


 DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE 

Maryland Oral Health Program
*Update to the Maryland Medicaid Advisory
Committee*

Tricia Roddy
November 20, 2014



1

 DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE 

Overview of Oral Health Legislative
Report

- Part 1: Accomplishments of Oral Health Safety Net Program
- Part 2: Progress Made by Office of Oral Health Oral Cancer Mortality Prevention Initiative
- Part 3: Provider Availability, Utilization, and Funding for Dental Services under Medicaid Program



2

 DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE 

Medicaid Dental Care Access

- Medicaid funding for children and pregnant women has increased in recent years
 - Medicaid delivered oral health services to ~394,000 adults and children in 2013
 - Increased utilization due to improved outreach activities and increased participating providers

3

 DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE 

Dental Fee Increase

- FY 2015 budget includes \$2.2 million (total funds) to increase Medicaid dental fees
- Increase will go into effect as of January 1, 2015
- Department worked with a group of providers to determine the codes to target for an increase

4



Dental Facility Fee for Ambulatory Surgical Centers

- Medicaid expects to soon begin paying facility fees for dental services provided in ambulatory surgical centers
- Pending approval of regulations

5



Dentist Enrollment in Healthy Smiles

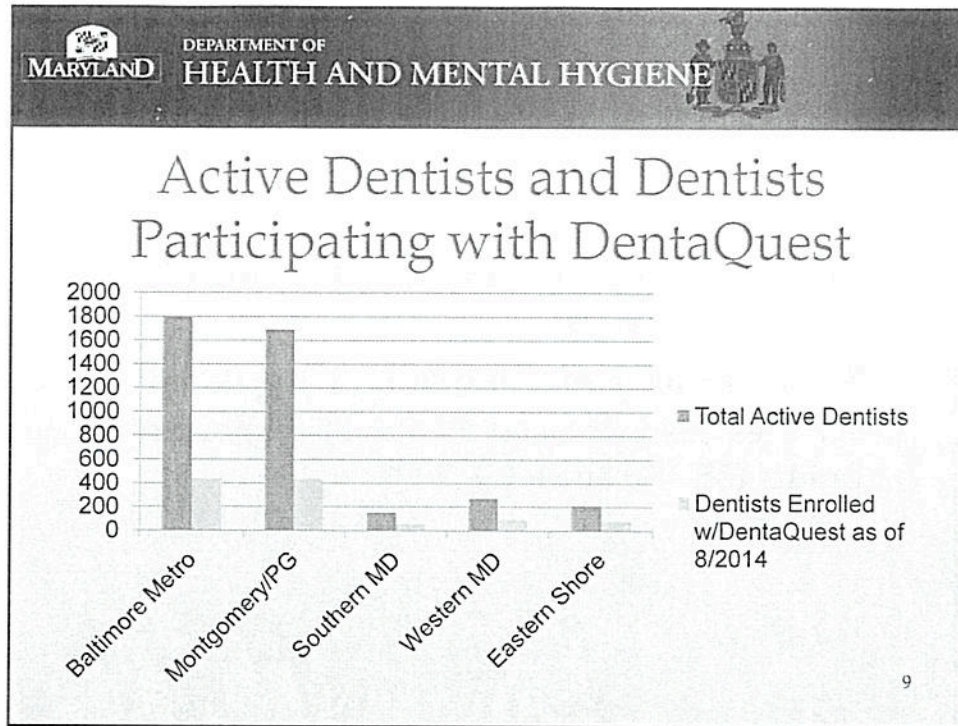
- As of August 2014, 1,354 individual providers were enrolled with DentaQuest
- Dentist-to-child ratio of 1:489



MARYLAND		DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE			
Dentists Participating in DentaQuest					
Regions	8/09	8/11	8/12	8/13	8/14
Baltimore Metro	242	410	384	408	437
Montgomery/PG	208	365	358	374	435
Southern MD	29	51	49	51	55
Western MD	65	128	94	91	92
Eastern Shore	43	84	68	77	81
MD Bordering States	62	152	362	370	254
Unduplicated Total	649	1,190	1,315	1,371	1,354

