

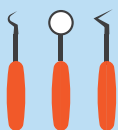
# ORAL HEALTH IN MICHIGAN

Despite efforts, significant needs exist

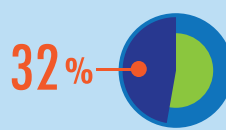
## Fewer Michigan residents are receiving dental care



Adults **not visiting** a dentist in the prior year **increased 14%** from 2010 to 2014



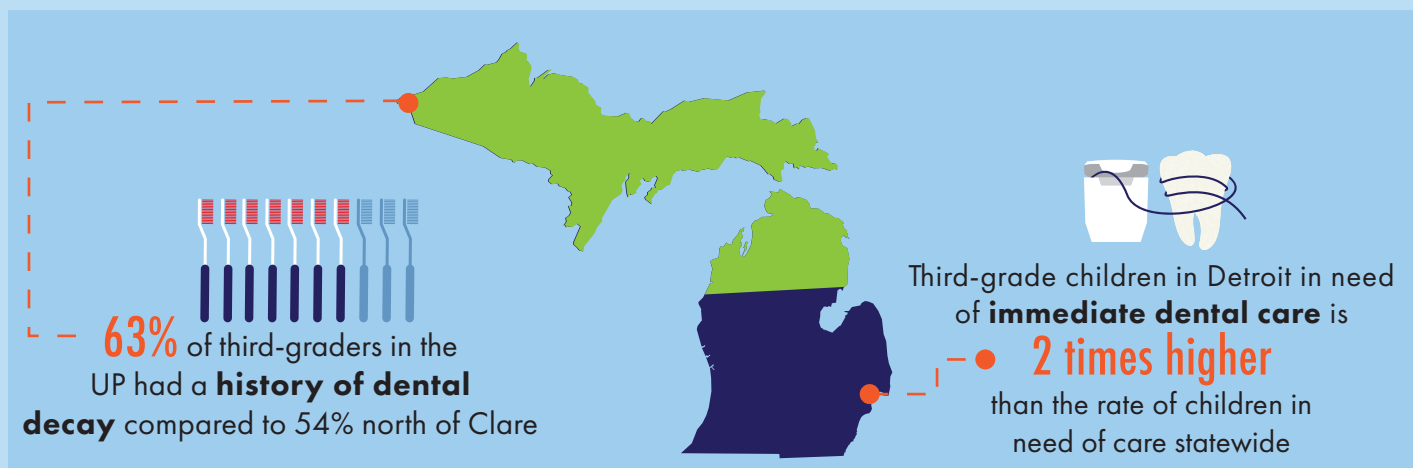
**Preventable dental care** provided to children in operating room visits cost **\$7.9 million** in 2011



of Michigan's residents **lacked dental insurance** in 2015



**1 in 4** third graders had **untreated dental disease**



## Seniors, pregnant women, low-income children and other special populations are at risk for poor oral health outcomes



**More than one-third** of all Michigan seniors have **lost six or more natural teeth** due to tooth decay or gum disease.



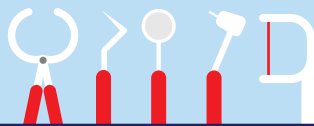
**Approximately 50%** of children covered by Medicaid and Healthy Kids Dental **did not receive dental services** in 2016



**Half** of new mothers in 2014 **did not receive a preventive dental visit** during their pregnancy



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# Improve access to dental care in Michigan

This common sense, cost-effective legislation will enable dentists to delegate routine procedures to dental therapists working under their supervision and allow dentists to focus their time and skills on more complicated, revenue generating procedures.

## Senate Bill 541 will:

**Provide** opportunities for previously underserved populations, many in rural areas, to gain access to routine dental care

**Allow** new providers to perform routine dental care: assessments, simple cavity preparation, restoration, simple extraction

**Require** practice under supervision of a dentist with detailed collaborative practice agreements

**Create** opportunities for dentists to grow their practices and reach more patients

**Establish** opportunities for dental professionals to continue their education, expand their skill set and grow their careers

**Include** direct referrals to supervising dentist; creating an ongoing relationship between patients and dental care providers

**Focus** the new workforce on our greatest access challenges, allowing increased capacity in safety net clinics and dental shortage areas

**Ensure** in all practice settings these new providers treat uninsured and Medicaid-insured patients

There is at least one **dental shortage area** in 77 of Michigan's 83 counties



■ Dental Shortage Area



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