

# Taking a Community-Based Approach to Care Coordination

CareQuest Institute Continuing Education Webinar

March 10, 2022

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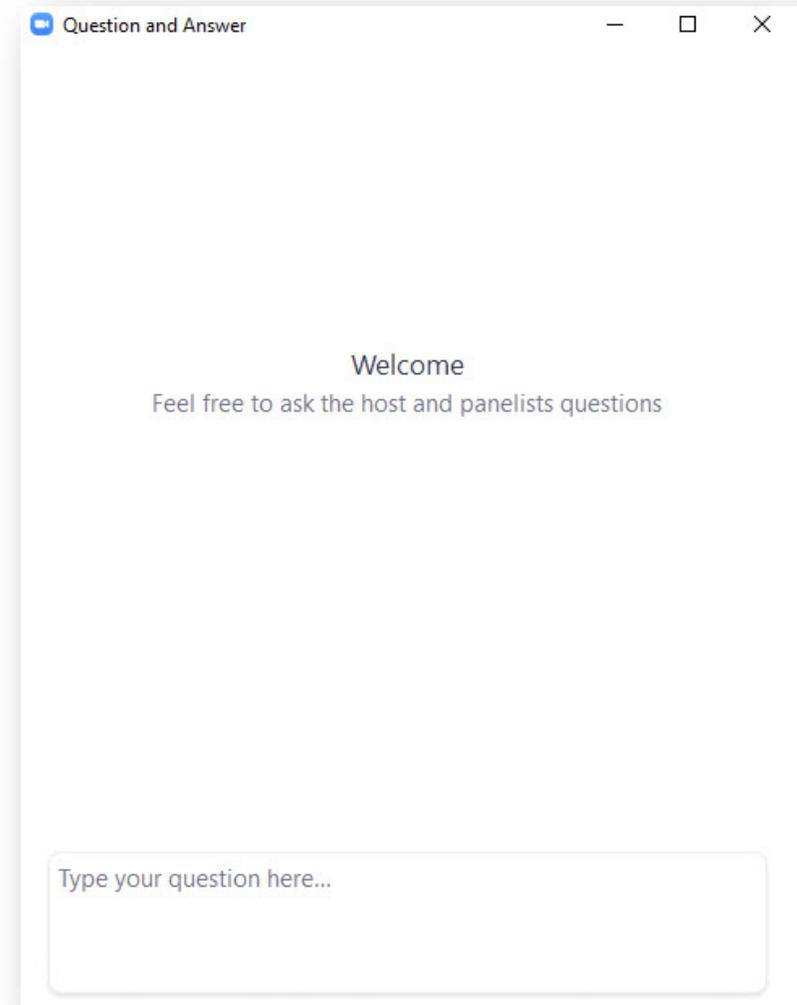
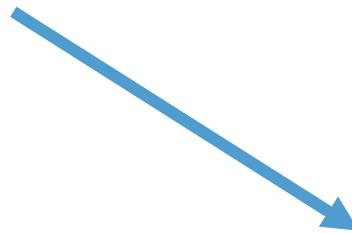


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- We will turn to your questions and comments toward the end of the hour.



# Learning Objectives

At the end of this webinar, you'll be able to:

- Explain the value of coordinating care within oral health.
- Discuss the challenges and benefits of using a community-based approach to improve care coordination.
- Recognize the benefits of participating in local interprofessional oral health networks.

# Our Strategy

## Vision

A future where every person can reach their full potential through optimal health

## Mission

To improve the oral health of all

## Purpose

To catalyze the future of health through oral health



# Today's Presenters

## Taking a Community-Based Approach to Care Coordination



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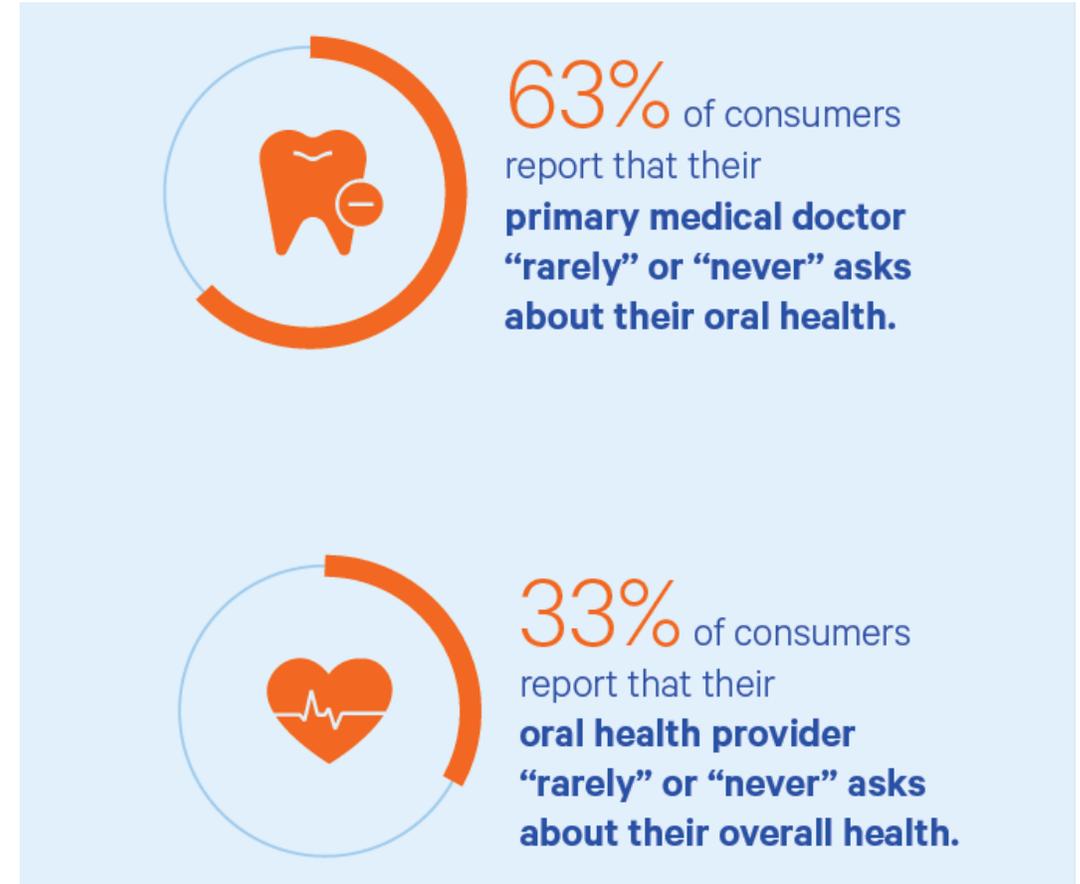
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# Medical-Dental Collaboration Is Uncommon

- **Less than a third** of consumers report **receiving general health screening from their oral health provider.**
- **A majority (89%)** of adults report never receiving a referral from their oral health provider to a non-oral health professional.
- **Almost a fourth (24%)** of participating oral health providers report **currently implementing interprofessional practice.**



# Why Care Coordination?

Care coordination involves<sup>1</sup>:

- deliberately organizing patient care activities
- sharing information among all the participants concerned with a patient's care to achieve safer and more effective care.
  - patient's needs and preferences are known ahead of time
    - communicated at the right time to the right people
- information is used to provide safe, appropriate, and effective care to the patient.

