



Medicaid Dental Overview

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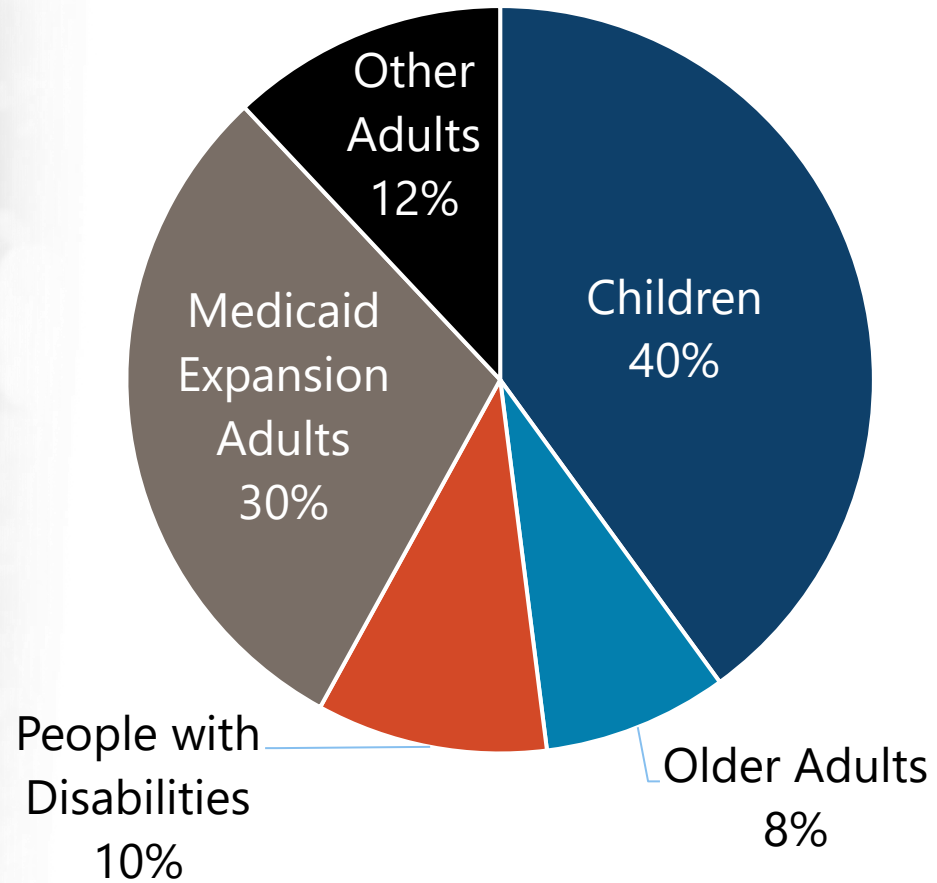
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Who is covered by North Dakota Medicaid?

State Fiscal Year 2025

- 133,153 Unduplicated Individuals
- 107,578 Average Monthly Enrollment



Who We Serve



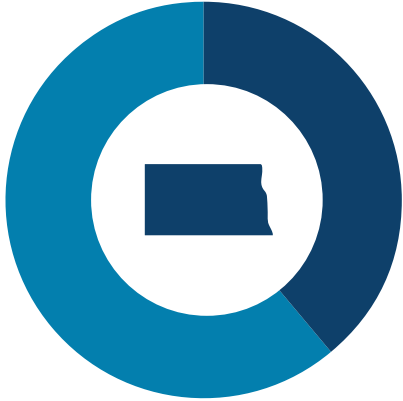
Nearly **1 in 7 North Dakotans** in any given month will have health coverage through Medicaid or CHIP



52.5% nursing facility residents are paid by Medicaid



1 of every 4 children under the age of 19 in North Dakota has health coverage through Medicaid or CHIP



39% of children born in North Dakota will be on Medicaid or CHIP during their first year of life

Federal Poverty Level & HHS Programs

2025 CALENDAR YEAR FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES

Annual Amount at Various Income Percentage Levels

Family Size	34%	100%	130%	138%	175%	185%	205%
1	\$5,321	\$15,650	\$20,345	\$21,597	\$27,388	\$28,953	\$32,083
2	\$7,191	\$21,150	\$27,495	\$29,187	\$37,013	\$39,128	\$43,358
3	\$9,061	\$26,650	\$34,645	\$36,777	\$46,638	\$49,303	\$54,633
4	\$10,931	\$32,150	\$41,795	\$44,367	\$56,263	\$59,478	\$65,908
5	\$12,801	\$37,650	\$48,945	\$51,957	\$65,888	\$69,653	\$77,183
6	\$14,671	\$43,150	\$56,095	\$59,547	\$75,513	\$79,828	\$88,458
7	\$16,541	\$48,650	\$63,245	\$67,137	\$85,138	\$90,003	\$99,733
8	\$18,411	\$54,150	\$70,395	\$74,727	\$94,763	\$100,178	\$111,008

Children	205%
Parent/Caretaker	34%
Expansion Adults	138%
Pregnant Women	175%
SNAP	130%
WIC	185%

Medicaid Dental Benefit

North Dakota Medicaid Dental Coverage

- ND Medicaid covers an extensive set of benefits including preventive, diagnostic, restorative and specialized dental services.
- Key Services:
 - Exams, Screenings, Assessments, Radiographs
 - Prophylaxis, Fluoride Varnish, Sealants
 - Restorations, Endodontics, Periodontics, Prosthodontics
 - Case Management, Teledentistry

ND Medicaid coverage includes add-on payment for extra time and staff required to provide care to individuals with developmental disabilities.

ND Medicaid also covers an add-on payment for services provided in long-term care facilities.

Comparison States

Medicaid Dental Coverage

Montana

- **Children:** Yes
- **Traditional Adults:** Yes; \$1,125 Annual Limit
- **Expansion Adults:** Yes; \$1,125 Annual Limit

Wyoming

- **Children:** Yes
- **Traditional Adults:** Yes; \$1,500 Annual Limit
- **Expansion Adults:** Not an Expansion State

South Dakota

- **Children:** Yes
- **Traditional Adults:** Yes; \$2,000 Annual Limit
- **Expansion Adults:** Yes; \$2,000 Annual Limit

