

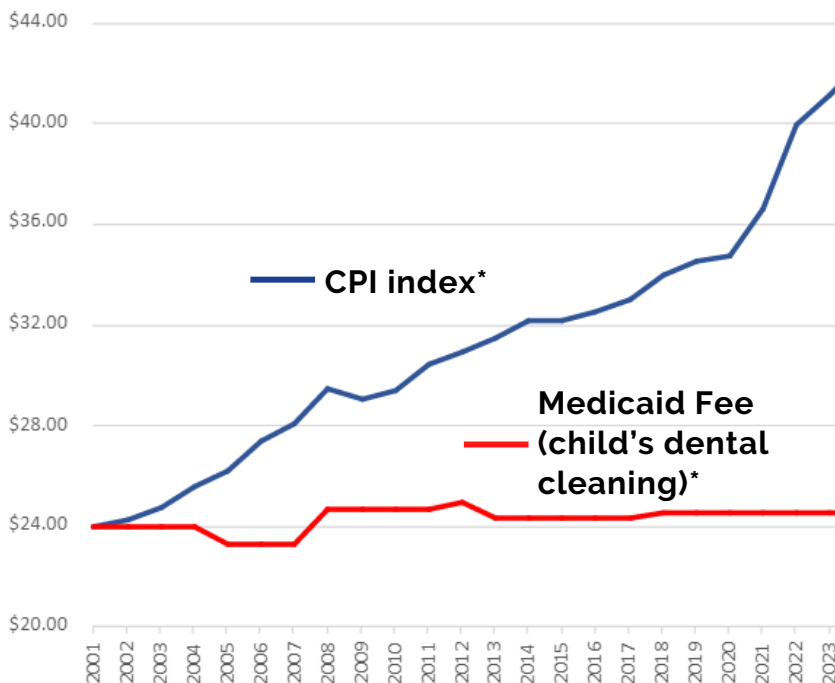
DENTAL ACCESS FOR MEDICAID CHILDREN IN IOWA

320,323
Iowans on DWP Kids
0-167%
of FPL

55,710
Iowa kids on Hawki
168-302%
of FPL

0.6% of the state's Medicaid budget goes into DWP kids.

THE PROBLEM



OVER
20
YEARS

of stagnant Medicaid fees.

- Workforce costs and operation costs continue to rise for dental practices.
- Shortage of dental hygienists and dental assistants in Iowa.
- Decreased provider participation.
- Increased wait times up to a year to receive care.

A SOLUTION

- Align Iowa's DWP Kids reimbursement rates with Hawki dental rates.
- Invest **into the DWP kids program** to ensure Iowa children have access to quality dental care.



"As a provider who saw **12,756 DWP kids patients last year**, the issue is **Medicaid reimbursement rates don't cover the cost of materials and overhead**. Dentists are long overdue for an increase in reimbursement to reflect the actual cost of treating patients."

-Dr. Rachael Revell, West Des Moines pediatric dentist

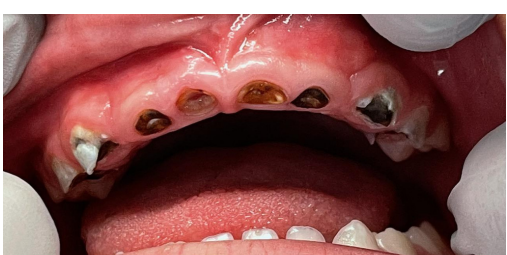
ORAL HEALTH AFFECTS A CHILD'S OVERALL HEALTH



Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease among children in the US. More than 40% of children have decay by the time they reach kindergarten.



4 year old, Fort Dodge.



3 year old, Knoxville.



1 year old, Des Moines.

UNTREATED DENTAL DISEASE IN CHILDREN CAN LEAD TO:



SIGNIFICANT PAIN



DIFFICULT EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (ED) VISITS



MILLIONS OF SCHOOL AND CAREGIVER WORK HOURS LOST EACH YEAR

IMPROVED DENTAL CARE LEADS TO BETTER SOCIAL OUTCOMES INCLUDING:

- fewer absences from school
- improved concentration



- more smiling
- increased social interaction

The sooner children begin receiving regular checkups, the healthier their mouths will stay throughout their entire lives.

ABOUT IDA

The IDA remains committed to working with stakeholders to explore innovative funding solutions for dentists to provide optimal care for all Iowans. 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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