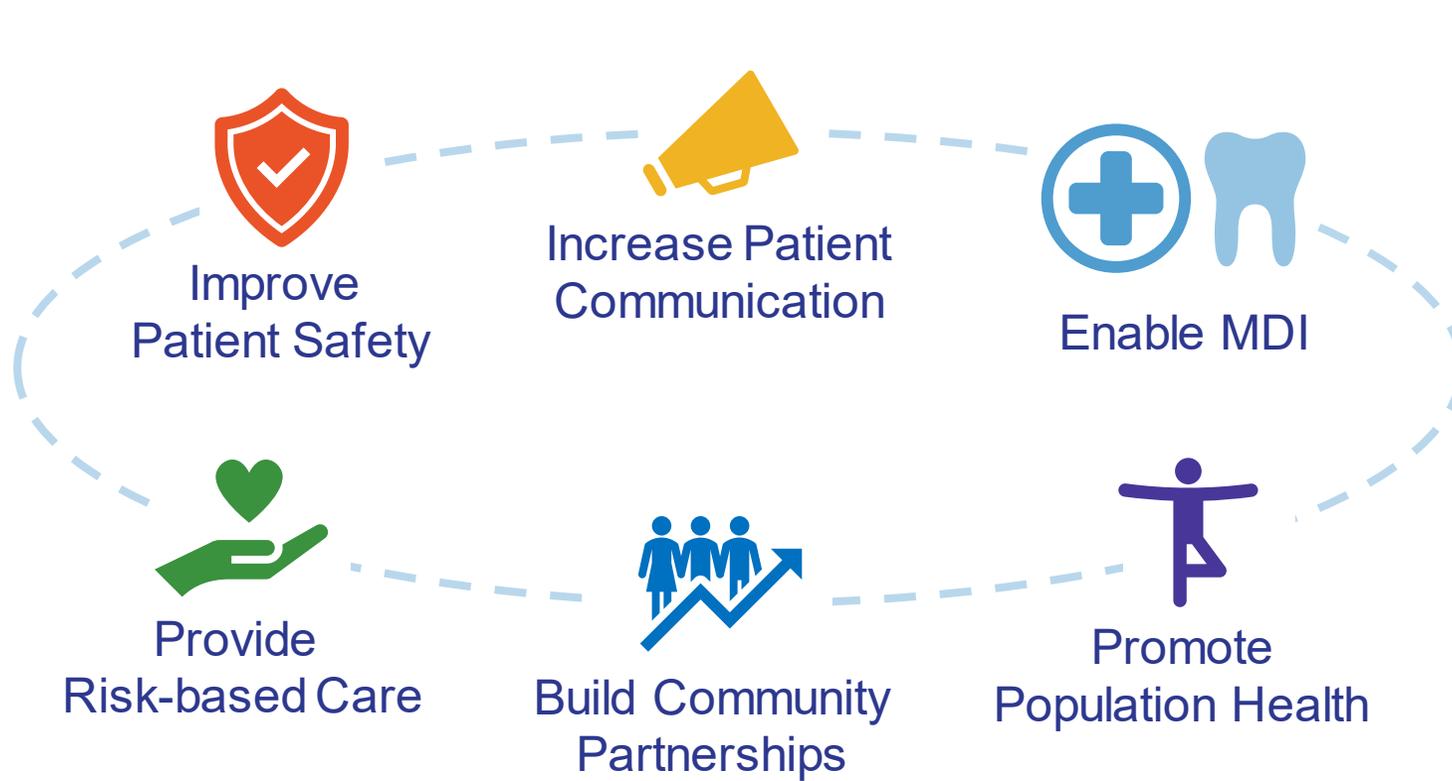
Personalized and  
Equitable

Integrated

Value-Based

Community-Engaged

# Improving Health Through Coordinating Care



68.5%

of providers could recall an instance when access to medical or dental information **would have improved care.**

# Medical Dental Referral and Navigation (MDRAN) System

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# What I'll Cover

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Overview of care coordination efforts in California's Dental Transformation Initiative

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Origin Story: History of MDRAN & System Overview

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Snapshot of Sacramento County

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Looking Forward: Piloting MDRAN in a fee-for-service delivery system

# The Problem

- ▶ Over 50% of CA kindergartners have experienced tooth decay & over 25% have untreated tooth decay
- ▶ Over 53% of CA's 9.1 million children are enrolled in Medi-Cal
- ▶ Medi-Cal Dental Program has historically experienced poor rates of utilization
- ▶ The Medi-Cal Program is complex and difficult to navigate



# The Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI)

Part of state's Section 1115(a) Medicaid Waiver, Medi-Cal 2020.

Five-year initiative that ended in December 2020.

Aim to improve the Medi-Cal Dental Program by investing up to \$740 million to increase access to dental care and utilization of preventive dental services for children ages 0-20.

# Study Origin & Purpose

- ▶ Examine the elements of dental care coordination embedded within 12 of California's Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI) Local Dental Pilot Projects (LDPPs), part of the state's Section 1115(a) Medicaid Waiver.

# Key Findings

Partnerships with community organizations, providers, dental plans, and university and government entities are critical to success.

Care coordination reduces no-shows, improves patient experience, and increases provider participation and satisfaction.

System changes such as medical-dental integration and data sharing systems to bridge medical and dental providers are needed to increase access to dental care.

Care coordination services offered in community settings such as schools, hospitals, WIC and Head Start sites eliminates one barrier to obtaining care.