North Dakota

- **Children:** Yes
- **Traditional Adults:** Yes
- **Expansion Adults:** No

Minnesota

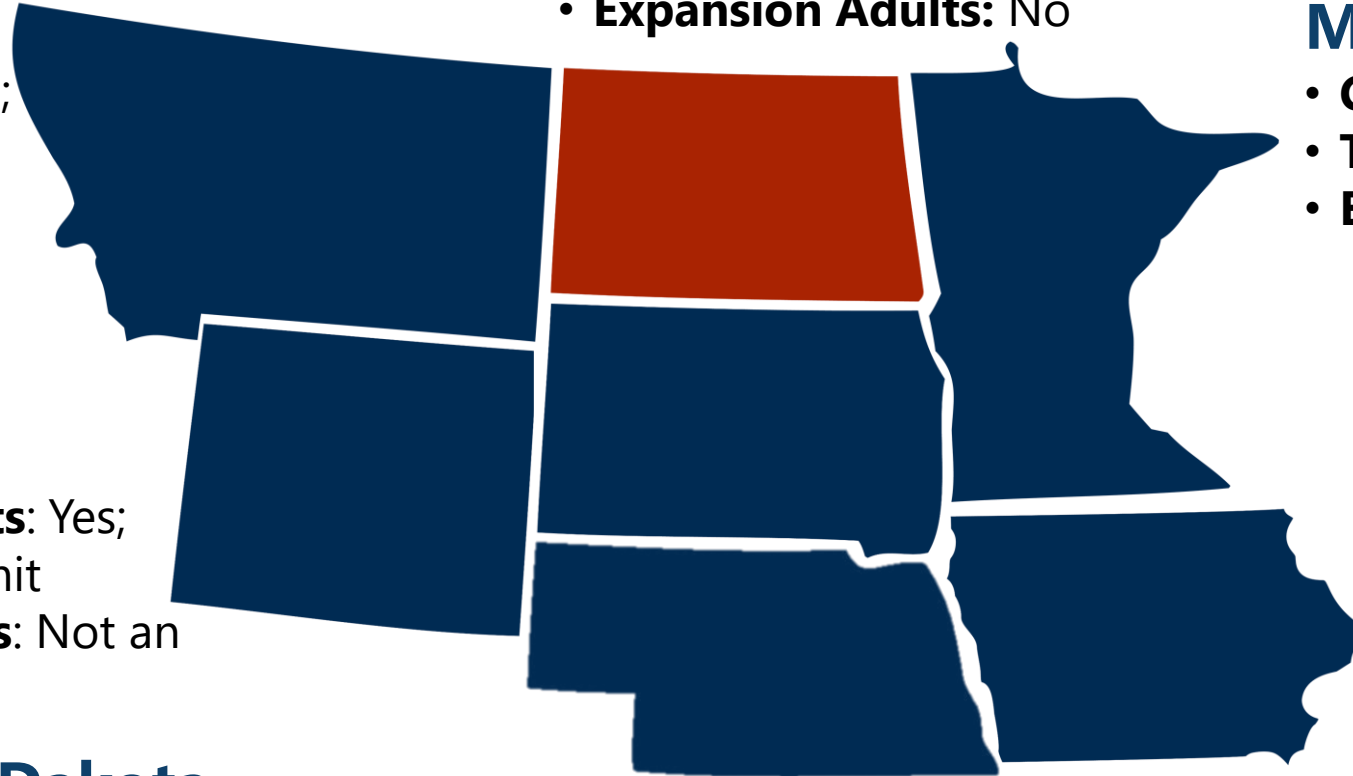
- **Children:** Yes
- **Traditional Adults:** Yes
- **Expansion Adults:** Yes

Iowa

- **Children:** Yes
- **Traditional Adults:** Yes; \$1,000 Annual Limit
- **Expansion Adults:** Yes; \$1,000 Annual Limit

Nebraska

- **Children:** Yes
- **Traditional Adults:** Yes
- **Expansion Adults:** Yes



Comparison States

Dentist Demographics, 2023

Montana

- Total Dentists: 640
- Dentists Per 100,000: 56.5
- Dental School: No

Wyoming

- Total Dentists: 306
- Dentists Per 100,000: 52.4
- Dental School: No

South Dakota

- Total Dentists: 483
- Dentists Per 100,000: 52.5
- Dental School: No

North Dakota

- Total Dentists: 396
- Dentists Per 100,000: 50.5
- Dental School: No

Nebraska

- Total Dentists: 1,295
- Dentists Per 100,000: 65.5
- Dental School: Yes

United States

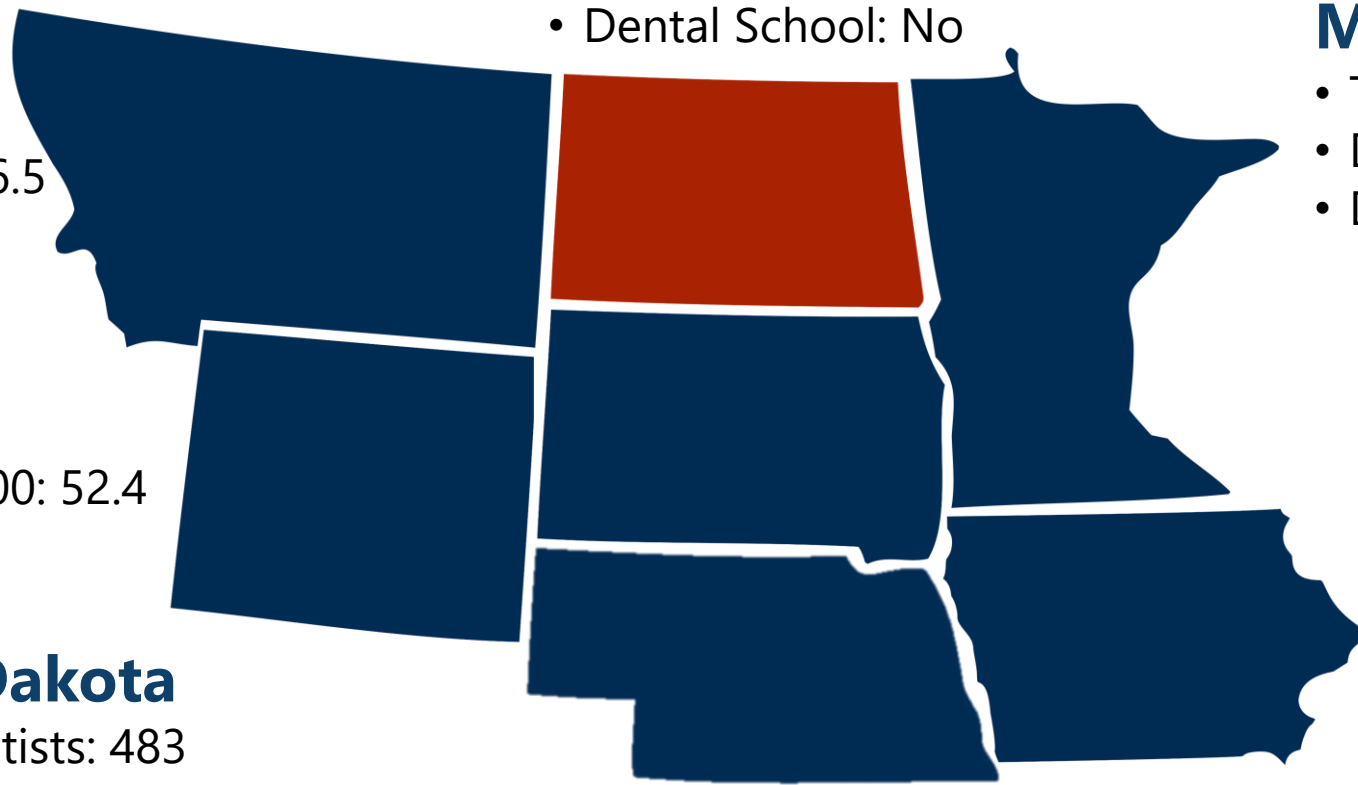
- Total Dentists: 202,304
- Dentists Per 100,000: 60.4

