

# **State of Alaska FY2018 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Health and Social Services Adult Preventative Dental Medicaid Svcs Component Budget Summary**

**Component: Adult Preventative Dental Medicaid Svcs**

**Contribution to Department's Mission**

Provide health care to Alaskans in need by enhancing the emergent dental services available to adult Medicaid recipients.

This component of Alaska Medicaid is under the programmatic oversight of the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Health Care Services.

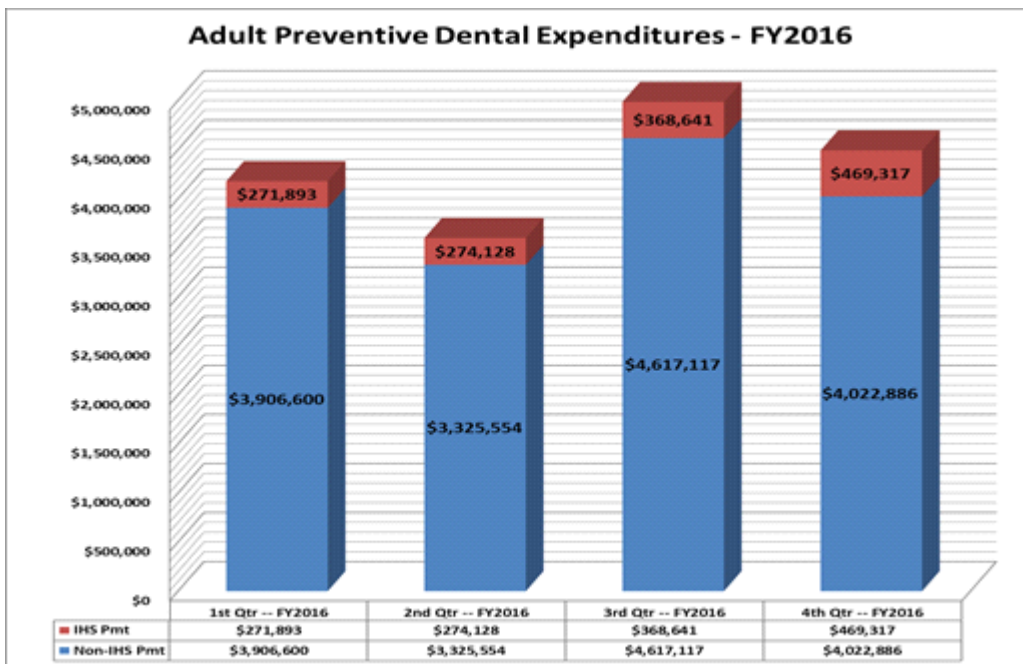
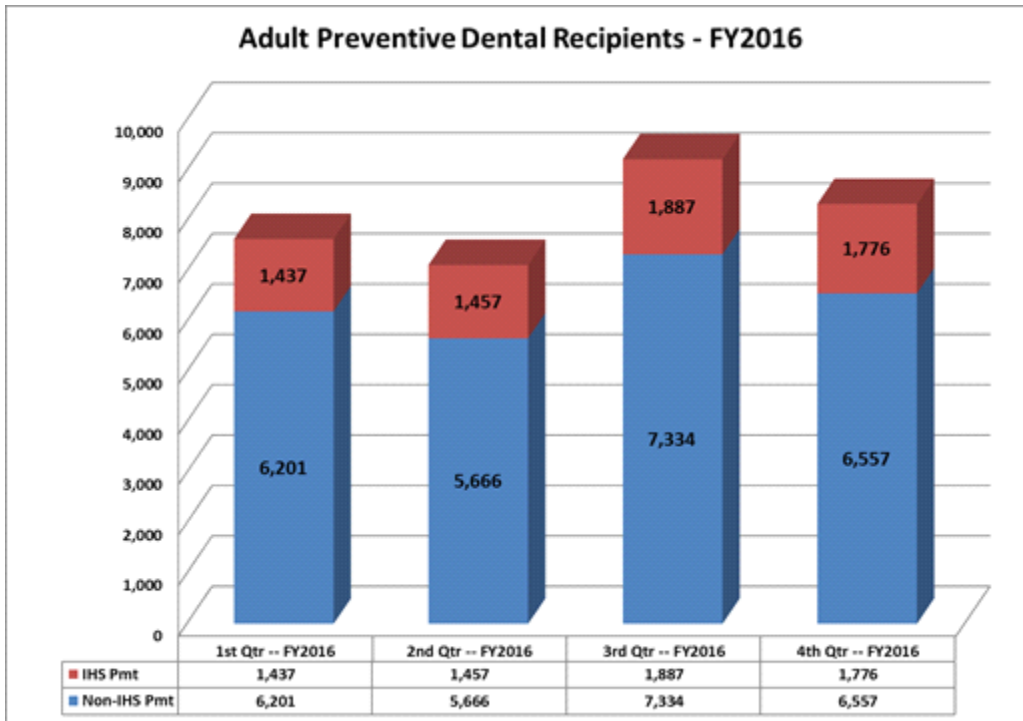
**Core Services**

- Preventive dental care
- Diagnostic examinations and radiographs
- Restorative dental services

