Emergency Department Visits for Dental Conditions – A Snapshot

**How often, on average, someone visits a hospital emergency department for dental conditions in the United States.**

- **EVERY 14 SECONDS**

**Number of hospital emergency department visits for dental conditions in the United States in 2014.**

- **2.2 MILLION**

**Percentage of hospital emergency department visits for dental conditions occurring outside of normal business hours.**

- **70%**

**Amount spent on hospital emergency department visits for dental conditions in the United States in 2014.**

- **$1.9 BILLION**

**39%** of hospital emergency department visits for dental conditions among adults in the United States are paid for by Medicaid.

**70%** of hospital emergency department visits for dental conditions among children in the United States are paid for by Medicaid.

**Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act led to increased dental coverage and dental care use among Medicaid-enrolled adults, some of which occurred in hospital emergency departments.**

Source: HPI analysis of the 2014 Nationwide Emergency Department Sample, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, except for:

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