## Dental Care Coordination and Access to Care

How Local Dental Pilot Projects Connect Children to Dental Care in California's State Medicaid Program

Katie Andrew  
Rhoda Gonzales, RDHAP  
Robyn Alongi



# MDRAN: History, Purpose, and Objectives

MDRAN connects systems of care for Medi-Cal members by facilitating and tracking referrals generated by physicians, school-based programs, and community-based organizations.

1

Increase the number of Medi-Cal members with an established dental home.

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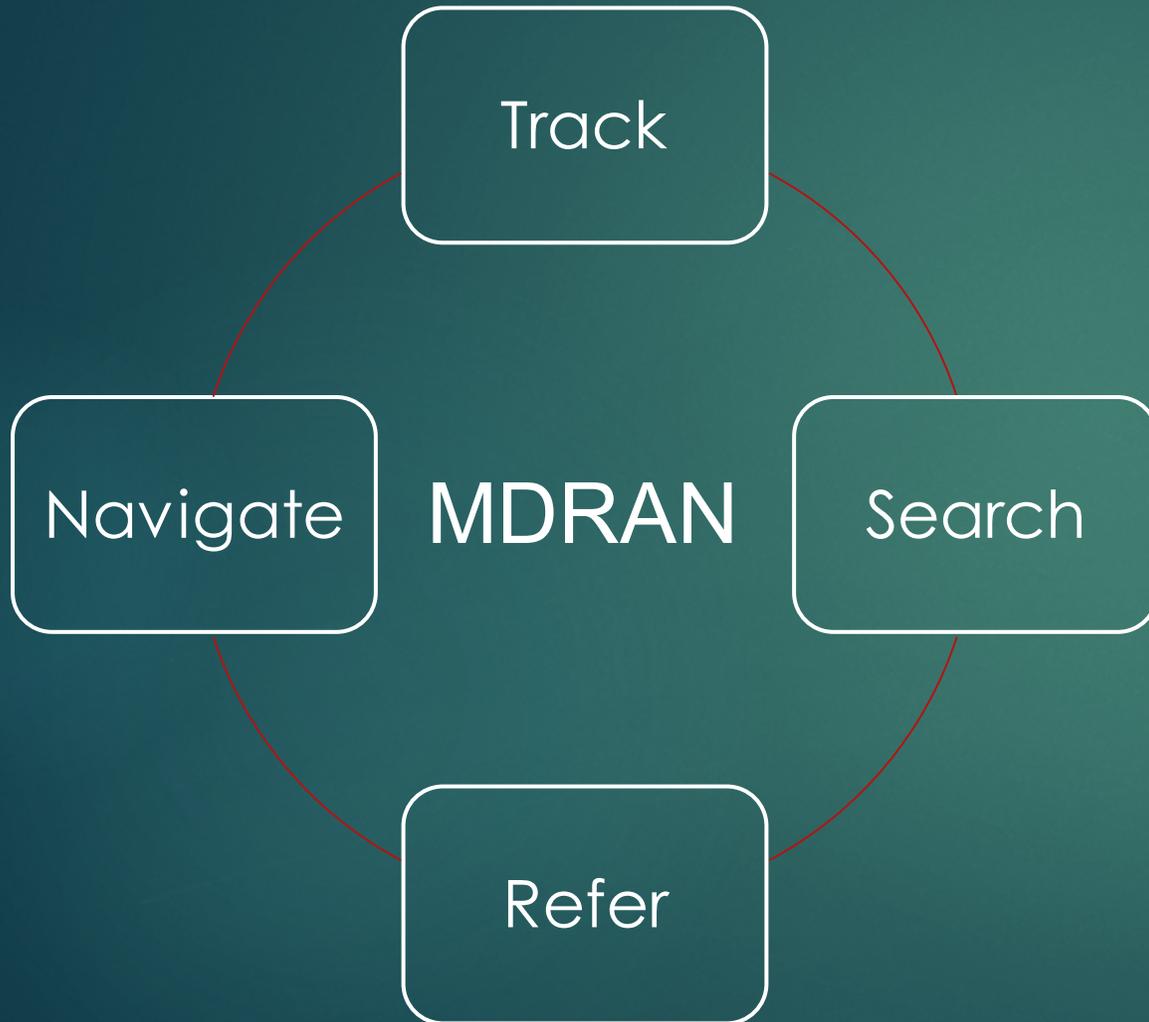
Increase the percentage of Medi-Cal members who receive preventive dental services.

3

Increase the number referrals to dentists that result in a dental visit.

