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Access to Covered Dental Benefits for Adult Medicaid Beneficiaries

Panel Discussion

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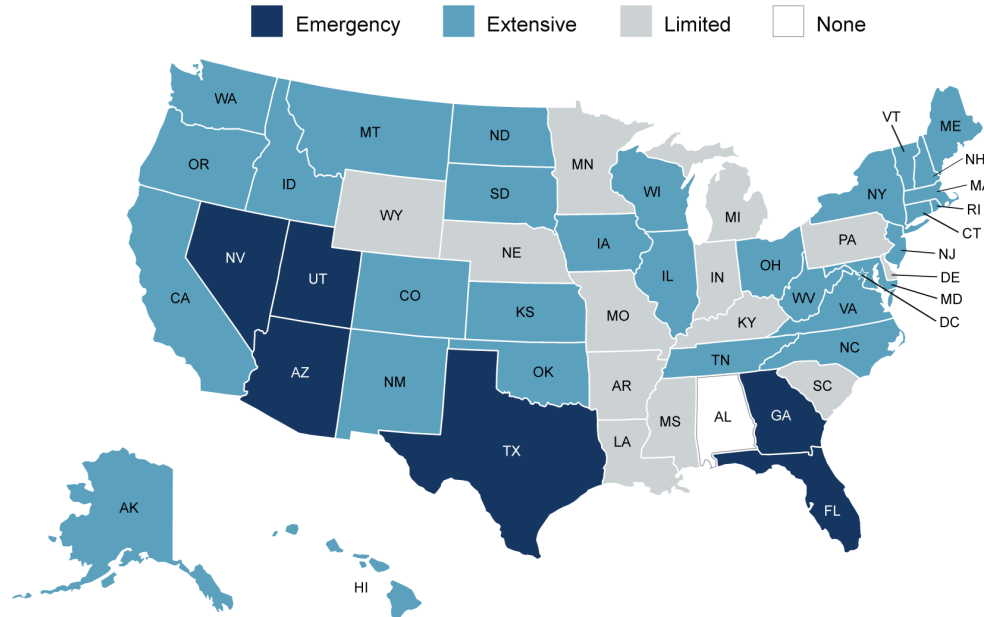
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Overview

- Background on adult dental in Medicaid
- Moderated panel discussion
- Panel and Commissioner Q&A



State Medicaid Coverage for Adult Dental Services



As of January 2023

Access and Utilization of Dental Care

- Compared to those with private insurance, Medicaid adult enrollees are:
 - less likely to have had a dental exam
 - more likely to delay dental care
 - more likely to not receive needed dental care due to cost
- There are racial and ethnic disparities in oral health care access and outcomes

State Approaches to Providing Dental Care

- Medicaid delivery systems for dental services for adults include:
 - fee-for-service
 - carve ins to medical managed care organizations (MCOs)
 - carve outs from the MCO
- Some states use waiver authorities, such as 1115 waivers or 1915(c) waivers, to provide dental benefits for certain high need populations
- Examples of state challenges:
 - state budget constraints
 - limited provider availability and capacity
 - meeting the needs of certain populations

Panelists

- Brandon Bueche, Louisiana Department of Health
- Justin Gist, Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services
- Marko Vujicic, American Dental Association

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