

# Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee

## Presentation on Maryland's 2015 Annual Oral Health Legislative Report

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# Maryland Medicaid's Dental Program:

## Overview

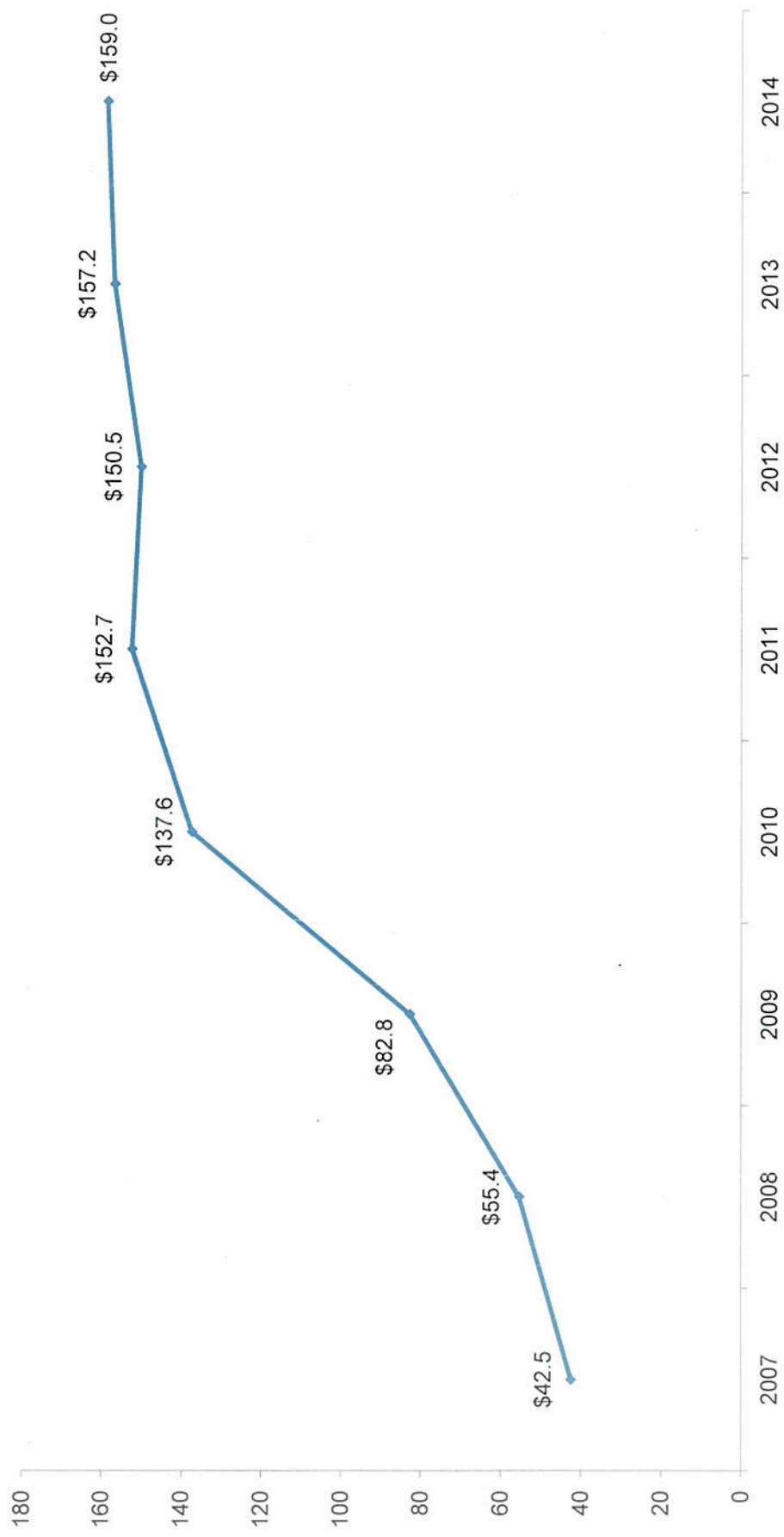
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- Maryland Medicaid's Dental Program is called Maryland Healthy Smiles (MHSDP)
- MHSDP serves pregnant women and children enrolled in Medicaid, as well as adults in the Rare and Expensive Case Management Program (REM).
- 710,000 individuals were eligible for dental services through MHSDP in 2014
- In Dec 2013, Medicaid implemented its Dental Home Pilot statewide.
- All participants are assigned a Dental Home upon enrollment in MHSDP.

