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Methodology

Study design:

- Compare dental access between adults with private dental insurance and adults with a dental benefit through Medicaid. Focus on utilization, perceived barriers to care and attitudes toward alternative modes of care delivery.

- 33 states + Washington, D.C. included in study—states where Medicaid offers a comprehensive or limited dental benefit for adults.

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*Margin of Error for Medicaid respondents if +/- 4.76 and for privately insured respondents is +/- 4.87. Margin of error is calculated at the 95% level of confidence.
DENT17. Do you think you would or would not be willing to receive preventive oral care such as a screening or fluoride rinse while seeing another type of medical provider, such as your primary care physician, nurse, or other trained health professional?  Base: Total Answering n=798
Willingness to Receive Preventive Medical Care at a Dental Office

(33 states + D.C.)

- Very willing: 33%
- Somewhat willing: 31%
- Somewhat unwilling: 15%
- Very unwilling: 21%

DENT18. Do you think you would or would not be willing to receive preventive medical care services such as vaccinations or a blood pressure check at the dental office?

Base: Total Answering n=792
Willingness to Receive Treatment from a Dental Therapist  
(33 states + D.C.)

DENT19. I’d like to ask you about dental therapists. These are dental care providers who give routine care, and are similar to physician assistants or nurse practitioners in medicine. They are trained to provide about one-quarter of the procedures that dentists can perform, including drilling and filling cavities and extracting loose, diseased teeth. Several U.S. states have passed laws authorizing them to practice under the supervision of a dentist. Do you think you would or would not be willing to receive treatment from a dental therapist if you needed this type of care?  

**Chart Title**
- **Very willing**: 33%
- **Somewhat willing**: 39%
- **Somewhat unwilling**: 17%
- **Very unwilling**: 11%

**Base**: Total Answering n=805
Dental Utilization
(33 states + D.C. - states w/ adult dental Medicaid benefit)

Respondents who did NOT receive dental care in previous year

53% Medicaid

36% Private Insurance

DENT6. And when were you a patient most recently? Was it...? Base: Total Respondents n=828
Barriers to Care
(33 states + D.C. - states w/ adult dental Medicaid benefit)

Reported 1 or more delivery-system barriers that prevented them from seeing a dentist when they needed care. Barriers asked:

- Couldn’t find a dentist that would accept my insurance
- A dentist who would see me was too far away
- Too long a wait time for a dentist who would see me
- Couldn’t get time off from work to see the dentist
- Had no transportation to get to the dentist

DENT13b-e/g. During this time did any of the following problems prevent you from visiting a dentist at the time you needed care? Base: Total Respondents n=828
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