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# Pew-Harvard Consumer Survey: Alternative Medical/Dental Delivery Methods

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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.*

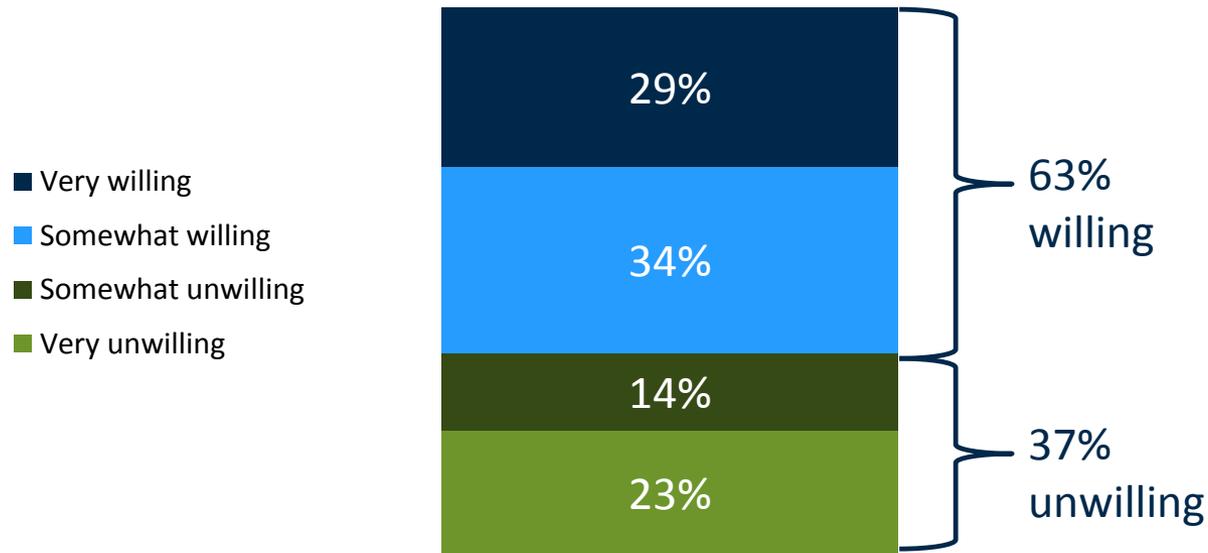
	Total Interviews
Medicaid	423
Private Insurance	405

+States Included: Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming

\*Margin of Error for Medicaid respondents is +/- 4.76 and for privately insured respondents is +/- 4.87. Margin of error is calculated at the 95% level of confidence.

# Willingness to Receive Preventive Oral Care While Seeing A Medical Provider

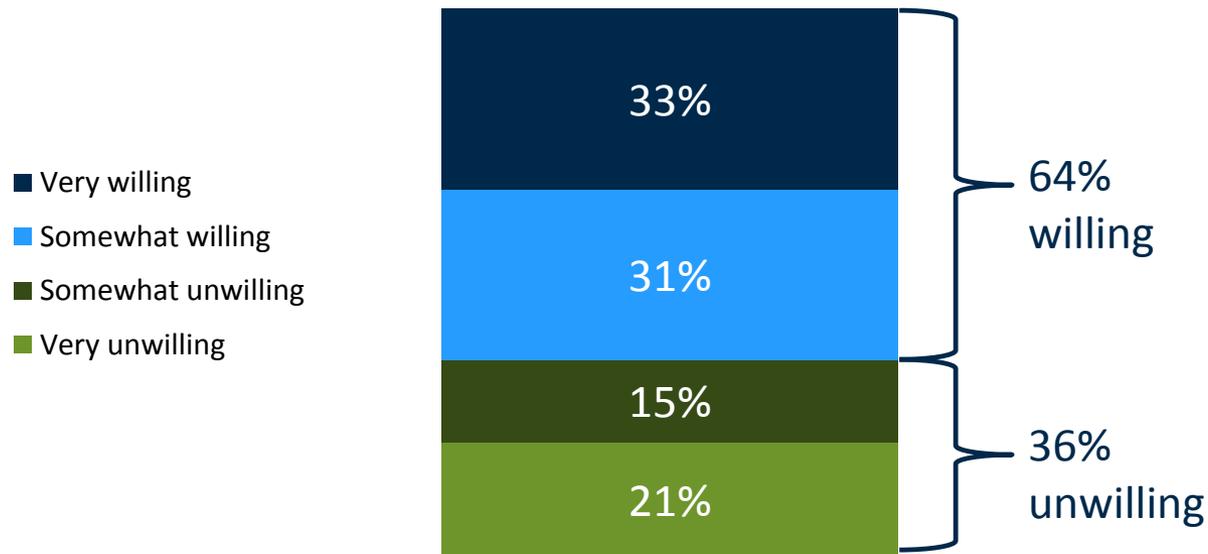
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DENT17. Do you think you would or would not be willing to receive preventive oral care such as a screening or fluoride rinse while seeing another type of medical provider, such as your primary care physician, nurse, or other trained health professional? Base: Total Answering n=798