Maryland Medicaid spending on dental has increased dramatically since 2007, totaling \$159 million in 2014.

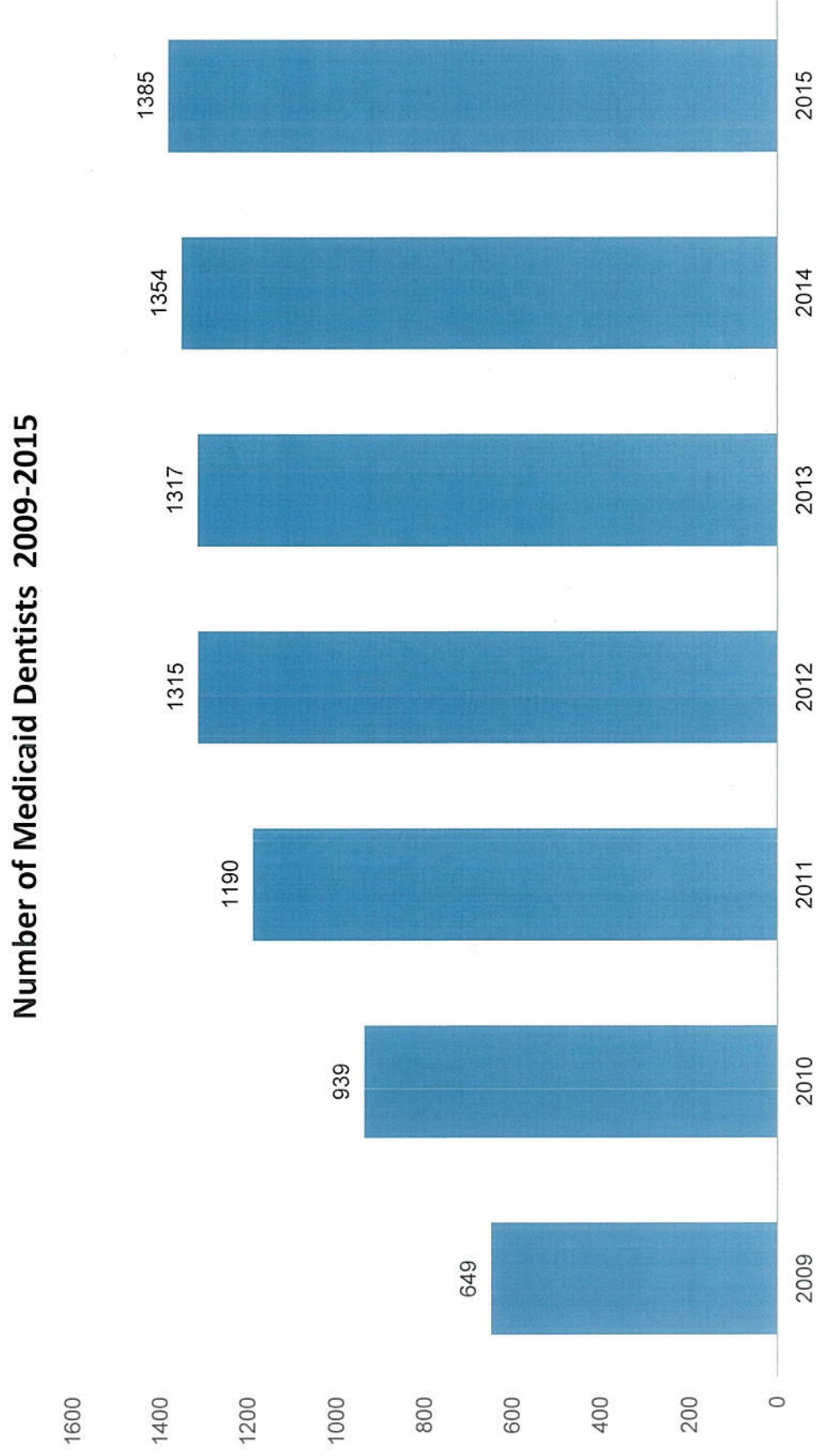
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**Medicaid Dental Expenditures (millions) 2007-2014**



The number of dentists serving Medicaid patients has been increasing since 2009 as Maryland has been working to improve access to dental care.

