

# EXPANDING DENTAL ACCESS IN MARYLAND

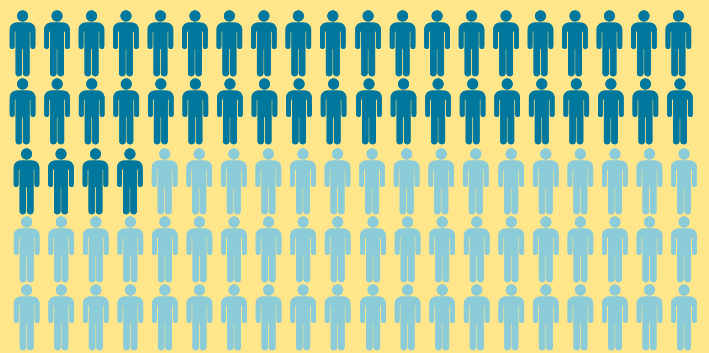
**SB544/HB879**

**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.

**KIDS**



**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.

**DENTISTS**



## **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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