7

MARYLAND		DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE		
Active Dentists and Dentists Participating with DentaQuest				
Region	Total Active Dentists June 2014	Active Pediatric Dentists June 2014	Dentists Enrolled w/DentaQuest as of Aug. 2014 (% of Total Active)	
Baltimore Metro	1,796	48	437 (24.3%)	
Montgomery/PG	1,690	41	435 (25.7%)	
Southern MD	152	3	55 (36.2%)	
Western MD	272	7	92 (33.8%)	
Eastern Shore	213	4	81 (38.0%)	
Out of State	--	--	254	
TOTAL	4,123	103	1,354 (32.8%)	





 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas

- The Health Resources Services Administration has designated areas of the Eastern Shore, Western Maryland, Southern Maryland and Baltimore City as having shortages
- Through direct clinical, school-based or -linked, local health department and FQHC arrangements, all Maryland jurisdictions now have access to low-cost dental services

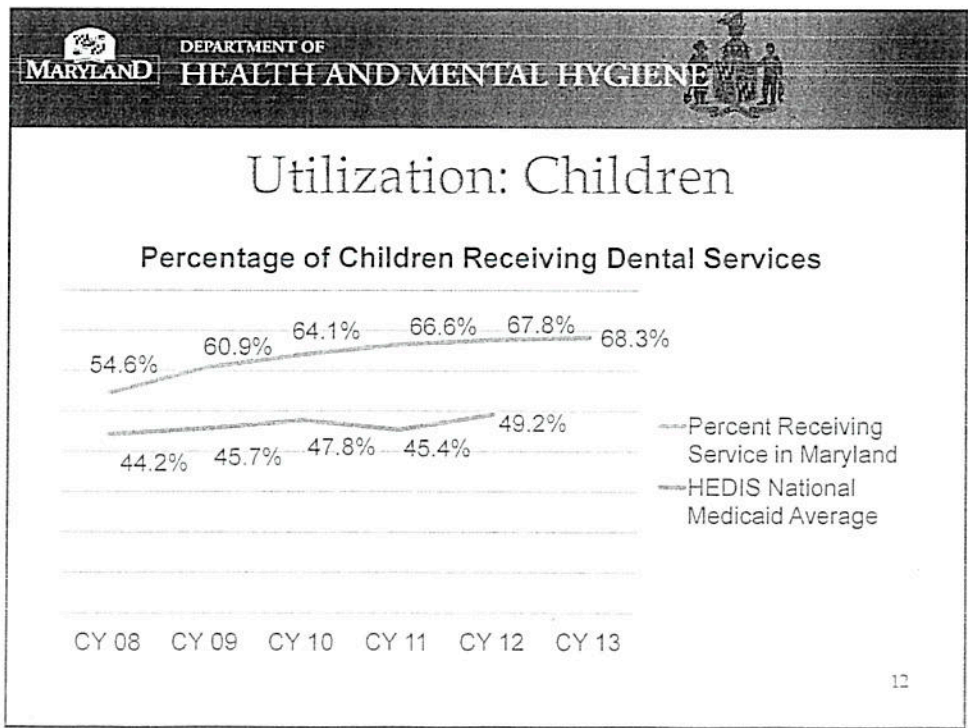
10

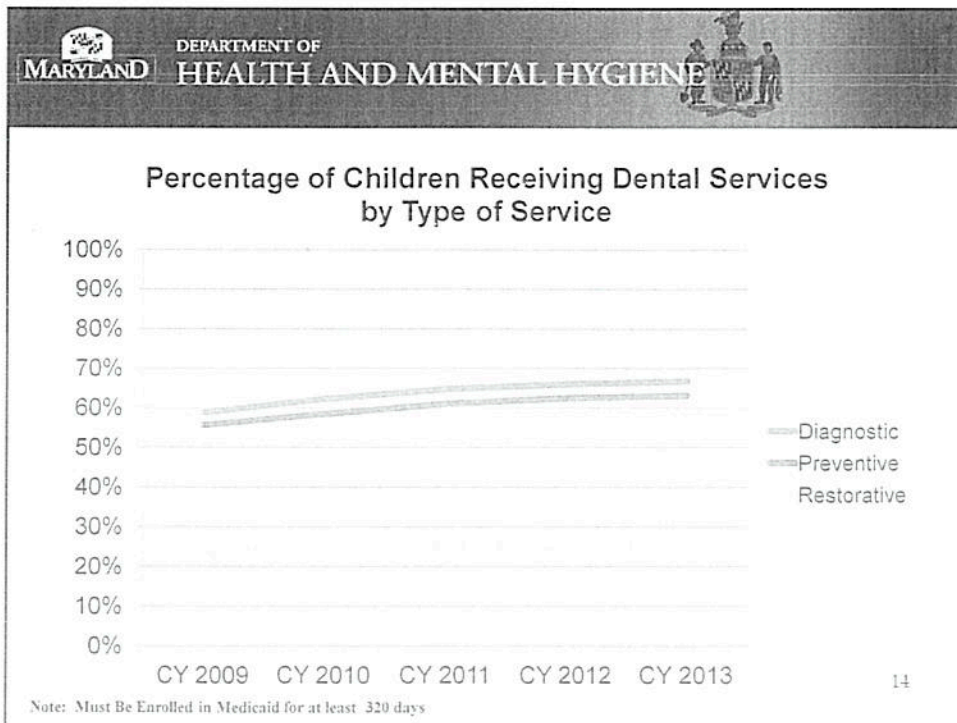
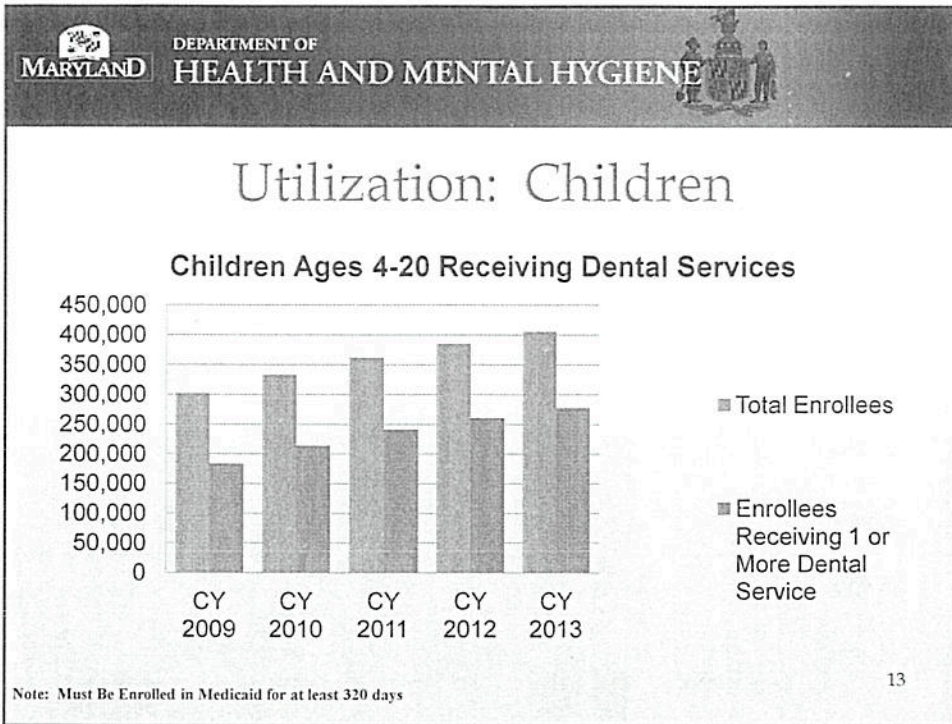