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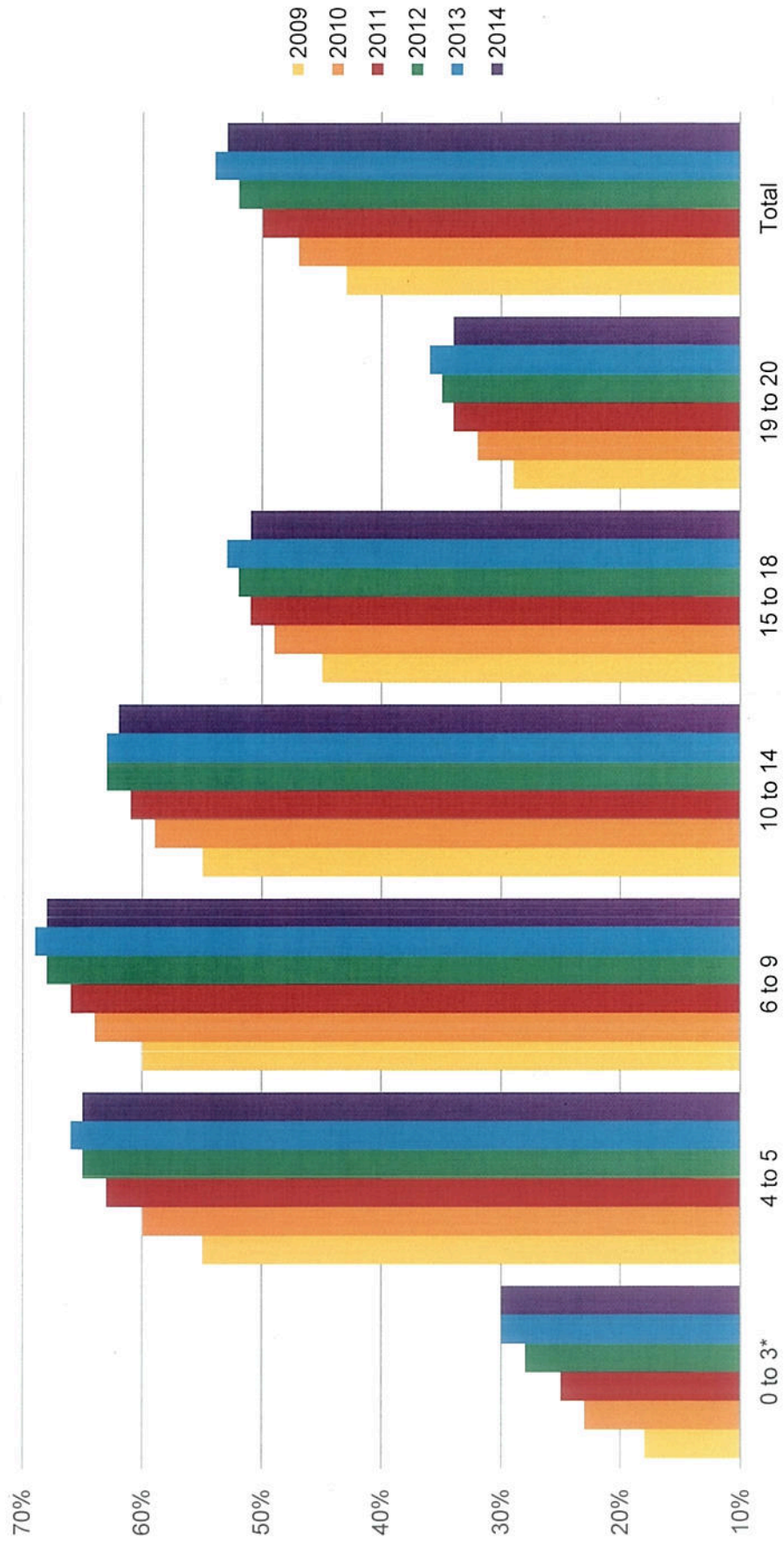


The temporary drop in Medicaid dentists 2009 was due to the transition from managed care to fee-for-service reimbursement for dental services



The total percentage of children enrolled in Medicaid who had at least one dental encounter has increased by 10% since 2009.

