EXPANDING DENTAL ACCESS IN MARYLAND
SB544/HB879

GOOD ORAL HEALTH = GOOD OVERALL HEALTH

44% of kids aged 1-20 enrolled in the Maryland Healthy Smiles Dental Program did not receive any dental care in 2016.

EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS
42,327 ER visits for preventable dental visits by adults in FY2016. Fifty-three percent were paid for by Medicaid at a cost of nearly $10 million.

ONLY 28% of dentists participate in the Maryland Healthy Smiles Dental Program.

THIS LEGISLATION 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, such as assessments, simple cavity preparation, restoration, and simple extractions
- Require practice under supervision of a dentist
- Create opportunities for dentists to grow their practices and reach more patients

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