

# Healthy Mouths, Healthy Bodies

## DENTAL CARE SHOULDN'T END AT 65

### WHERE WE ARE



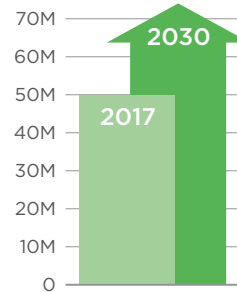
adults aged 65+ have untreated tooth decay



1/2 (46%) of Americans 65+ do not have dental insurance<sup>1</sup>

By 2030, there will be an expected

**72.1 million** seniors living in the US (20% of population)<sup>2</sup>

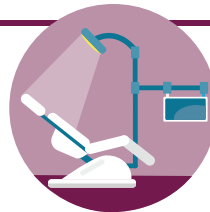


In 2017, around **50 million** seniors live in the US (16% of population)

### BARRIERS

1 in 5

Americans 65+ are unable to afford needed dental care<sup>3</sup>



86%

of graduating dental students feel unprepared to provide oral health care to older adults<sup>4</sup>

42%

of older adults believe tooth loss is a natural part of aging<sup>5</sup>

### IMPACT



Having regular dental care saves older adults with chronic diseases

**\$1,037** in medical bills<sup>6</sup>



ER Dental visits cost **2x** as much for older adults than younger groups<sup>7</sup>



40%

of low income seniors struggle with chewing fruits & vegetables due to poor oral health<sup>8</sup>

The need for affordable and quality dental coverage in Medicare is imperative.

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