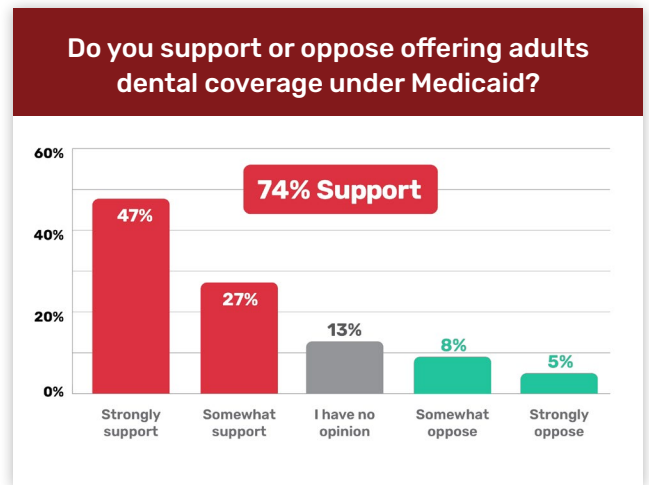


Voters want Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage

American voters overwhelmingly want policymakers to include adult dental care in Medicaid.

A recent national poll of 1,000 registered voters, commissioned by CareQuest Institute for Oral Health, found that three out of four voters support including adult dental coverage under Medicaid. Seventy-two percent would go even further: They support mandating all states to cover adult Medicaid dental benefits as it is now for children.



How popular is including oral health coverage under Medicaid?



Support across political ideologies. Large majorities of both Republicans and Democrats support adult dental coverage under Medicaid, including 60% of respondents who voted for Donald Trump in both the 2016 and 2020 elections, and 89% who voted for Hillary Clinton in 2016 and Joe Biden in 2020.



Voters want to protect comprehensive adult oral health benefits where they exist. In a companion poll of 750 registered Michigan voters, 83% of respondents opposed cuts to the state's comprehensive adult dental coverage under Medicaid.



Voters in states where adult dental is partially covered want policymakers to do more. In a companion poll of 750 registered Ohio voters, 8 in 10 respondents (81%) supported Medicaid covering adult preventive care and specialized procedures to address gum disease. In a recent poll of 750 registered Pennsylvania voters, 84% of respondents wanted Medicaid to cover adult preventive care and extractions or restorative procedures.



Key issue for voters. Seven in 10 voters say they are more likely to support a candidate who has pledged to expand Medicaid dental benefits in the three states surveyed.

Candidates, want to sync with your constituents and add your support for Medicaid dental?

- Demonstrate your public support for key oral health policies by filling out this form: [Candidate Support Form](#)
- Learn more about the procedures and services included in your state's Medicaid adult dental benefit here: carequest.org



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Source: CareQuest Institute / OPEN commissioned national poll of 1,000 registered voters from the YouGov online panel conducted between May 29 and June 4, 2024. The margin of error is +/- 3.1%. CareQuest Institute / OPEN commissioned polls in Michigan (n=765), Ohio (n=761) and Pennsylvania (n=760) using the Centiment online panel between May 30 and June 13. The margin of error for those surveys was between +/- 3.54% and +/- 3.55%.