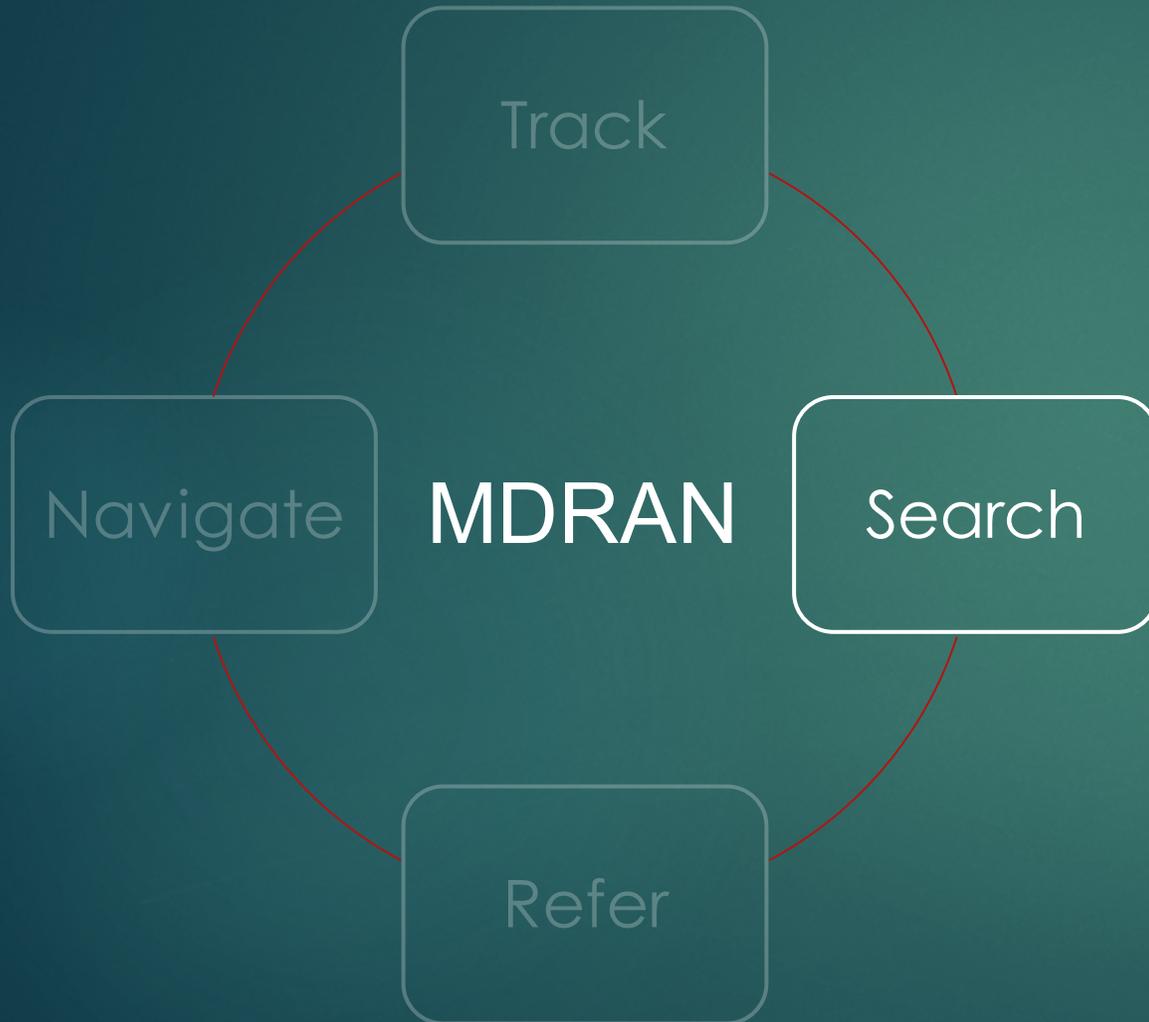


# MDRAN System Overview



- ▶ No cost
- ▶ Web-based
- ▶ HIPAA compliant
- ▶ Simple user enrollment
- ▶ Intuitive, user-friendly interface
- ▶ Requires minimal data entry

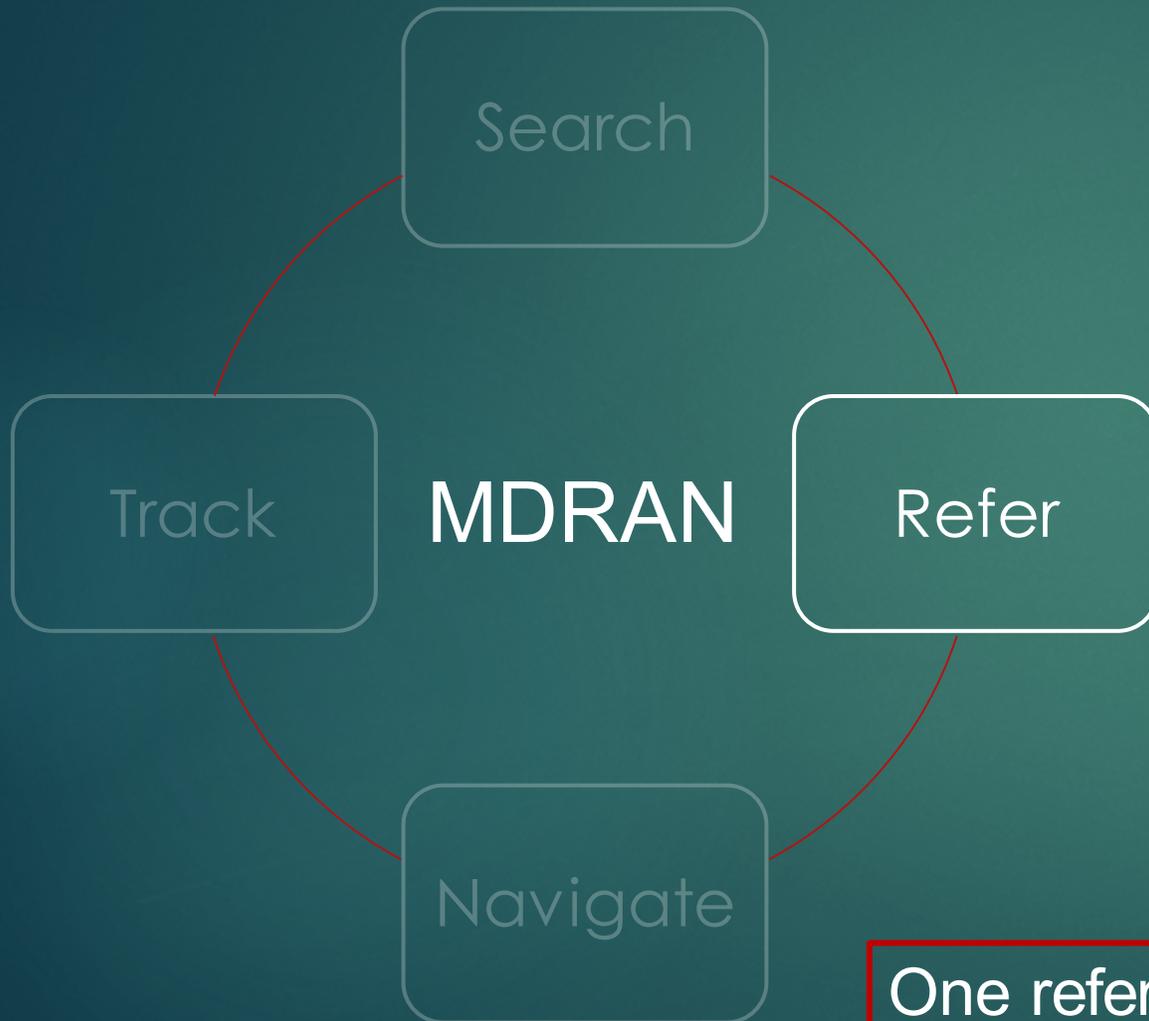
# MDRAN System Overview



- ▶ Identifies Medi-Cal members who have not utilized their dental benefit in past 12 months
- ▶ Identifies the assigned Medi-Cal dental plan and dental provider\*
- ▶ Can update patient/client contact information and note preferred language
- ▶ Shows dental encounter/claims history