Minnesota

- Total Dentists: 3,352
- Dentists Per 100,000: 58.4
- Dental School: Yes

Iowa

- Total Dentists: 1,625
- Dentists Per 100,000: 50.7
- Dental School: Yes

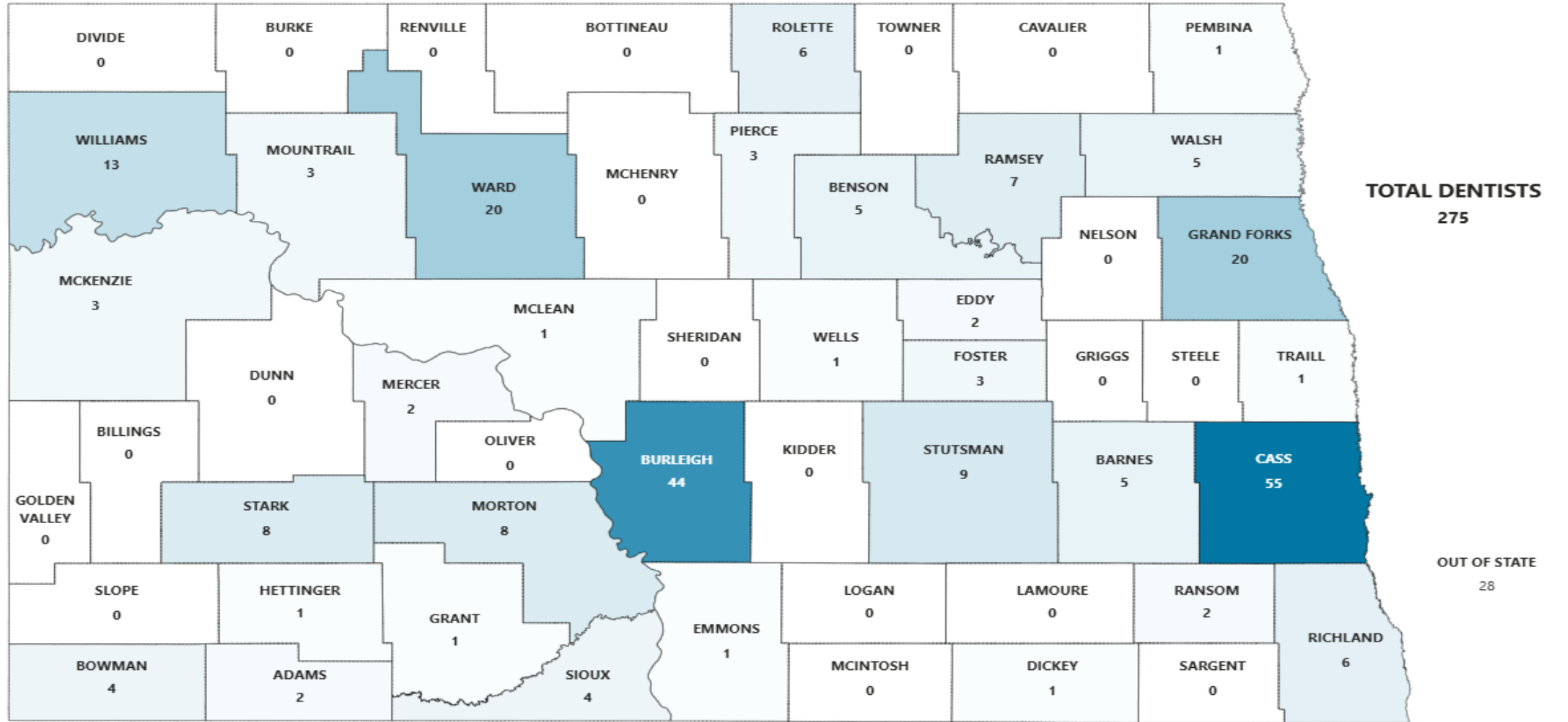


Dentists per 100,000

North Dakota Medicaid, North Dakota & United States

	North Dakota Medicaid Average Monthly Enrollment	North Dakota Medicaid Enrolled Dentists per 100,000 Medicaid Members	North Dakota Dentists per 100,000	United States Dentists per 100,000
2020	98,918	309.4	52.1	60.7
2021	115,238	301.4	51.7	60.8
2022	126,041	289.5	51.1	60.8
2023	127,767	245.8	50.5	60.4
2024	107,485	235.2	Data Not Published	
2025	107,578	255.4	Data Not Published	

