

## 2019-21 Biennial Budget: Dental Access Initiative

Program	2020		2021		Biennium		FTE
	GPR	AF	GPR	AF	GPR	AF	
<b>1. Dental Therapists Licensure</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>2. Dental Therapist Training Program</b>	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	0.00
<b>3. Rural Dental Loan Repayment</b>	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	0.00
<b>4. Incentive Payments</b>	\$7,894,700	\$18,290,900	\$8,789,800	\$20,528,800	\$16,684,500	\$38,819,700	0.00
<b>5. Seal-A-Smile Care Expansion</b>	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$525,000	\$525,000	0.00
<b>6. Seal-A-Smile Restorative Care</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	0.00
<b>7. Low-Income Dental Grants Expansion</b>	\$425,000	\$425,000	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$1,275,000	\$1,275,000	0.00
<b>8. Oral Health Program Positions</b>	\$489,500	\$489,500	\$489,500	\$489,500	\$979,000	\$979,000	4.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,644,200</b>	<b>\$22,040,400</b>	<b>\$11,639,300</b>	<b>\$23,278,300</b>	<b>\$21,283,500</b>	<b>\$43,418,700</b>	<b>4.60</b>

1. Dental Therapist Licensure: The licensure would provide a mid-level dental provider to the dental workforce. This initiative is a long-term solution to dental workforce shortages in Wisconsin. The provider has been approved in multiple states (AK, AZ, ME, MN, VT) and dental therapists presently serve Medicaid recipients in Minnesota.
2. Dental Therapists Training Program: The nationwide shortage of dental therapist training programs limits the development of the dental therapist workforce. Currently, there are only three programs in the nation. This funding would be awarded to current Wisconsin colleges willing to implement a training program. Northcentral Technical College and Chippewa Valley Technical College have shown early interest in developing the training program.
3. Rural Dental Loan Repayment: Currently, physicians and dentists receive loan repayment awards on a competitive basis if they elect to serve in rural areas. Physicians receive \$100,000 over a three-year period while dentists receive \$50,000 over the same period. This initiative would provide funding for three dentists at the same funding level as physicians (\$100,000). Presently, there are three dentists in the program.
4. Medicaid Dental Access Incentive Payments: This payment model would resemble DSH payments on the medical side. Dental providers would receive increased reimbursement rates if they served a certain percentage MA patient base. Non-profit providers would receive a 50 percent reimbursement increase if they serve a patient base of at least 50 percent. For-profit providers would receive a 30 percent reimbursement increase if they serve a patient base of at least 5 percent. Fifty-seven percent of dental providers currently serve less than a 5 percent MA patient base.
5. Seal-A-Smile Expansion: Seal-A-Smile provides preventative services for children with high levels of dental care needs primarily through the K-12 school system. Presently, half of eligible schools provide these services to children. This funding would increase the program's capacity to provide services to more schools and children in our state.
6. Seal-A-Smile Restorative Care: This funding would provide an additional set of services under the Seal-A-Smile program.
7. Low-Income Dental Grants Expansion: Low-income Dental Clinics are safety net clinics that provide services to low-income Medicaid recipients and the uninsured. Most of these clinics provide services through volunteer staff. Each year about 20 clinics apply for the grant funding, but only 11 receive awards. This funding would increase the number of clinics who receive the award.
8. Oral Health Program Positions: There are currently 4.6 FTE positions who run the Medicaid dental public health program. These positions received funding through federal grants until the end of 2018. The grants expired and were not renewed. This funding would transfer the positions under DHS GPR position authority.