\* Specific to dental managed care

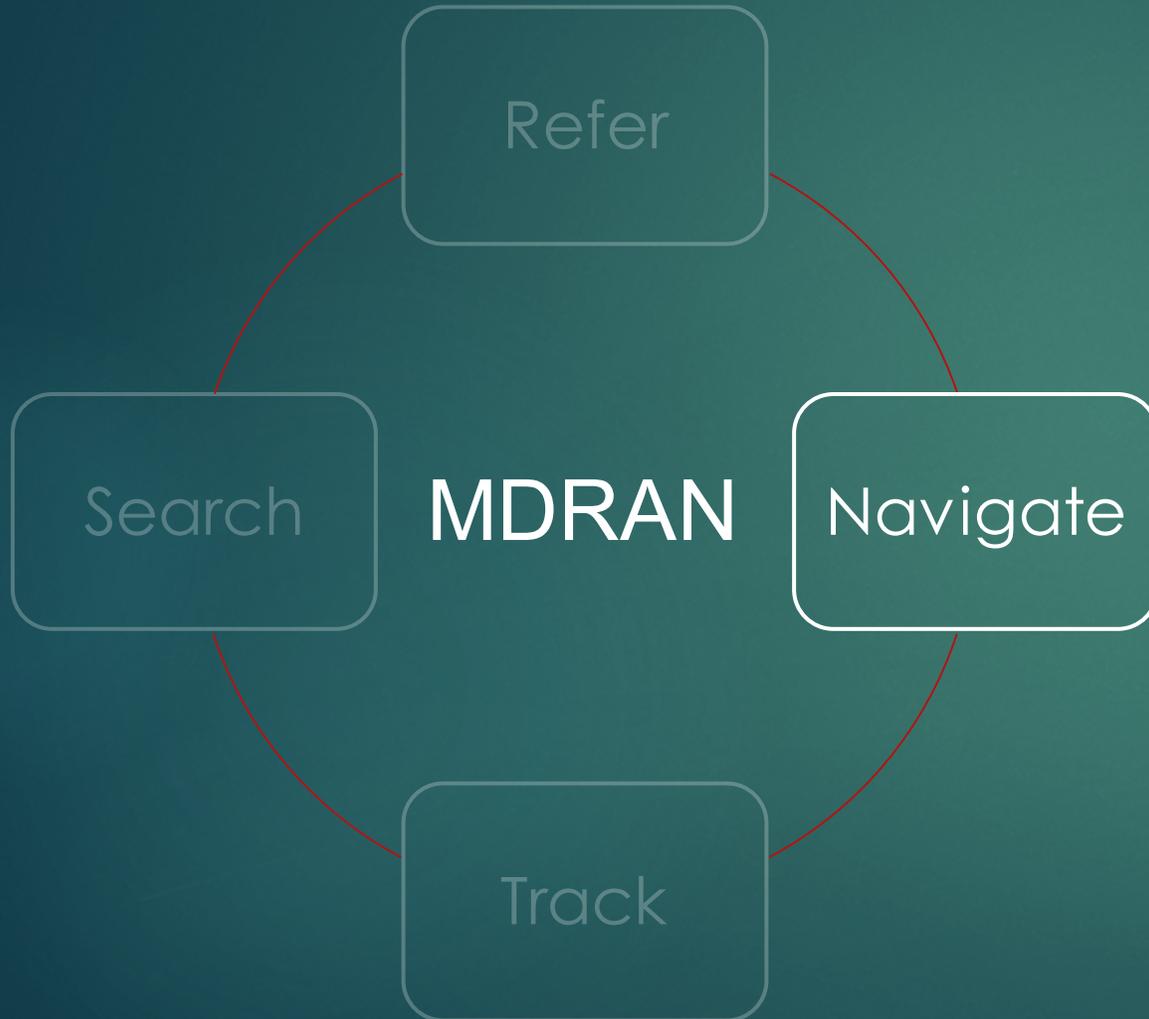
# MDRAN System Overview



- ▶ Uses system data to generate an auto-populated referral form
- ▶ Can note within referral:
  - visual assessment/urgency classification (urgency)
  - fluoride varnish application
  - dental sealant recommendation
  - special needs
  - foster youth
- ▶ Alerts care coordination team of referral to initiate care coordination supports