 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

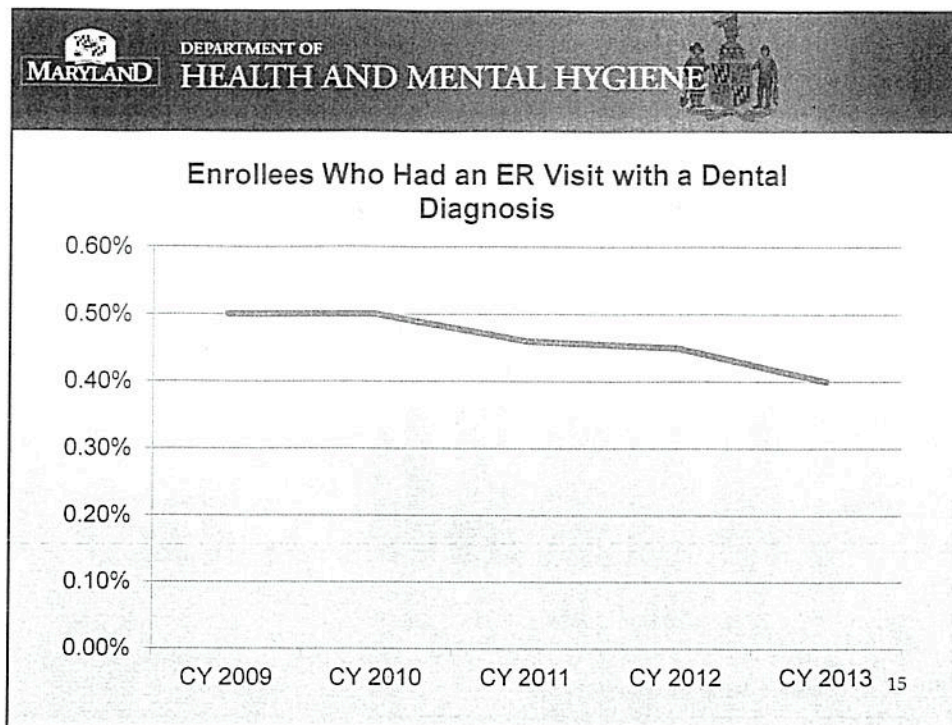
Utilization: Children

- Mandated under EPSDT requirements for children under 21
- The percentage of children utilizing dental services has increased by almost 14 percentage points (68.3%) since CY 2008