Enrolled Medicaid Dentists

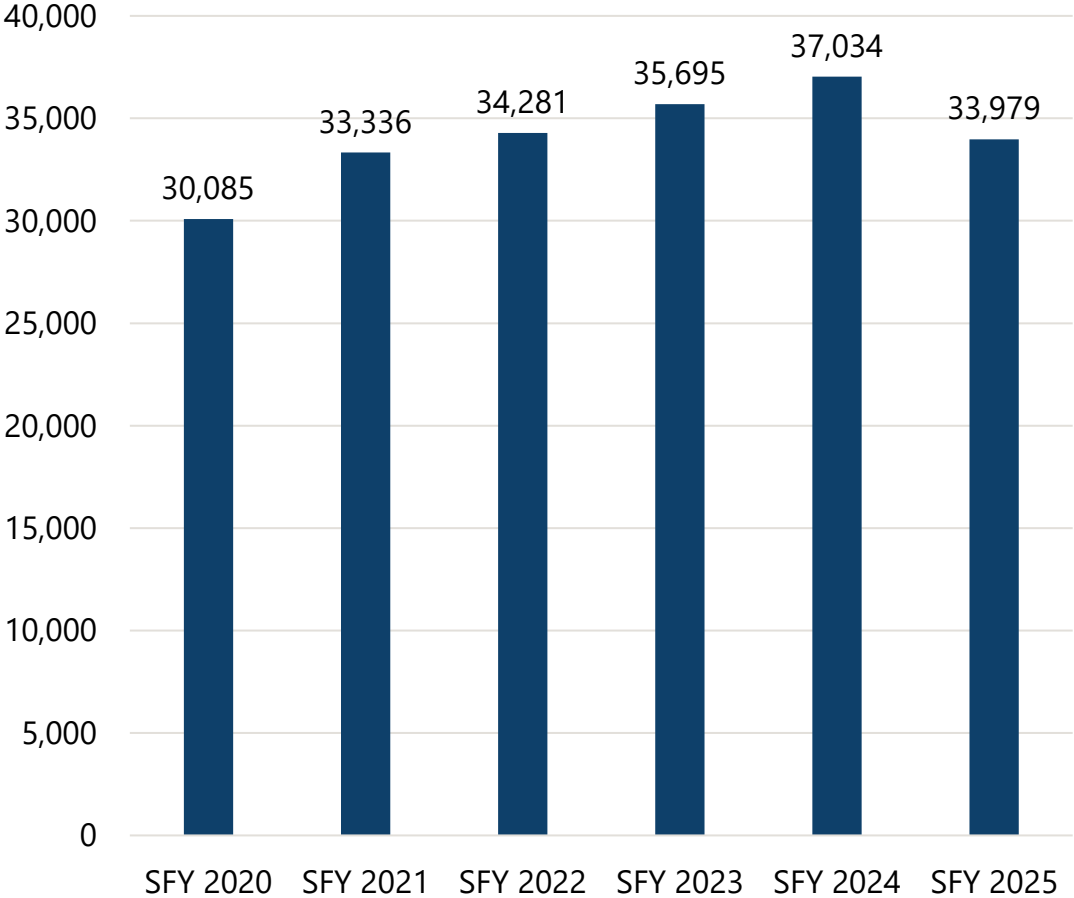


Dental Utilization & Payment

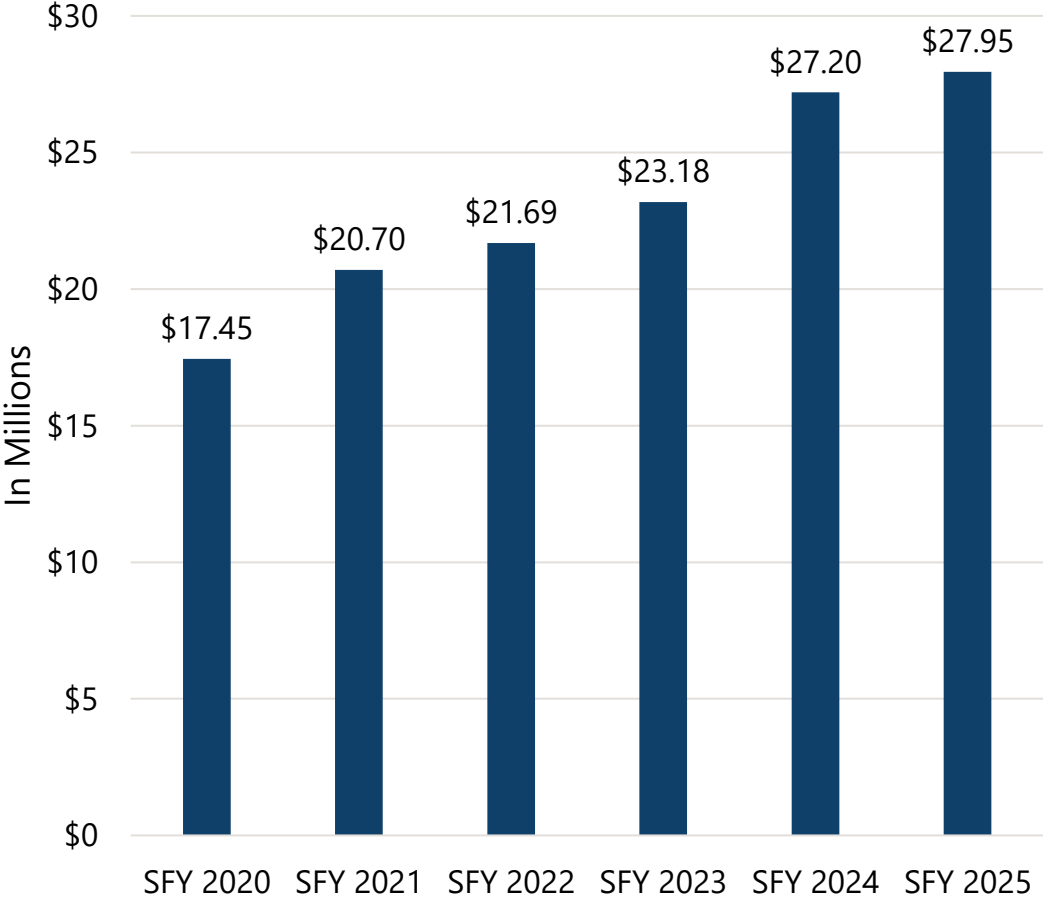
Dental Utilization & Expenditures

SFY 2020 - 2025

Utilizers

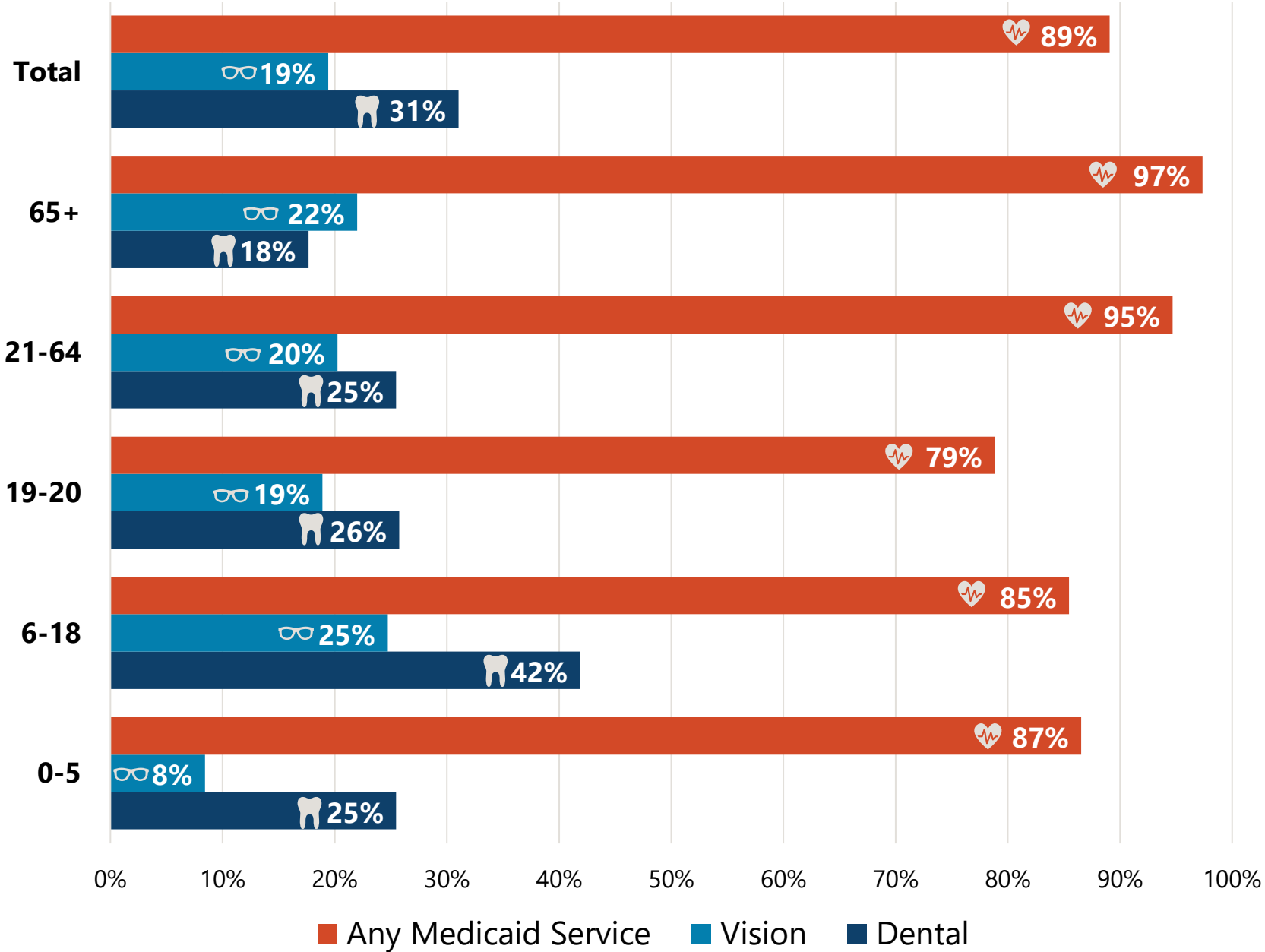


Expenditures (in Millions)



Source: Medicaid Claims Data; Paid SFY (July-June)