One referral = opportunity to connect entire family to care

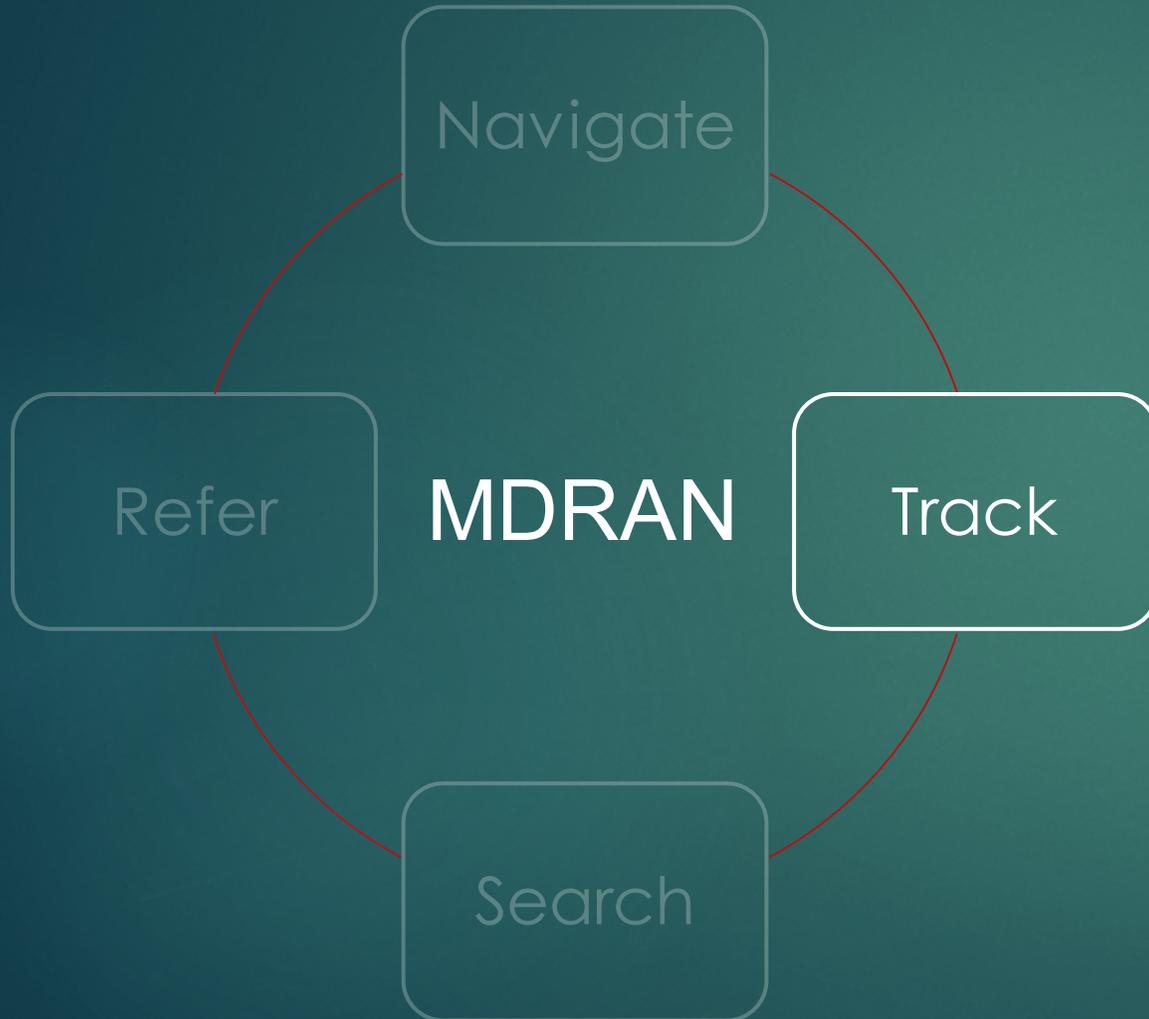
# MDRAN System Overview



Records care coordination supports:

- ▶ Appointments
- ▶ Translation/interpreter services
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Provider change
- ▶ Benefits and coverage assistance

# MDRAN System Overview



- ▶ Monitors new data uploads for encounter/claims data activity to track referral from initiation to dental visit (i.e., successful referral)
- ▶ Notifies referring user of completion of dental visit

# SEARCH

Medi-Cal ID

+ Fields

No

Search

MEDI-CAL ID	NAME	DOB	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	UTILIZATION (PAST 12 MONTHS)	FEE STRUCTURE
<a href="#">99778989483919</a>	<a href="#">Hyacinth Mcdowell</a>	<a href="#">10/18/2014</a>	<a href="#">201 Sed St. Lievín 28850</a>	<a href="#">8951046049</a>	No	Managed Care

Navigated by Plan

not set



Stop Tracking

## Hyacinth Vernon Mcdowell

Last Updated: October 26, 2020

MedicalID: 99778989483919  
 Date of Birth: 10/18/2014  
 Sex: Male  
 Telephone: (895) 104-6049  
 Telephone: (895) 104-6050  
 Address: 201 Sed St.  
 Liévin, CA 28850

### Other Patient Information

#### Best Contact Information

Click in the fields below to update information.

Full Name:   
 Telephone:   
 Preferred Language:

#### Special Needs

Special Needs  Foster Youth

### Dental Provider

Dental Provider: Yen Acosta Noel Richard  
 Office: Fusce Company  
 NPI: 8631441406414  
 Address: Ap #962-8710 Diam St.  
 Orlando, CA 94593  
 Telephone: (894) 612-1140  
 Dental Plan: Hayfa  
 Managed Care

Joe Smith

Referral Form

### Claims

No claims.

Save

Print

MDRAN DENTAL REFERRAL

DATE: 05/27/2021

Patient Information

Hyacinth Vernon Mcdowell

Other

Best Contact Information

Name:

Number:

Preferred Language:

Special Needs

- Special Needs
- Foster Youth

Patient is autistic

Dental Provider

Yen Acosta Noel Richard

Fake Clinic  
 20 Fake Street  
 Fakeville, CA 55555  
[\(894\) 612-1140](tel:(894)612-1140)

Dental Plan

Hayfa

Your Dental Plan can assist you with:

- Transportation arrangements
- Translation/interpreter services
- Changing dental providers
- Questions about benefits and coverage

- Oral Health Assessment

- 1) No obvious problem found; routine dental visit
- 2) Cavity; early dental care recommended
- 3) URGENT care needed; pain/swelling/possible infection noted

- Notes

- Fluoride Varnish/Sealant

- Fluoride Varnish Applied
- Sealants Recommended

**Referring Provider:** Joe Smith  
 Fake Clinic  
[\(555\) 555-5555](tel:(555)555-5555)

## TRACKED PATIENTS FOR CARE

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Search

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Preferred Language:

Farsi

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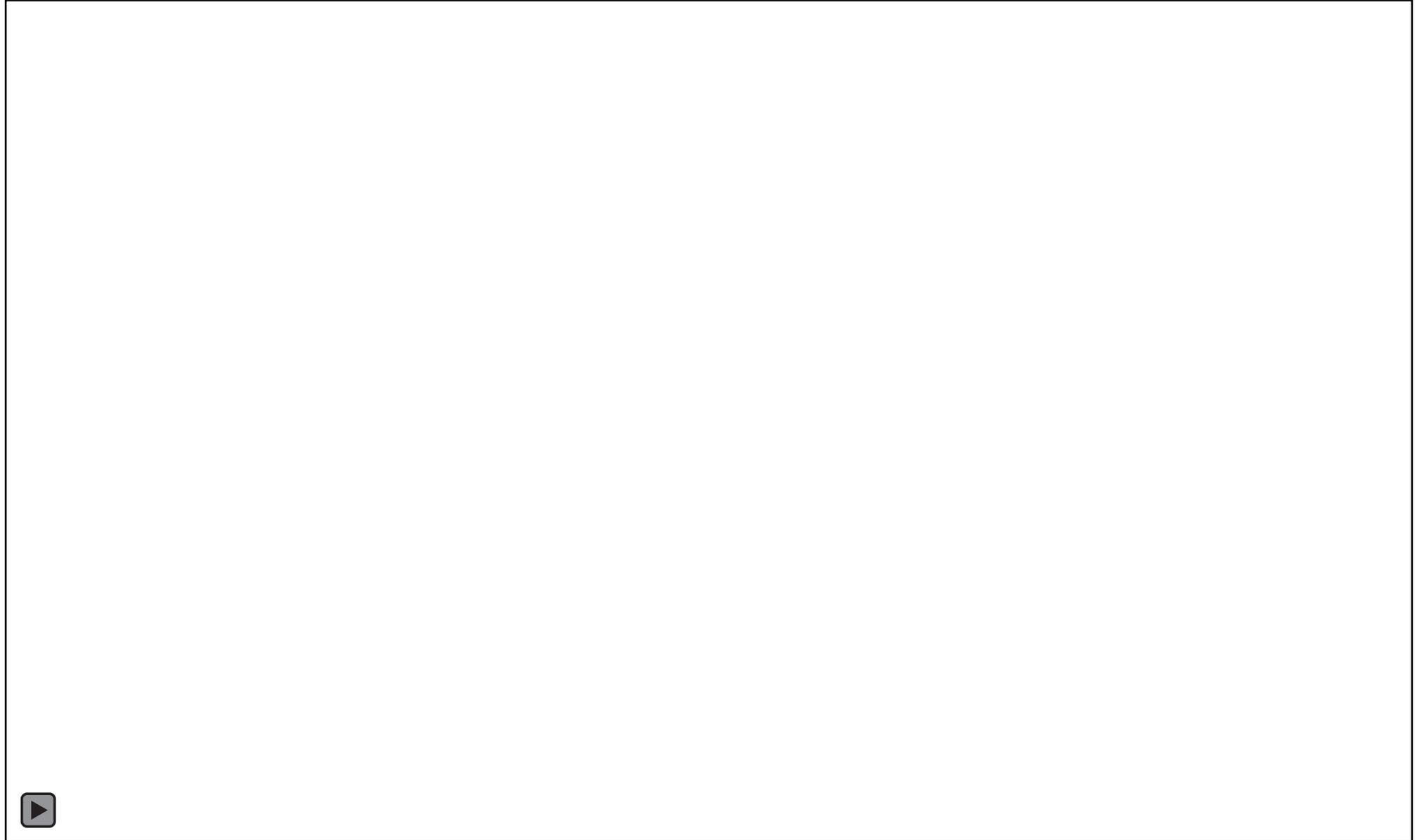
## Claims

