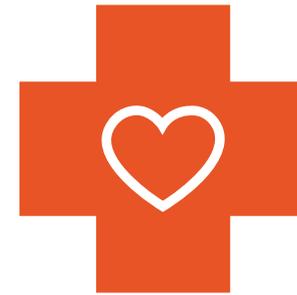


Use of Dental Care Among Medicaid-Enrolled and Commercially-Insured Adolescents



Study Design

- Used 2013–2018 administrative claims data from the IBM Watson MarketScan Medicaid and Commercial Insurance databases
- Examined all adolescents ages 10–19 years who received any dental services during that period



Results

- Overall, dental care utilization among Medicaid-enrolled adolescents remained stable from 2013–2018.
- Commercially-insured adolescents had higher utilization of the following services compared to Medicaid-enrolled adolescents:
 - any dental service
 - preventive
 - orthodontic
- Among Medicaid-enrolled adolescents, Hispanic children had higher dental utilization rates than children of other racial/ethnic groups.



Strategic Actions

- Increase and improve access to oral health care
- Advocate for school-based oral health programs (SBOHPs)
- Adopt medical and dental integration approaches