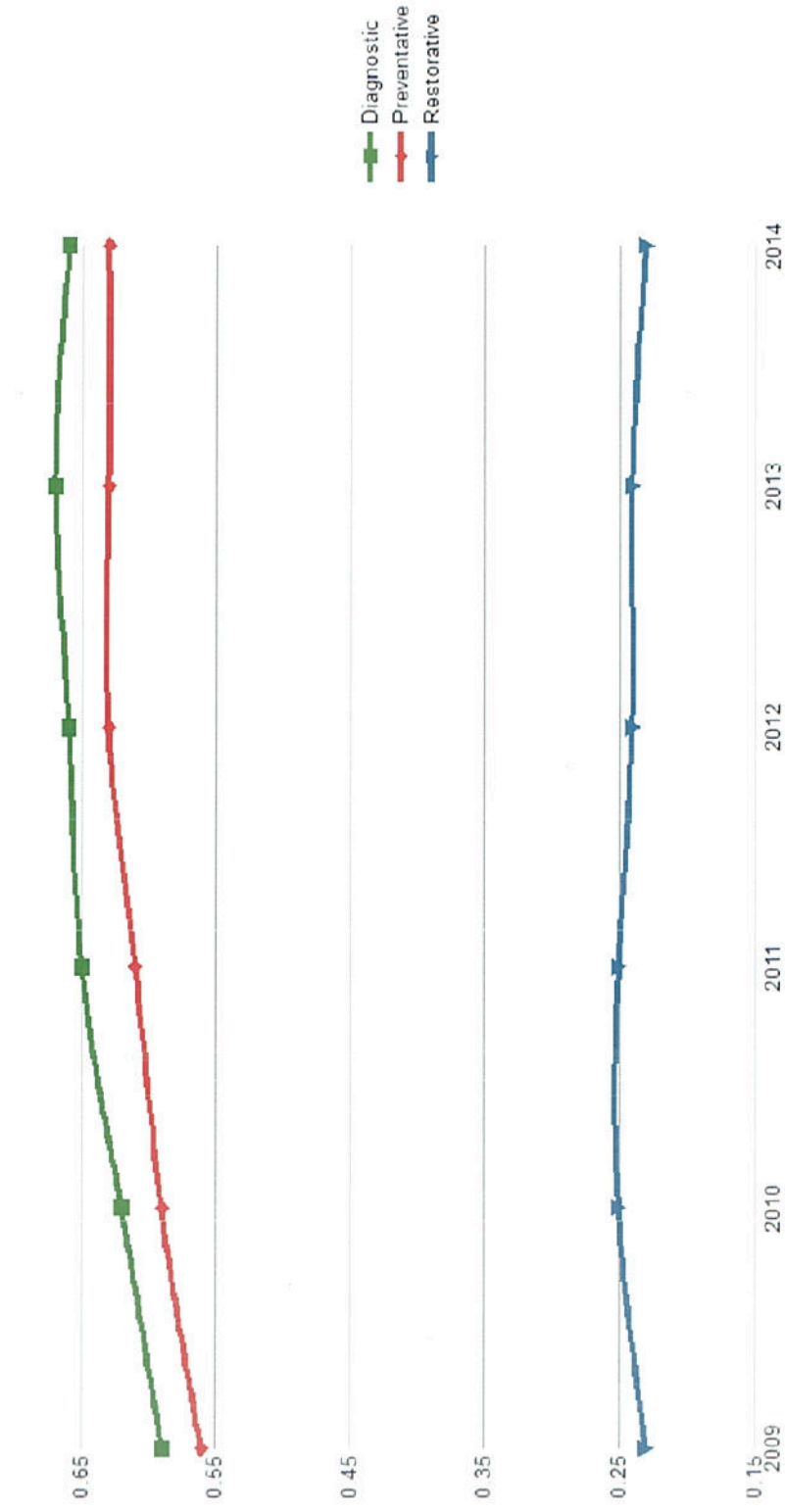
Percentage of Children who had at Least One Dental Encounter by Age Group Enrolled for Any Period, 2009-2014