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Prophylaxis (cleaning) - child

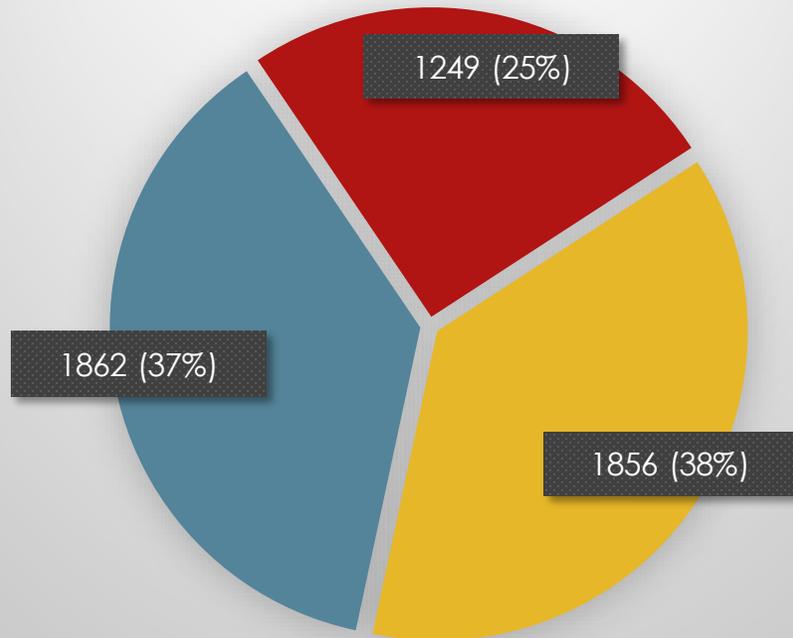
# Referral in Less than One Minute



# Sacramento MDRAN Data

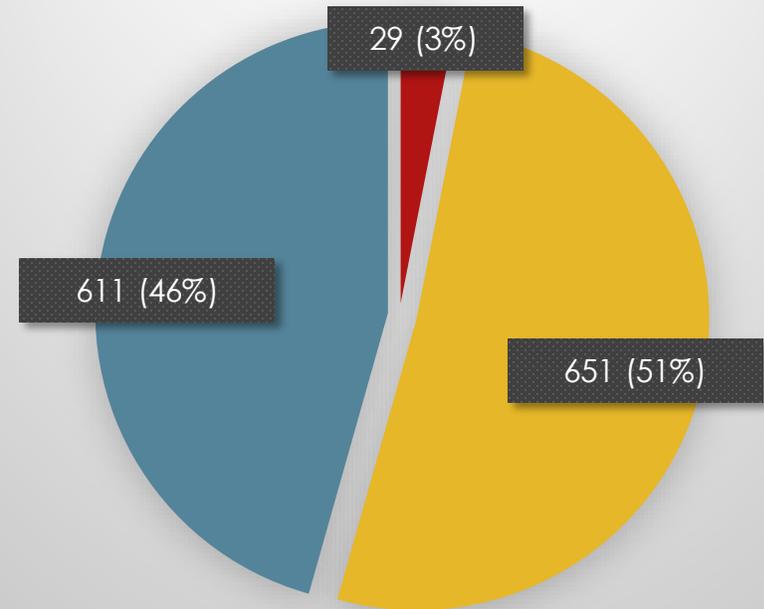
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Referrals (4,968)