**Major Component Accomplishments in 2016**

- Proposed regulation changes were drafted to more closely align dental service limitations with that of private insurance carriers. The regulations, to be public noticed in FY2017, propose to limit payment for the replacement of dentures to no more often than once per five year period, and limit payment for dentures within the same dental arch to a maximum of three times per lifetime. Department Core Services 2.1; Division Core Services 3 and 4.
- The Adult Preventive Dental Program served 32,315 members age 21 and older during FY2016, an increase of 5,331 members, or 19.8 percent over the previous year. This increase is attributed to Medicaid expansion. Department Core Service 1.1; Division Core Measures 2 and 4.
- Adult Preventive Dental Program saw a 25.6 percent increase in benefits provided over the previous year. This increase is attributed primarily to Medicaid expansion's newly enrolled members seeking dental treatment that they were previously unable to afford. Department Core Service 1.1; Division Core Measures 2 and 4.
- During FY2016, Alaska Medicaid increased the number of enrolled dentists statewide by 62, or 8 percent, from 742 to 804. Further, the percentage of enrolled dentists who provided services to Alaska Medicaid members increased from 43 percent (319 of 742) in FY2015 to 55 percent (442 of 804) in FY2016. Department Core Services 1.1, 2.1, and 2.2; Division Core Services 2 and 4.

The following charts reflect adult preventative dental and Indian Health Service (IHS) dental utilization and expenditures for FY2016:



## Key Component Challenges

- With few exceptions, Alaska’s dentists are located only in larger communities; consequently, costly Medicaid travel, including airfare and in some instances overnight lodging and meals, is necessary. Although dental health aide therapists meet some of the minor dental needs in small communities, dental-related travel continues to be one of the greatest, and the most costly, challenges to the Adult Preventive Medicaid program.
- Adult Medicaid members are allowed up to \$1,150.00 per year for non-emergent dental services. Members may utilize the upcoming year’s benefit allowance when the allowance for a single year is insufficient to cover

the cost of dentures. The complexity of processing claims and monitoring benefit limits for individuals who have exercised this option is administratively burdensome and continues to challenge the program. Detailed monitoring is required, which increases the likelihood that a manual pend resolution will be required.

### Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2018

The Department will continue to explore ways to increase the cost-effectiveness of the adult preventive dental program and maximize its impact on adult Medicaid recipients.

### Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Alaska Statutes:

AS 47.07 Medical Assistance for Needy Persons

AS 47.25 Public Assistance

Administrative Code:

7 AAC 100 Medicaid Assistance Eligibility

7 AAC 105 - 7 AAC 160 Medicaid Coverage and Payment

Social Security Act:

Title XIX Medicaid

Title XVIII Medicare

Code of Federal Regulations:

42 CFR Chapter IV

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**Component Detail All Funds**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**

**Component:** Adult Preventative Dental Medicaid Svcs (2839)  
**RDU:** Medicaid Services (595)

Formula Component

	FY2016 Actuals	FY2017 Conference Committee	FY2017 Authorized	FY2017 Management Plan	FY2018 Governor	FY2017 Management Plan vs FY2018 Governor	
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	15,237.7	15,650.2	15,650.2	15,650.2	15,650.2	0.0	0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15,237.7</b>	<b>15,650.2</b>	<b>15,650.2</b>	<b>15,650.2</b>	<b>15,650.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Fund Sources:</b>							
1002Fed Rcpts (Fed)	9,718.8	12,767.6	12,767.6	12,767.6	12,767.6	0.0	0.0%
1003G/F Match (UGF)	5,518.8	2,882.6	2,882.6	2,882.6	2,882.6	0.0	0.0%
1004Gen Fund (UGF)	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Unrestricted General (UGF)</b>	<b>5,518.9</b>	<b>2,882.6</b>	<b>2,882.6</b>	<b>2,882.6</b>	<b>2,882.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Designated General (DGF)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>9,718.8</b>	<b>12,767.6</b>	<b>12,767.6</b>	<b>12,767.6</b>	<b>12,767.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Positions:</b>							
Permanent Full Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

**Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**

**Component:** Adult Preventative Dental Medicaid Svcs (2839)  
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Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2017 Conference Committee To FY2017 Authorized *****												
<b>FY2017 Conference Committee</b>												
ConfCom		15,650.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15,650.2	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		12,767.6										
1003 G/F Match		2,882.6										
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>15,650.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>15,650.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2017 Management Plan To FY2018 Governor *****												
<b>Totals</b>		<b>15,650.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>15,650.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**  
**Grants, Benefits**

**Component:** Adult Preventative Dental Medicaid Svcs (2839)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2016 Actuals	FY2017 Management Plan	FY2018 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		15,237.7	15,650.2	15,650.2
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2016 Actuals	FY2017 Management Plan	FY2018 Governor
<b>7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals</b>			<b>15,237.7</b>	<b>15,650.2</b>	<b>15,650.2</b>
7002	Benefits	<p>Medicaid Services for preventative and restorative dental services.</p> <p>This also includes payments for services for Medicaid clients who are/will be newly eligible through Medicaid expansion.</p>	15,237.7	15,650.2	15,650.2

**Revenue Detail (1681)**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**

**Component:** Adult Preventative Dental Medicaid Svcs (2839)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2016 Actuals	FY2017 Management Plan	FY2018 Governor
<b>5002 Fed Rcpts (1002 Fed Rcpts)</b>			<b>9,718.8</b>	<b>12,767.6</b>	<b>12,767.6</b>
5019 Federal - Miscellaneous Grants		Title XIX Medicaid.	9,718.8	12,767.6	12,767.6