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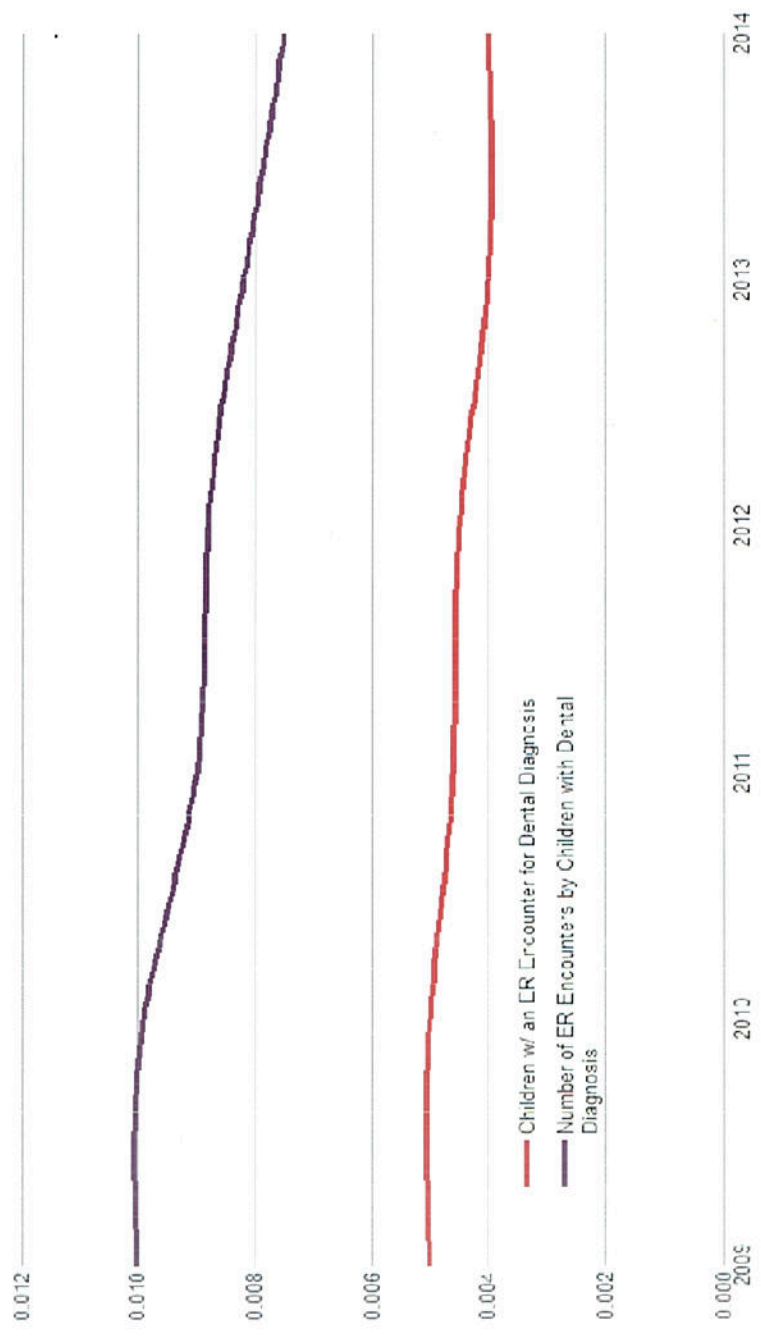
The total percentage of children enrolled in Medicaid who received diagnostic or preventative treatments in 2014 rose 7.4% and 6.9%, respectively, since 2009.

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The percentage of children with ER visits relative to the total Medicaid population eligible for dental services remains at less than one percent.

Emergency Room Visits with a Dental Diagnosis by Children Enrolled for any Period in Medicaid  
2009-2014