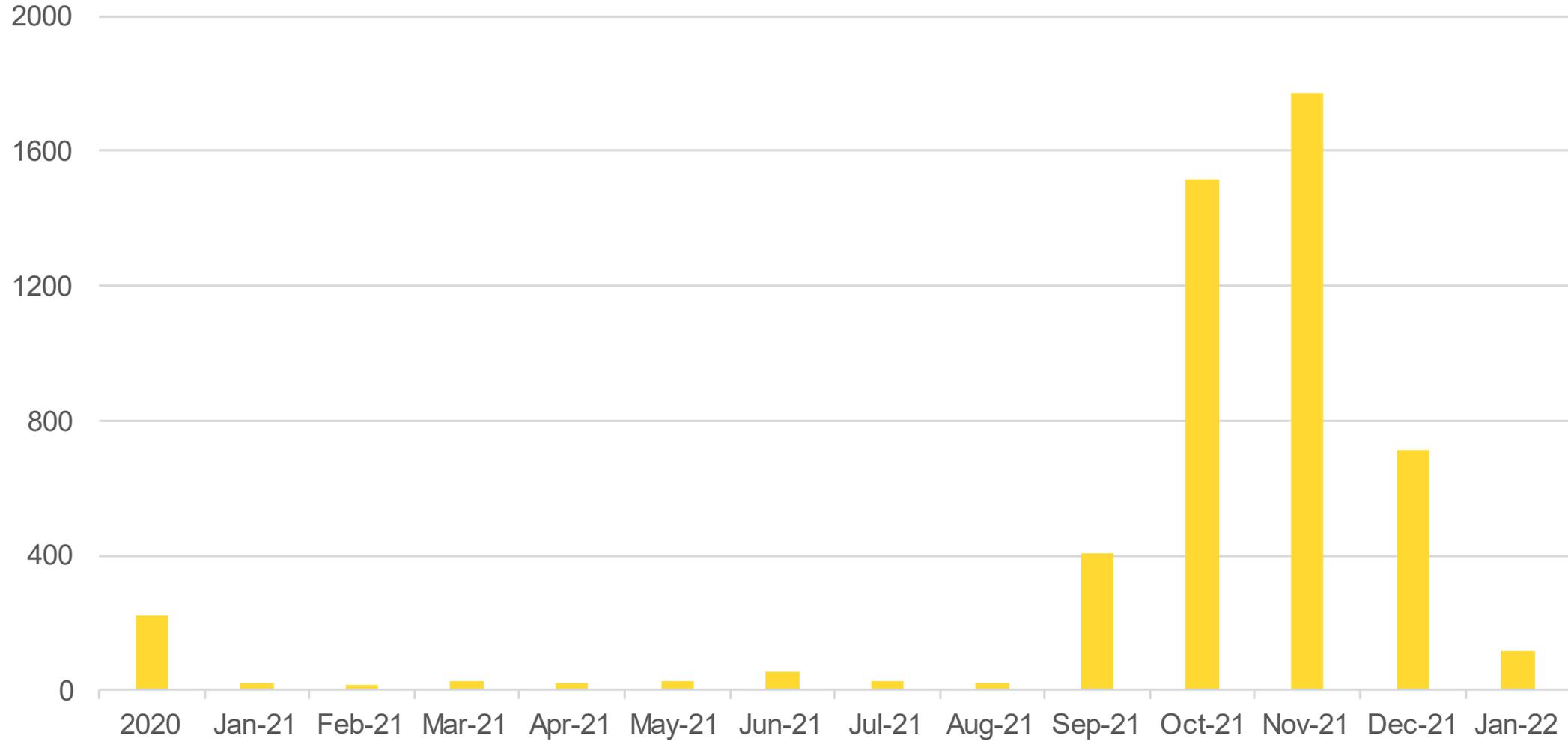
Dental Plan #1  
Dental Plan #2  
Dental Plan #3

Claims (1,292)



Dental Plan #1  
Dental Plan #2  
Dental Plan #3

# MDRAN Referrals - All



■ referrals

Month	Referrals	Claims	Claim % Month	Claim % Running
2020	222	122	56.3%	56.3%
Jan-21	22	11	50.0%	55.7%
Feb-21	18	7	38.9%	54.6%
Mar-21	26	12	46.2%	53.8%
Apr-21	21	9	47.6%	53.4%
May-21	29	14	55.2%	53.6%
Jun-21	56	20	37.5%	51.3%
Jul-21	27	9	33.3%	50.1%
Aug-21	20	4	25.0%	49.0%
Sep-21	406	130	38.9%	44.2%
Oct-21	1516	281	27.6%	33.5%
Nov-21	1775	198	20.9%	28.1%
Dec-21	714	31	17.1%	26.5%
Jan-22	117	8	6.8%	26.0%

## Sacramento MDRAN Data: All Plans

# Current MDRAN Users in Sacramento Co.

- Early Smiles Sacramento
- Sacramento Covered
- Sacramento District Dental Society
- Gold River Pediatrics
- Land Park Pediatrics
- Mercy Family Health Center
- Sacramento County Health Center Pediatrics and Adolescent Clinic
- San Lucas Pediatric Clinics (Elk Grove & Natomas)
- Walton Pediatrics (Scripps & Southgate)
- Nurse Family Partnership
- African American Perinatal Health Program
- Elk Grove Unified School District
- Kaiser Permanente
- WIC

175+ users across Sacramento County and counting!!

# Piloting MDRAN in a FFS Delivery System

System Modifications for FFS Delivery System

Obtaining FFS Dental Data

Engage SJ TEETH Care Coordinators

Build Community Partnerships and Put Necessary Agreements in Place

Train All Users and Care Coordinators on System

Track and Share Data

# Thank you!

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**Missed Connections**  
Providers and Consumers Want More Medical-Dental Integration

Oral health and overall health are inextricably linked. There is mounting evidence to suggest that poor oral health is related to a variety of chronic health conditions, such as high blood pressure, dementia, diabetes, and obesity. Despite this known connection, dental care is still largely siloed from medical care. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that integrating basic health screenings into a dental setting could save the health care system up to \$100 million every year.<sup>1</sup>

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health conducted a nationally representative survey in January and February 2021 to assess consumers' perspectives on oral and overall health (n=5,320). CareQuest Institute also conducted a nationwide survey of oral health providers to assess perspectives and current behaviors related to interprofessional practice (n=377). Consumers and oral health providers described a lack of integration between medical and oral health care, and a desire for increased interprofessional collaboration.

**Key Findings:**  
**Medical-dental collaboration is currently uncommon.**

- 63% of consumers report that their primary medical doctor "rarely" or "never" asks about their oral health.
- 33% of consumers report that their oral health provider "rarely" or "never" asks about their overall health.
- 45% of responding oral health providers report "rarely" integrating their care with clinicians outside of dentistry, with only 14% reporting it is part of their "daily" practice.
- Less than a third of consumers report receiving general health screenings from their oral health provider.
- A majority (89%) of adults report never receiving a referral from their oral health provider to a non-oral health professional.
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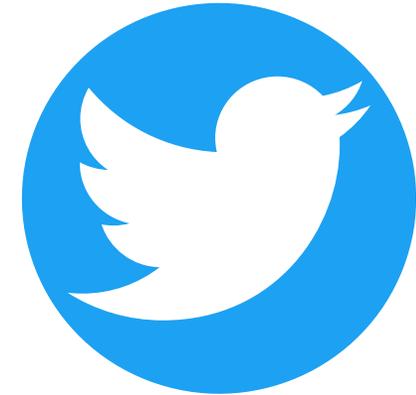
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