# Willingness to Receive Preventive Medical Care at a Dental Office

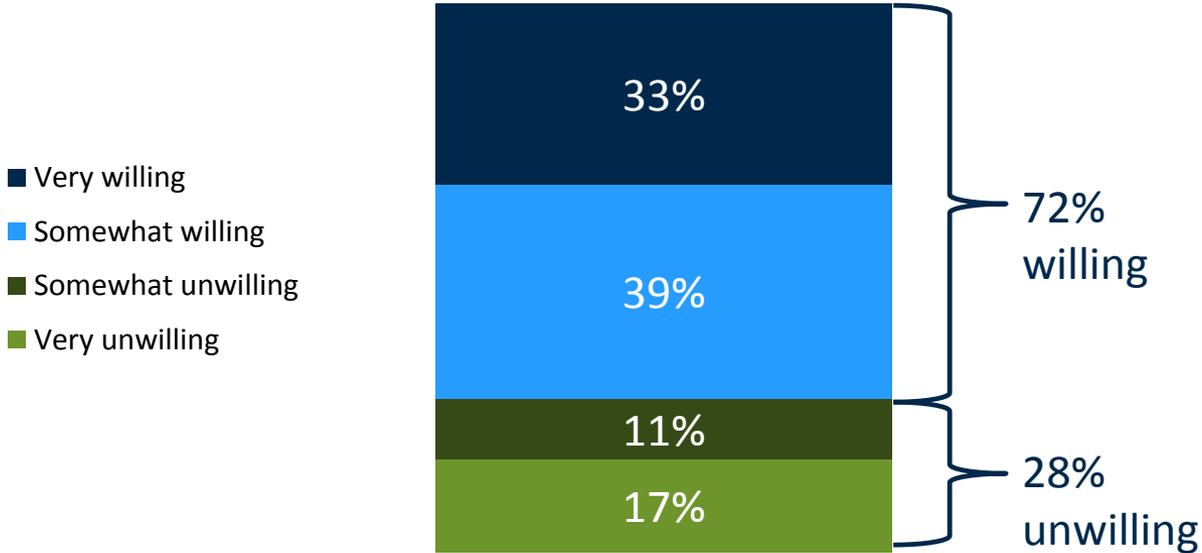
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DENT18. Do you think you would or would not be willing to receive preventive medical care services such as vaccinations or a blood pressure check at the dental office?  
Base: Total Answering n=792

# Willingness to Receive Treatment from a Dental Therapist

(33 states + D.C.)



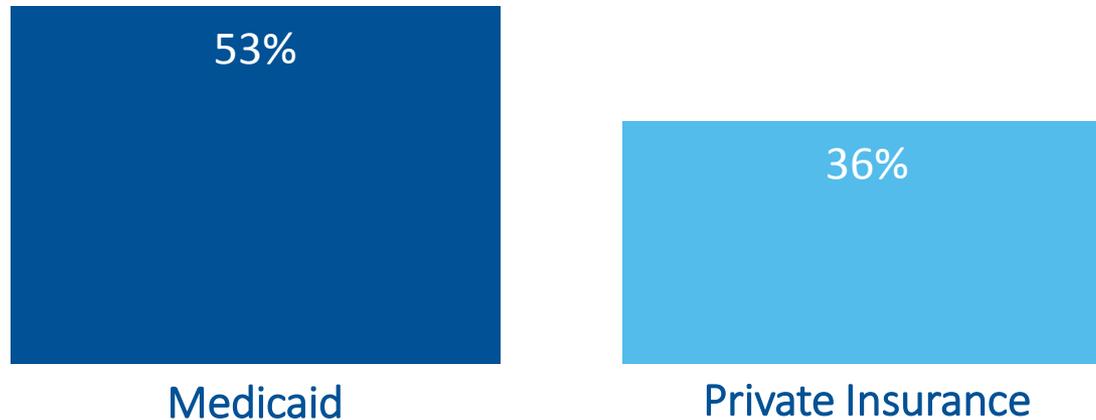
DENT19. I'd like to ask you about dental therapists. These are dental care providers who give routine care, and are similar to physician assistants or nurse practitioners in medicine. They are trained to provide about one-quarter of the procedures that dentists can perform, including drilling and filling 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? 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



DENT6. And when were you a patient most recently? Was it...? Base: Total Respondents n=828

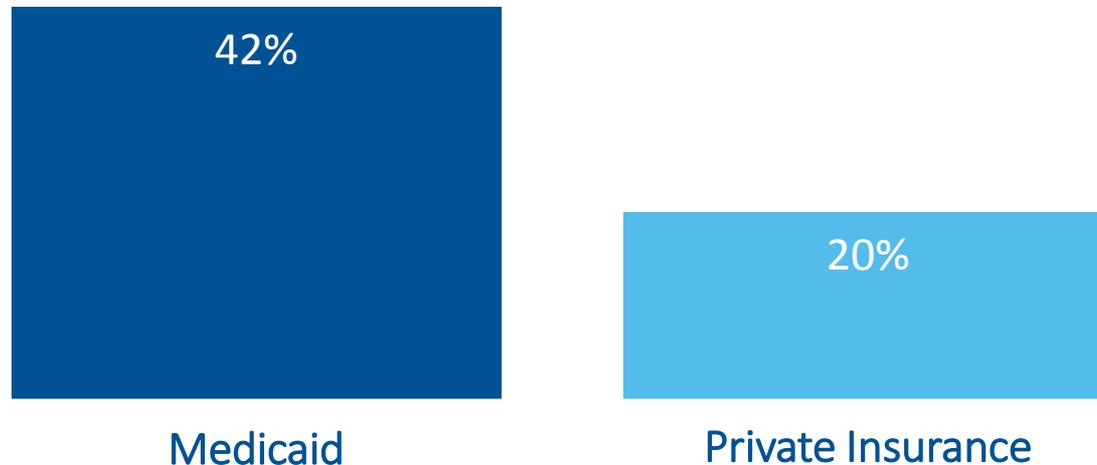
# Barriers to Care

(33 states + D.C. - states w/ adult dental Medicaid benefit )

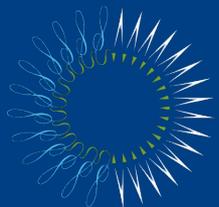


Reported 1 or more delivery-system barriers that prevented them from seeing a dentist when they needed care. Barriers asked:

- *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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