

2025 State Policy Priority Agenda

Expand adult Medicaid

- **Exclude** preventive services like cleanings and oral exams from the \$1,000 **annual benefit cap**.
- **Cover** periodontal treatment and a second annual cleaning for all adults.
- **Raise reimbursement rates** for preventive services to match average commercial rates to encourage provider participation and improve patient access.

Enhance children's oral health

- **Increase** Medicaid reimbursement for preventive treatments like sealants & fluoride varnish.
- **Expand** the Access for Baby Care (ABC) Program to include children up to age 21.
- **Provide** Medicaid dental benefits to all income-eligible residents under 21, regardless of immigration status.

Improve IDD Services

- Offer additional resources for care coordination and training for providers to better serve **individuals with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (IDD)**.

Advocate for a Dental MLR

- Advocate for stronger **Medical Dental Loss Ratio (DLR)** requirements to allocate more insurance premiums to patient care.

Enact workforce shortage solutions

- Address the growing workforce shortage in oral health care by supporting the integration of **dental therapists to expand care access**, particularly in underserved areas.

Protect Community Water Fluoridation

- Defend against any movement to change laws & regulations to reduce **Connecticut's Community Water Fluoridation Policy** to prevent tooth decay and promote oral health for Connecticut residents.

Add adult oral health benefits as EHBs

- **Update Connecticut's ACA benchmark plan** to include adult dental coverage as designated essential health benefits (EHBs), ensuring greater access to oral health care.

Oppose changes to CT's Medicaid model

- **Defend Connecticut's fee-for-service model** to ensure transparency, cost-effectiveness, and quality care for Medicaid enrollees against a change to a managed care program.