

Improving Access to Dental Care in Michigan



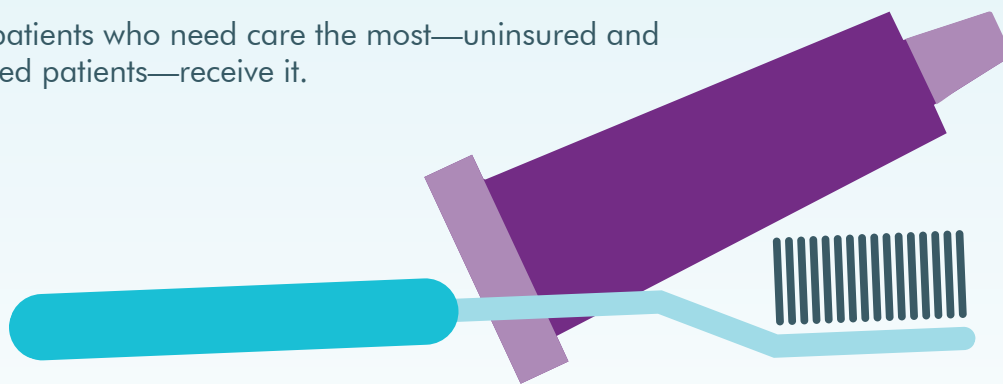
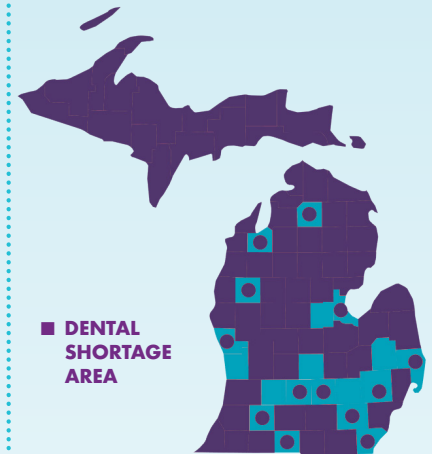
WHAT WILL DENTAL THERAPY DO?

Dental therapy enables dentists to delegate routine procedures to dental therapists working under their supervision, and allows dentists to focus their time and skills on more complicated, revenue-generating procedures.

DENTAL THERAPY WILL:

- ✓ **PROVIDE** opportunities for previously underserved populations to gain access to routine dental care.
- ✓ **ALLOW** new providers to perform routine dental care: assessments, cleanings, simple cavity preparations, restorations, and simple extractions.
- ✓ **REQUIRE** practice under the supervision of a dentist with a detailed collaborative practice agreement.
- ✓ **CREATE** opportunities for dentists to grow their practices and reach more patients.
- ✓ **ESTABLISH** opportunities for dental professionals to continue their education, expand their skill set, and grow their careers.
- ✓ **INCLUDE** direct referrals to the supervising dentist, creating an ongoing relationship between patients and dental care providers.
- ✓ **FOCUS** the new workforce on our greatest access challenges, allowing increased capacity in safety net clinics and dental shortage areas.
- ✓ **ENSURE** that patients who need care the most—uninsured and Medicaid-insured patients—receive it.

THERE IS AT LEAST ONE
DENTAL SHORTAGE AREA
IN 77 OF MICHIGAN'S
83 COUNTIES.



The Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health and the Michigan Primary Care Association are partnering with other statewide organizations to improve oral health and access to dental care in Michigan. To contact us, please email mdavis@mpca.net or call (517) 827-0879.