# Maryland Medicaid's Dental Program: A National Perspective

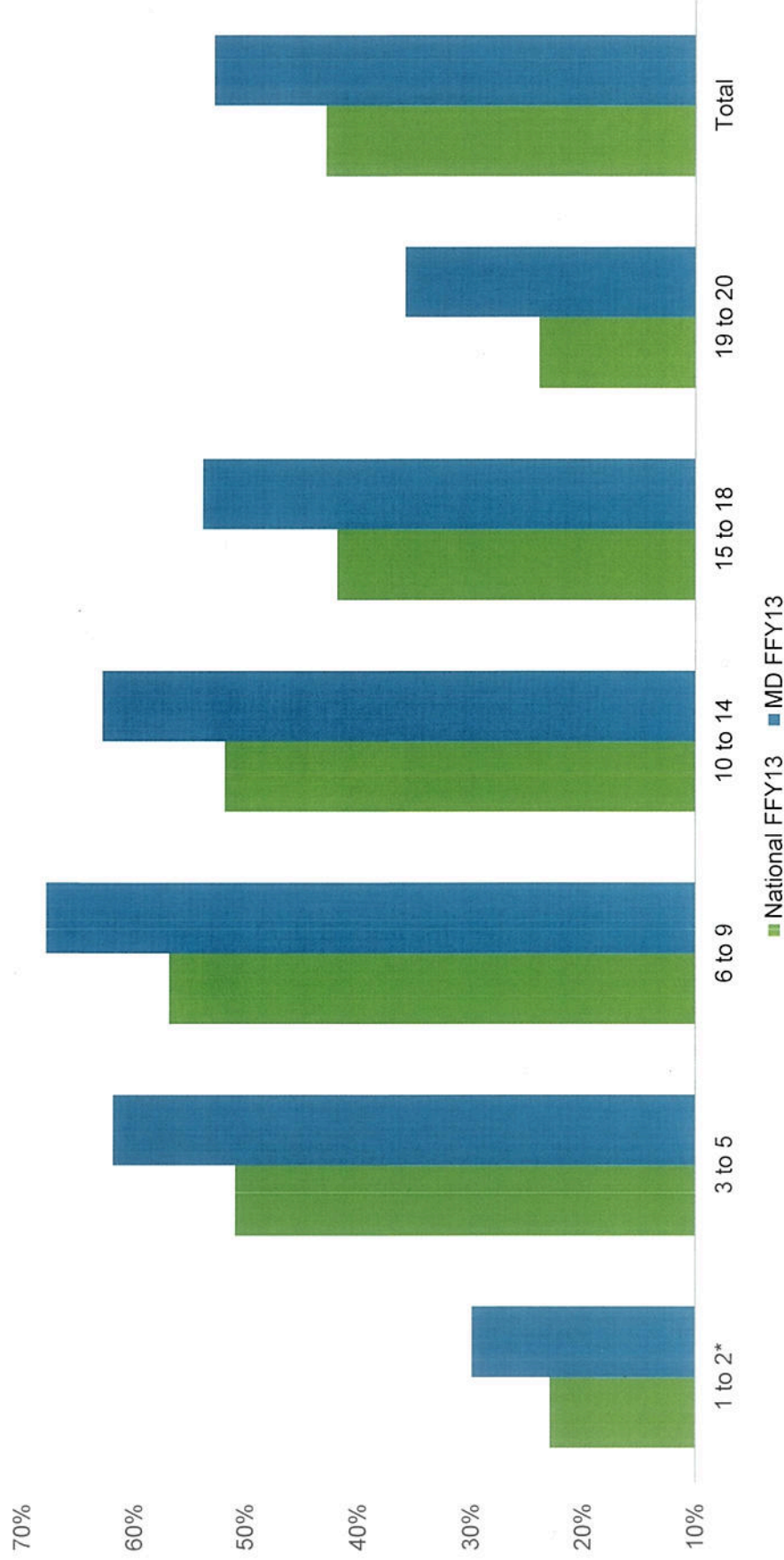
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- In recent years, MD has been recognized by CMS, the Pew Center, and others as a national leader in access to oral health services.
- The Health Policy Institute found that from 2005 to 2013 the dental utilization gap between privately ensured children and those enrolled in Medicaid narrowed by over 80 percent in Maryland; the seventh largest decrease reported.
- CMS Annual EPSDT Report for FFY 2013 & 2014 demonstrates that dental utilization for children in MD continues to outpace the national average.
- In 2014, 67.7% of children enrolled in Medicaid for at least 320 days received dental care, which is considerably higher than the national HEDIS® mean.