North Dakota Medicaid Member Utilization Percentage by Age SFY 2025



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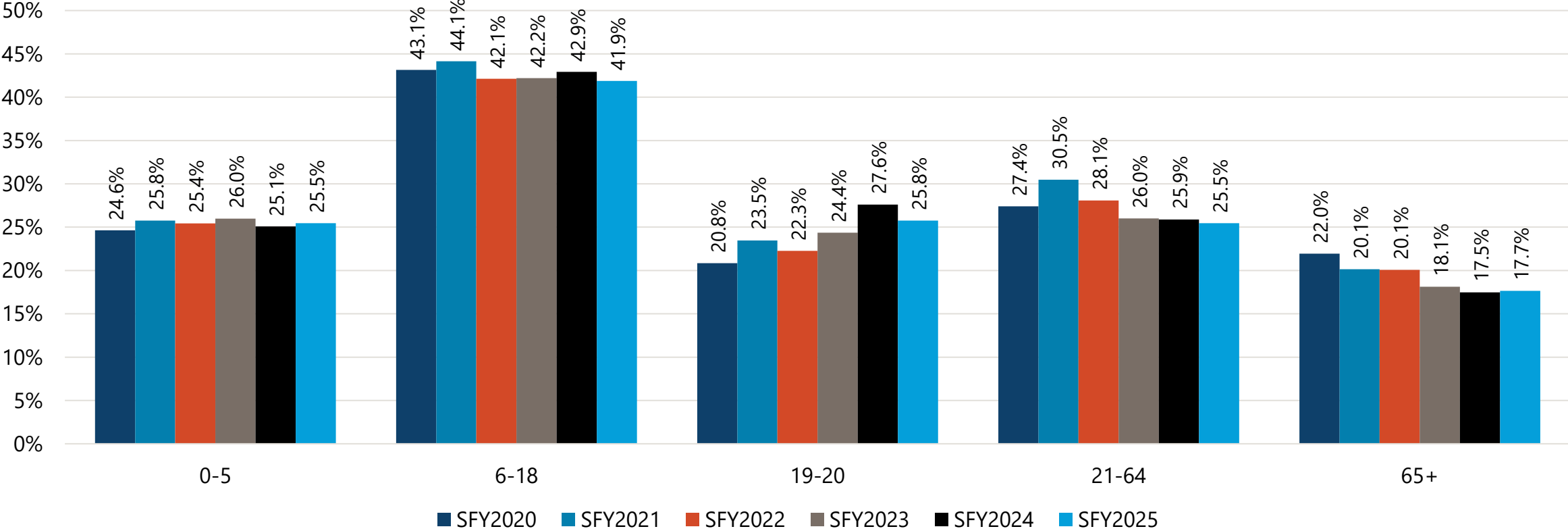
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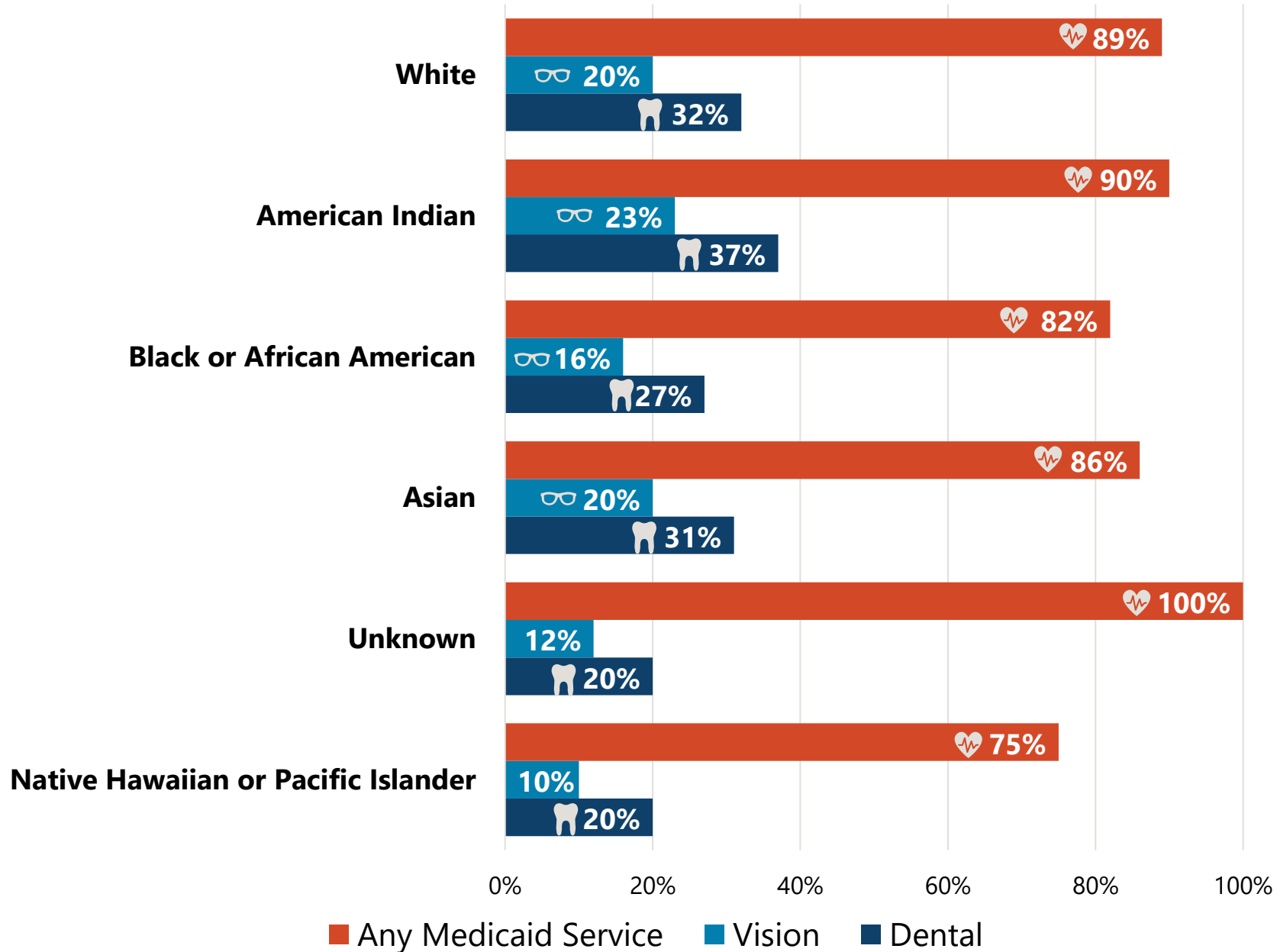
North Dakota Medicaid Member Dental Utilization by Age

