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# Dental vs. Medical Visits

According to the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), respondents were much less likely to visit a dentist than a medical provider.

58.7 percent reported at least one dentist visit in the previous 12 months, compared to 72.7 percent of the population who reported at least one medical provider visit.

*Health Status, Health Insurance, and Medical Services Utilization. United States Census Bureau, July 2013.*





# Endodontics Defined

- Endodontics is the branch of dentistry concerning dental pulp and tissues surrounding the roots of a tooth.
- Endodontic procedures, include root canal treatment, endodontic surgery and special procedures to save teeth after traumatic dental injuries.
- Endodontists become specialists by completing two or more years of advanced training in endodontics following dental school.

[Definitions from the American Dental Association \(ADA\) website](#)





# Purpose

- Explore the lack of endodontic providers accepting Medicaid recipients
- Examine issues and causes
- Identify potential solutions

*How can DHCFP ensure available endodontic benefits are accessible?*





# Services are Needed

- Number of requests have increased over a one-year period.
- Dental policy staff is only aware of cases escalated by providers or parents to the Division. It is likely many are not escalated and children suffer.
- Some parents paid providers out of pocket, when they should have been able to get coverage.
- If untreated, children lose teeth.





- Fee-For-Service (FFS) Options
  - Only Option – Non-Emergency Transportation (NET) to Las Vegas
- Dental Benefit Administrator (DBA) options
  - Out-of-Network Providers
  - Single Case Agreements
  - Ability to increase reimbursement beyond the established rate



# Potential Solutions Explored Thus Far

Possible Solution	Issue
Healthy Smile/Healthy Child – providers serve pro bono. Limited capacity	Requires an access fee – DHCFP does not have a mechanism to pay unless providers are enrolled
Federal Qualified Health Centers	Dental services are limited and only offered at three of 40 locations
Contact Endodontists to build FFS network	Policy staff has used provider directories to contact endodontists listed
Offer continuing education unit credit (CEU) for dentists to participate in a vital pulp therapy course	Long term solution for “simple” cases



# Medicaid Reimbursement Rates

Code	NV Rate	NM Rate	OR Rate	UT Rate	WA Rate	WY Rate
D3110	\$25.62	No Fee	\$20.21	No Fee	No Fee	\$24.38
D3120	\$20.50	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee	\$24.38
D3220	\$61.50	\$79.07	\$49.23	\$37.27	\$43.97	\$83.85
D3222	\$65.59	\$79.07	\$49.23	No Fee	No Fee	\$97.50
D3230	\$102.49	No Fee	\$46.92	No Fee	\$69.30	\$36.08
D3240	\$102.49	No Fee	\$46.92	No Fee	\$69.30	\$66.30
D3310	\$205.00	\$301.80	\$147.31	\$232.86	\$395.69	\$490.04
D3320	\$246.00	\$387.61	\$169.14	\$294.94	\$446.12	\$569.55
D3330	\$327.99	\$486.36	\$212.77	\$349.28	\$543.11	\$670.10
D3351	\$82.00	\$38.97	\$109.12	No Fee	\$69.96	\$95.55
D3352	\$82.00	\$38.97	\$54.56	No Fee	\$34.98	\$52.65
D3353	\$163.99	\$38.97	Manual	No Fee	No Fee	\$310.05
D3410	\$143.50	\$269.50	\$157.68	\$176.97	\$353.02	\$229.78
D3421	\$153.74	\$277.30	Manual	\$186.29	No Fee	\$270.23
D3425	\$163.99	\$349.69	No Fee	\$173.88	No Fee	\$296.94
D3426	\$61.50	\$143.67	No Fee	\$74.50	No Fee	\$41.93
D3430	\$61.50	\$124.72	Manual	\$88.50	\$116.38	\$39.00
D3450	\$102.49	\$124.72	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee
D3460	\$317.75	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee
D3920	\$82.00	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee	\$236.19
D3950	\$61.50	No Fee	\$81.83	No Fee	No Fee	\$107.49





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# Next Steps

- Review rates
- Explore managed care contract amendment options





# Questions?





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