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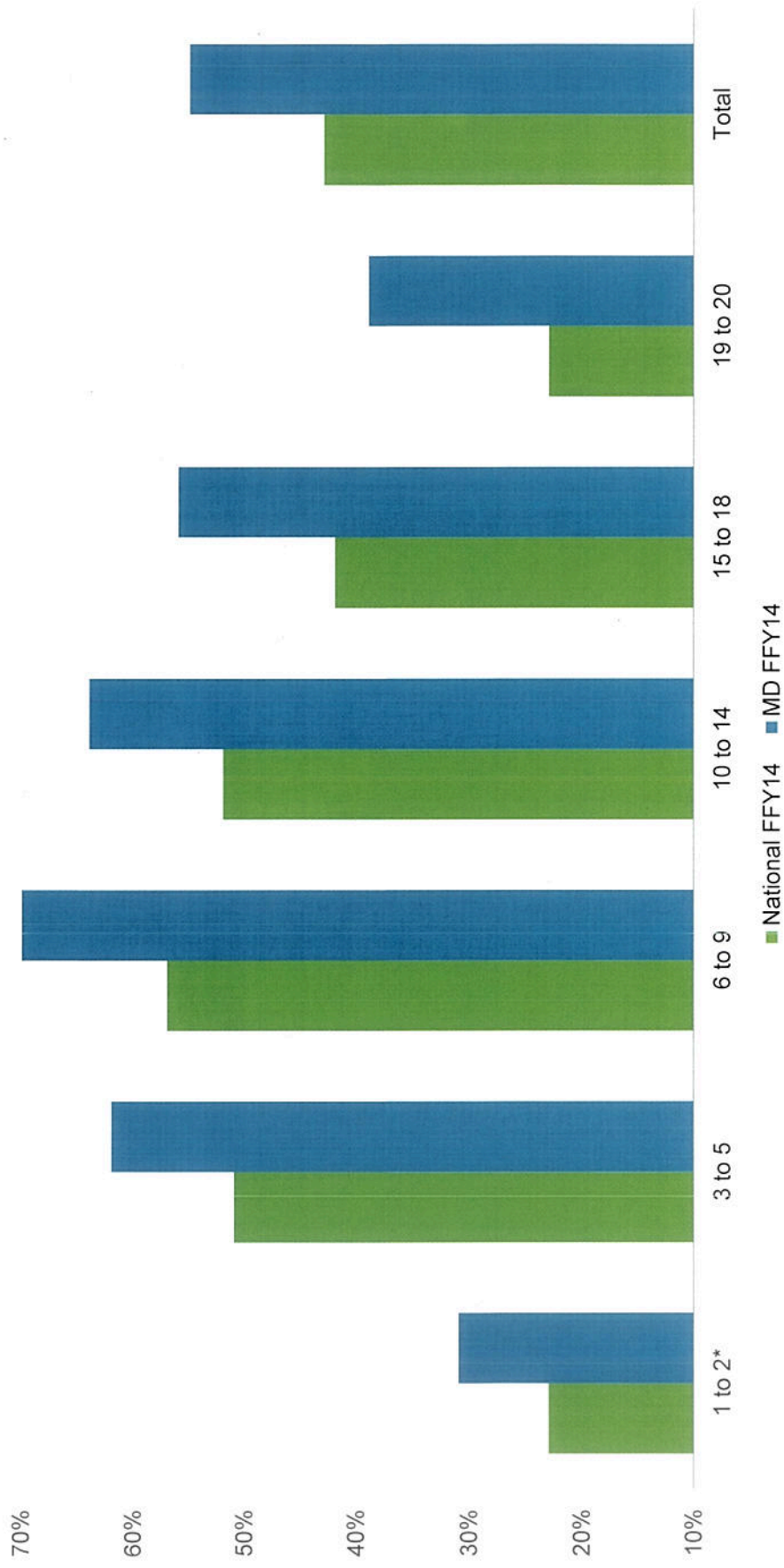
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In FFY'14, the percentage of Maryland children enrolled in Medicaid who had at least one dental encounter outperformed the National average across all age groups.