SFY 2020 - 2025



Source: Medicaid Claims Data; Paid SFY (July-June)

North Dakota Medicaid Member Utilization Percentage by Race SFY 2025



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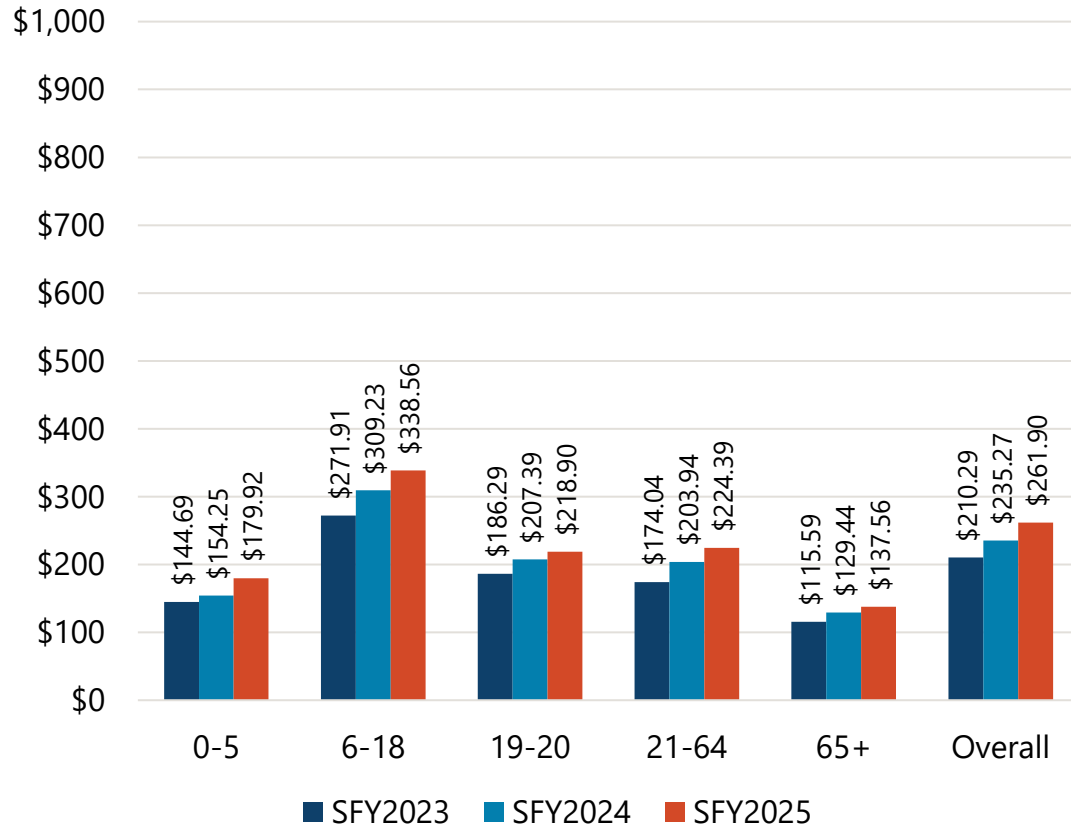
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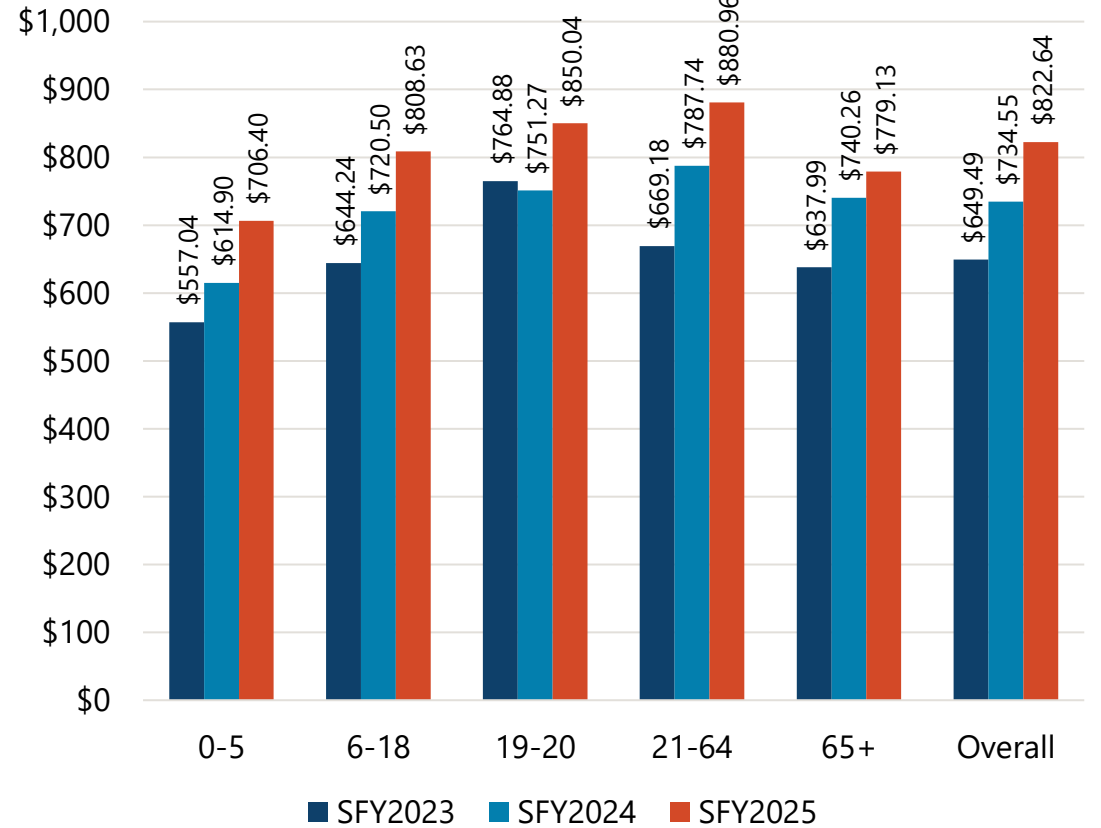
Dental Benefit Utilization

