort Dodge, with decay. 12 crowns and 8 root canals in OR.



After treatment from photo on the left.



3yo, Knoxville, with large abscess that was drained and tooth removed. 12 crowns and 6 root canals in OR.



2yo, Marshalltown, infection from cavity. 2 teeth pulled, 6 crowns and 6 root canals.



18yo, Benton Co., decay caused tooth to break.



62 yo, Benton Co., this patient receives regular care, without it she would have lost all her teeth due to the impact of medications and other health issues.



3yo, Jasper Co., with cavities on front teeth.



1yo, Des Moines, decay exposed nerve on 2 front teeth, 6 extractions and 8 crowns. She won't have front teeth until she is about 7.

Oral healthcare affects overall health.

Poor oral health can be associated with diabetes, cardiovascular disease, stroke, and Alzheimer's disease.