11



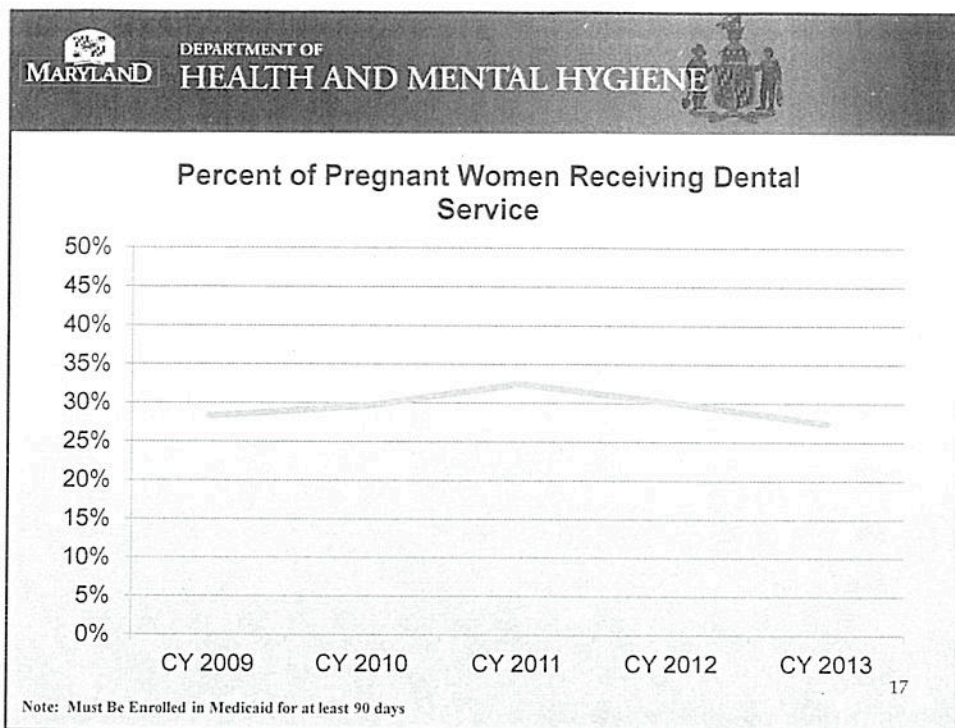




Utilization: Pregnant Women

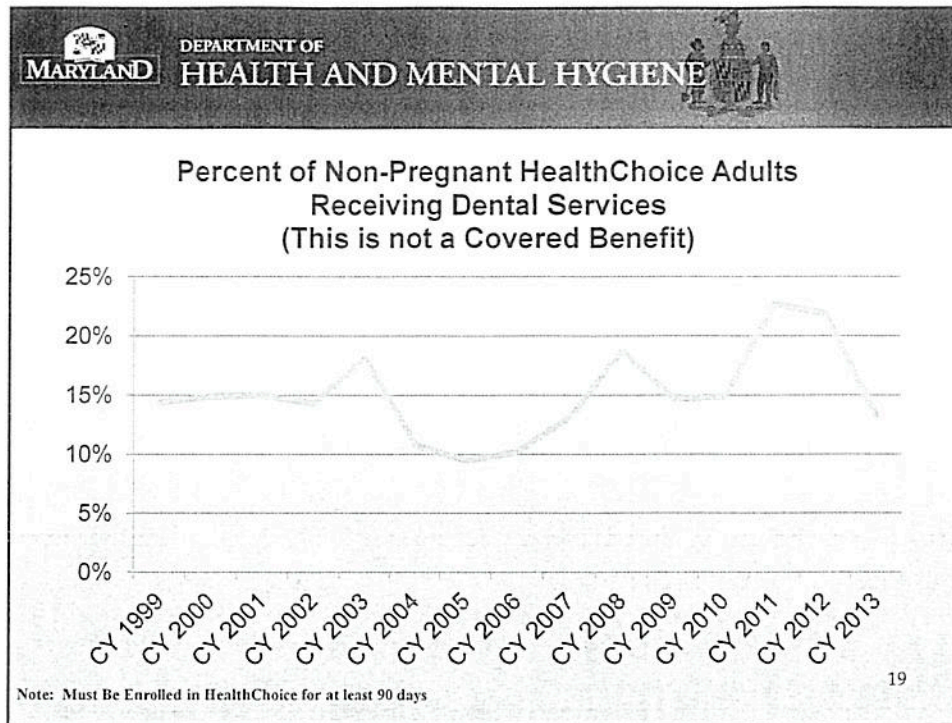
- Maryland Senate Bill 590 (1998) required HealthChoice to cover dental services for pregnant women
- The percentage of pregnant women receiving a dental service in 2013 decreased from 30.7% to 28.1%
- The Department is investigating if changes in prenatal care have contributed to this decrease

16



Utilization: Non-Pregnant Adults

- Adult dental services are not included in the capitation rates for either the MCOs or the dental ASO
- As of August 2014, all HealthChoice MCOs provide limited dental services to this population
- Benefits vary by MCO and include a combination of semi-annual oral exams and cleanings; x-rays; fillings and extractions