SFY 2023 -2025

Benefit Paid Per Member, by Age Group



Benefit Paid Per Utilizer, by Age Group



Source: Medicaid Claims Data; Paid SFY (July-June)

Top Services by Utilization

SFY 2025



Percent reflects the percent of total ND Medicaid members that received the service.

	Procedure	Percent of Members	Percent of Children 0-20
1	D1206 Topical application of fluoride varnish	19.4%	27.3%
2	D0120 Periodic oral evaluation-established patient	17.5%	22.0%
3	D1120 Dental prophylaxis-child	13.3%	21.1%
4	D1110 Dental prophylaxis-adult	8.6%	7.8%
5	D0272 Bitewings-two radiographic images	8.0%	12.2%
6	D0274 Bitewings-four radiographic images	7.8%	8.1%
7	D0150 Comprehensive oral evaluation-new/established pt	7.5%	9.1%
8	D0140 Limited oral evaluation-problem-focused	6.0%	4.9%
9	D0330 Panoramic radiographic image	5.6%	6.1%
10	D0220 Intraoral first radiograph-periapical	5.5%	4.9%

Source: Medicaid Claims Data; Paid SFY (July-June)

Top Services by Expenditures

SFY 2025

	Procedure	Total Expenditures	Children 0-20 Expenditures
1	T1015 Clinic visit/encounter, all-inclusive	\$2,254,605	\$949,593
2	D8090 Compr orthodontic treatment	\$2,144,620	\$2,144,620
3	D2392 Resin-based composite-two surfaces, posterior	\$1,518,922	\$1,205,370
4	D0120 Periodic oral evaluation-established patient	\$1,357,499	\$1,098,886
5	D1120 Dental prophylaxis-child	\$1,201,959	\$1,201,959
6	D1206 Topical application of fluoride varnish	\$1,036,192	\$953,408
7	D2391 Resin-based composite-one surface, posterior	\$982,991	\$800,177
8	D7210 Erupted tooth req removal bone extraction	\$952,734	\$126,290
9	D0140 Limited oral evaluation-problem-focused	\$939,621	\$474,465
10	D2930 Prefabricated stainless steel crown-prim tooth	\$890,303	\$890,125

Source: Medicaid Claims Data; Paid SFY (July-June)

How does North Dakota compare?

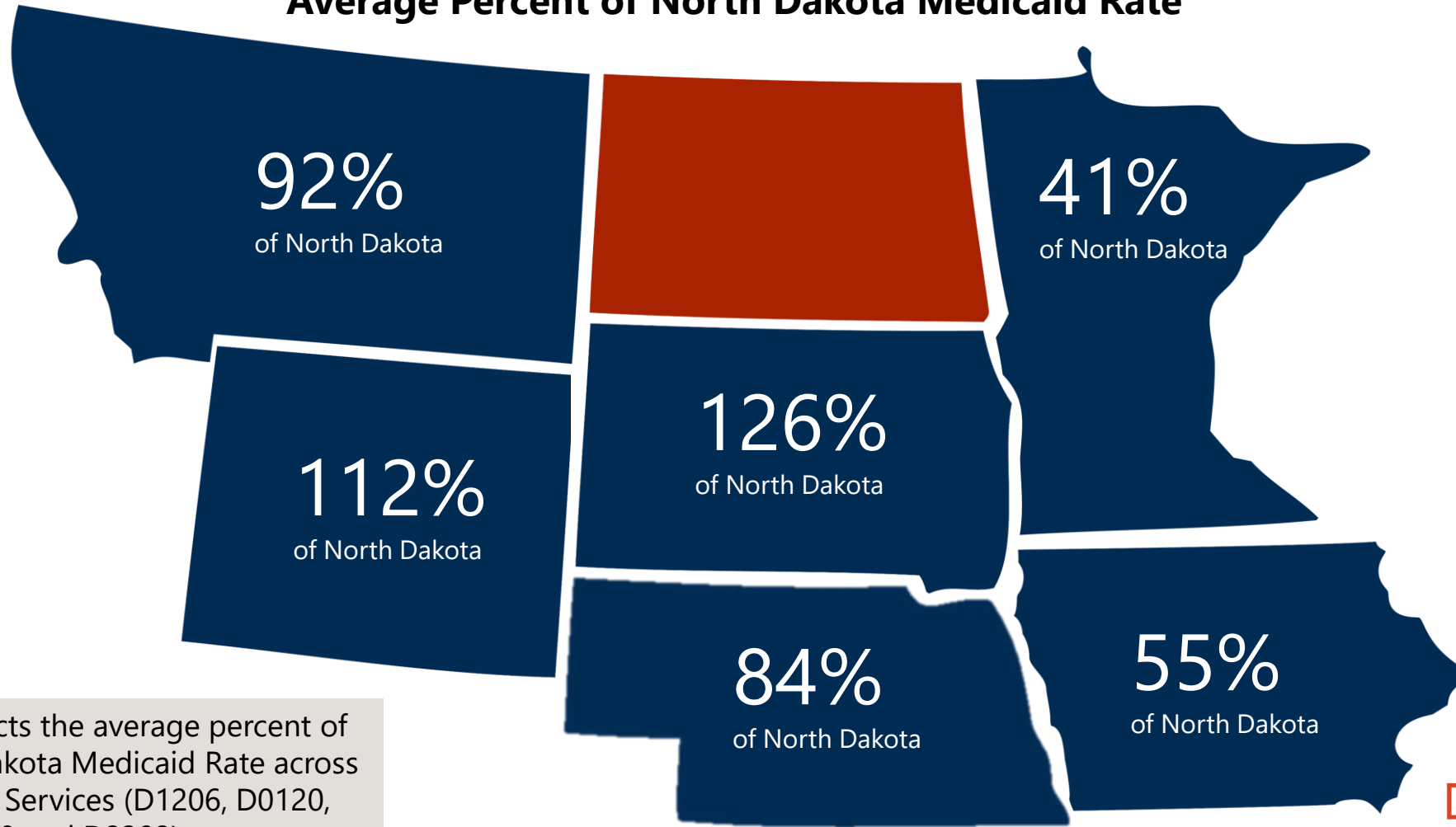
Top Services Comparison to Regional Medicaid Rates