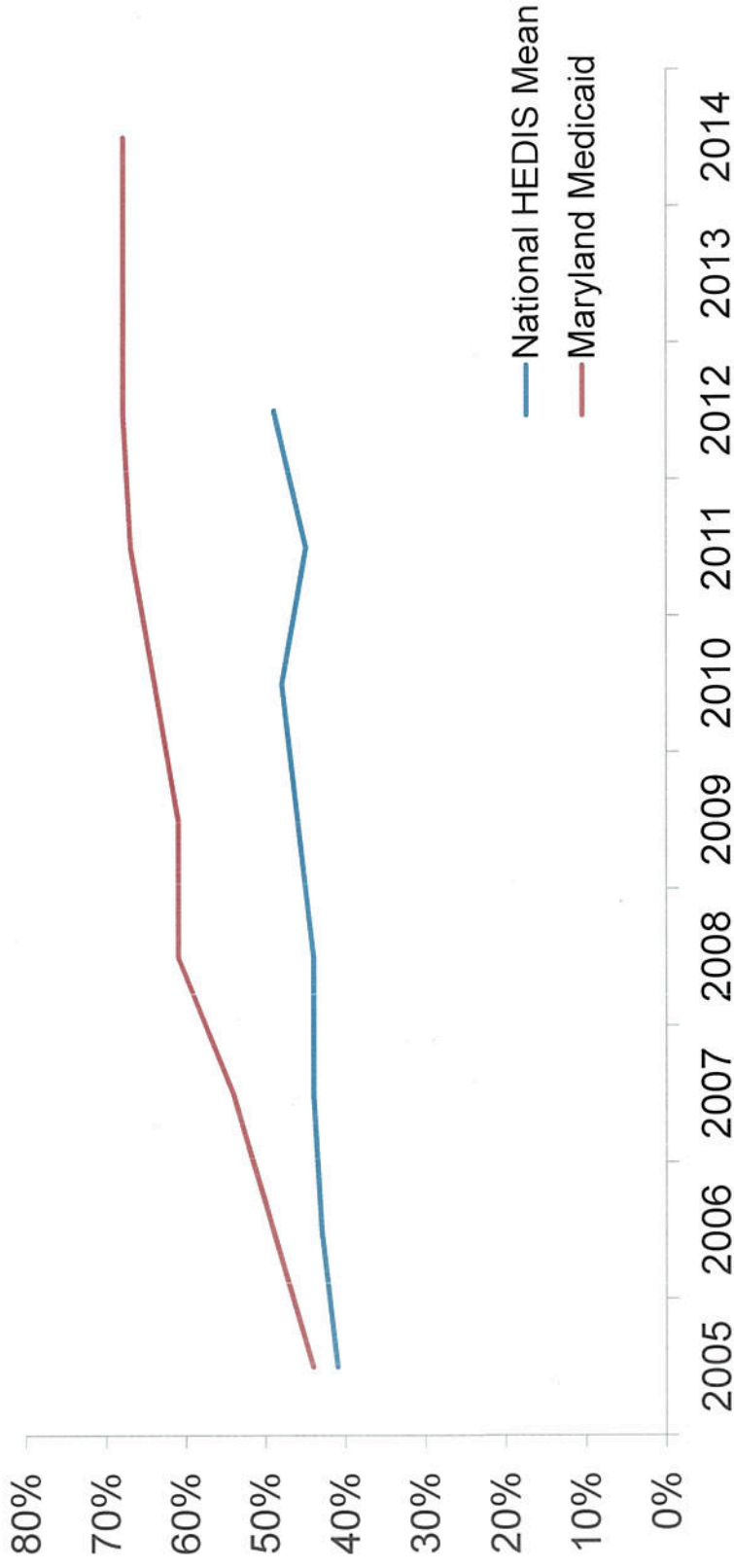
Percentage of Children who had at Least One Dental Encounter by Age Group Enrolled for Any Period, FFY14



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Maryland continues to perform above the national HEDIS average for children's dental services utilization at 67.7% in 2014, significantly higher than the 2013 HEDIS average

Number of Children Receiving Dental Services Children Ages 4-20, Enrolled for at Least 320 Days in Medicaid & HEDIS 2005-2014



\* The HEDIS average for 2014 is not yet available.



# Maryland Medicaid's Dental Program: Pregnant Women and Adults (ages 21-64)

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- In 2014, Over 30,000 Pregnant Women (ages 14+) were eligible to receive dental services through the MHSDP with approximately 27% receiving at least one dental service in 2014.
- In 2014, Medicaid eligibility in Maryland was expanded for low-income families and adults under age 65.
- The number of adults enrolled in HealthChoice for at least 90 days, nearly doubled in 2014; from 248,000 to 486,000 participants.
- While adults are, generally, not eligible to receive dental benefits through MHSDP, 7 of Maryland's MCOs do offer a limited dental benefit to adult participants.
- In 2014, MCOs paid \$16.5 M to cover dental services for 66,000 adult HealthChoice participants.



# Maryland Medicaid's Dental Program: Looking Forward

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- In January 2016, Scion Dental replaced DentaQuest as the State's single dental ASO, responsible for all dental services for children, pregnant women, and REM program adults.
- Scion has proposed a comprehensive provider outreach program to encourage non-participating dentists to participate with Medicaid.