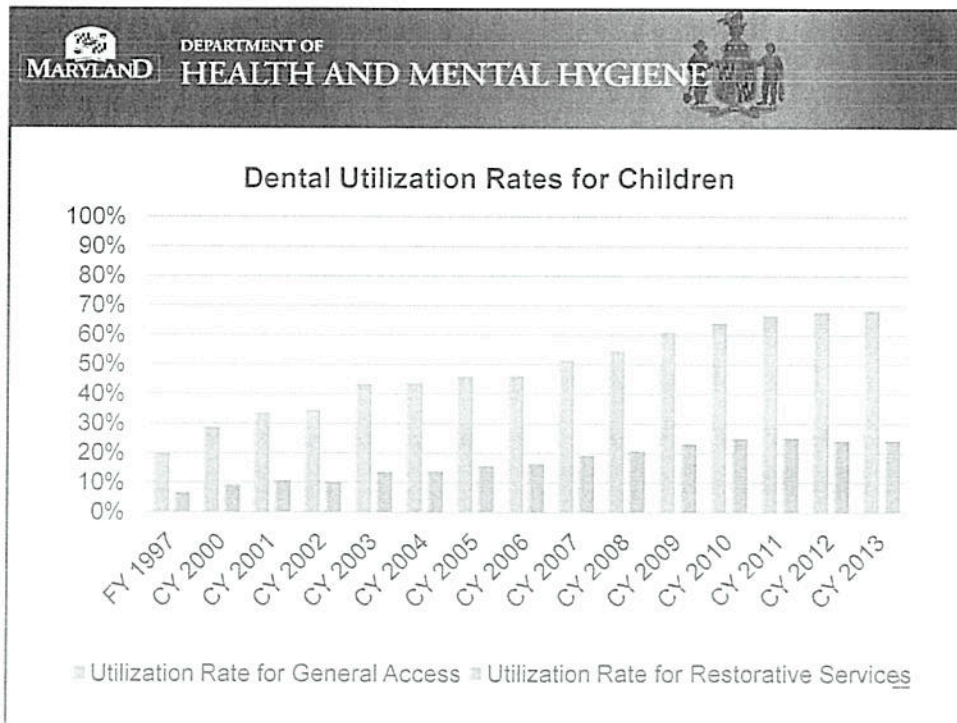
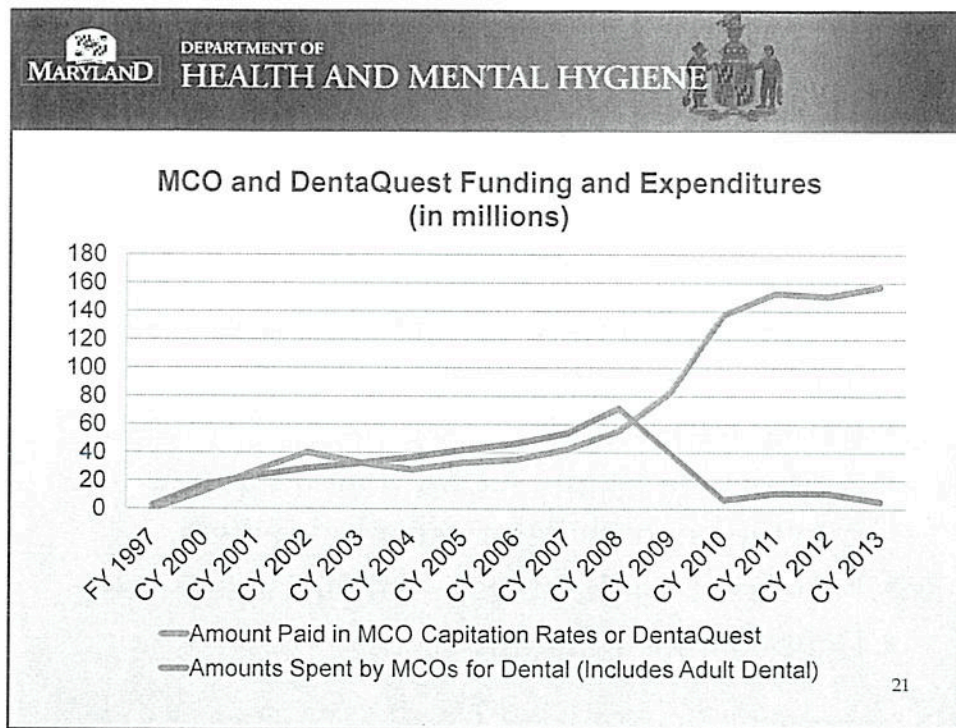




DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

Innovating to Improve Access to Dental Care

- Dental Home program
 - Acute care and preventive services
 - Comprehensive assessment for oral diseases and conditions
 - Individualized preventive dental health program
 - Guidance on growth and development
 - Instruction on proper tooth care and diet
 - Referrals to dental specialists, if needed
- Implemented statewide in December 2013 for children under 21 and REM participants over 21

20





 DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE 

Conclusion: Further Increasing Access

- Continued efforts to increase the number of dental service providers
- Dental fee increase
- Approval of facility fee for dental services provided in ambulatory surgical centers
- Focus on Health Professional Shortage Areas
- Dental Home program

23

 DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE 

Questions

- Tricia Roddy, Director, Planning Administration
 - Tricia.Roddy@maryland.gov
- Harry Goodman, Director, Office of Oral Health
 - Harry.Goodman@maryland.gov

24

Proposed Option for Increasing Medicaid Dental Fees for 2015

Procedure Code	Description	Current Medicaid Dental Fees	Benchmark Fee: Median ADA Fee	New Fee: 50% of Benchmark Fee	Old Fee as % of Benchmark Fee	New Fee as % of Benchmark Fee
D1330	ORAL HYGIENE INSTRUCTIONS	\$0.00	\$16	\$6.00	0%	38%
D2940	FILLINGS (SEDATIVE)	\$18.00	\$100	\$50.00	18%	50%
D3120	PULP CAP INDIRECT	\$15.00	\$70	\$35.00	21%	50%
D9941	ATHLETIC MOUTHGUARD	\$40.00	\$206	\$103.00	19%	50%