D1206 Topical Application of Fluoride Varnish						
North Dakota	Iowa	Minnesota	Montana	Nebraska	South Dakota	Wyoming
\$28.43	\$14.33	\$14.00	\$23.02	\$27.06	\$33.03	\$42.66
D0120 Periodic Oral Evaluation - Established Patient						
North Dakota	Iowa	Minnesota	Montana	Nebraska	South Dakota	Wyoming
\$32.93	\$16.37	\$12.22	\$26.86	\$29.77	\$43.86	\$39.00
D1120 Dental Prophylaxis - Child						
North Dakota	Iowa	Minnesota	Montana	Nebraska	South Dakota	Wyoming
\$34.94	\$24.57	\$18.34	\$38.37	\$35.17	\$54.18	\$42.66
D1110 Dental Prophylaxis - Adult						
North Dakota	Iowa	Minnesota	Montana	Nebraska	South Dakota	Wyoming
\$65.33	\$35.82	\$26.52	\$57.56	\$44.64	\$72.85	\$60.94
D2392 Resin-Based Composite - Two Surfaces, Posterior						
North Dakota	Iowa	Minnesota	Montana	Nebraska	South Dakota	Wyoming
\$150.75	\$72.47	\$41.65	\$153.48	\$101.45	\$171.44	\$117.00

How does North Dakota compare?

Top Services Comparison to Regional Medicaid Rates

Average Percent of North Dakota Medicaid Rate



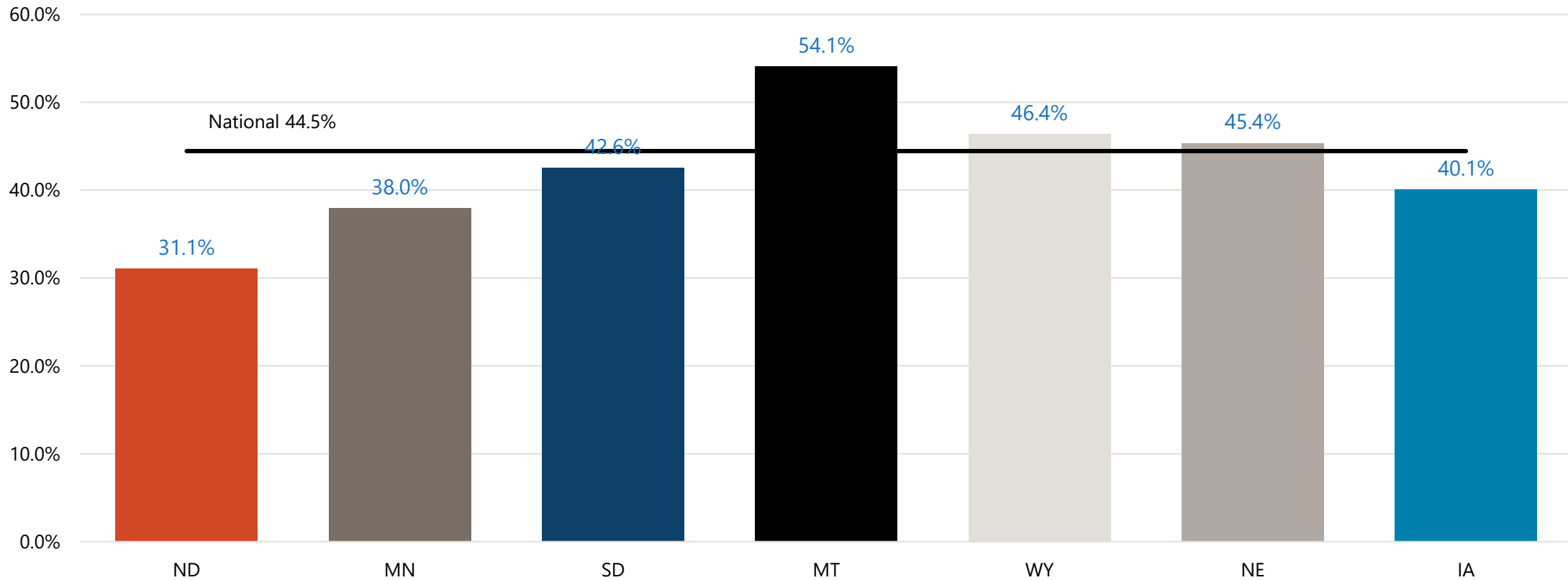
States in our region reimburse approximately **85%** of North Dakota's rate for top dental services.

Percent reflects the average percent of the North Dakota Medicaid Rate across Top 5 Dental Services (D1206, D0120, D1120, D1110 and D2392).

Dental Outcomes

CMS-416: Annual Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) Participation Report Data

% Receiving Any Dental Services by (or under supervision of) a Dentist, FFY2023



**DOH, Bridging the Dental Gap, and Ronald McDonald Care Mobile bill using T1015, an encounter code, not always a proc code to determine type of service.*

**IHS Facilities bill using a revenue code; procedure code is not required so type of service can't always be determined. In FY2025, about 79% of patients had a proc code included allowing for identification of the service, 21% of patients did not.*

Future Discussion

- In-Depth Look at Rates, Process, and Outcomes
- ND Medicaid Dental Outreach and Engagement
- ND Medicaid Process Improvements Related to Dental Care
- Discussion on Strategies to Improve Oral Health Access