

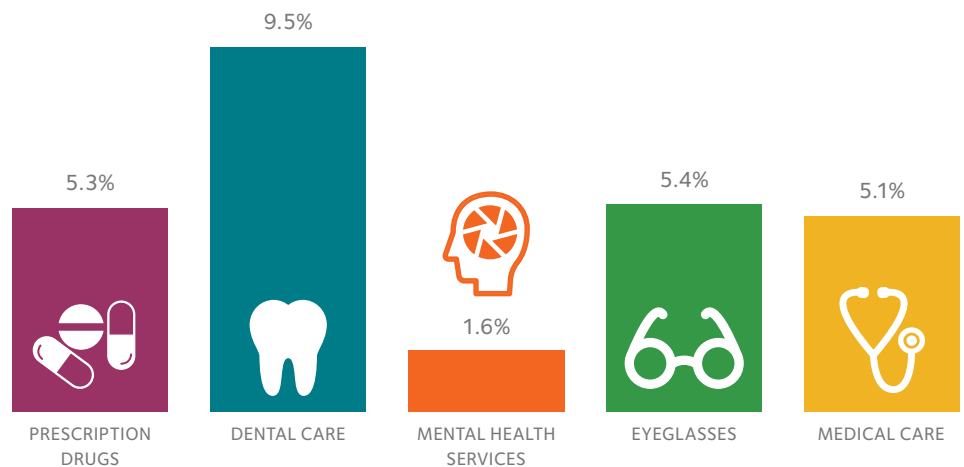
Is Medicaid Expansion Easing Cost Barriers to Dental Care for Low-Income Adults?

THROUGH 2015
an estimated
5.4 million
adults

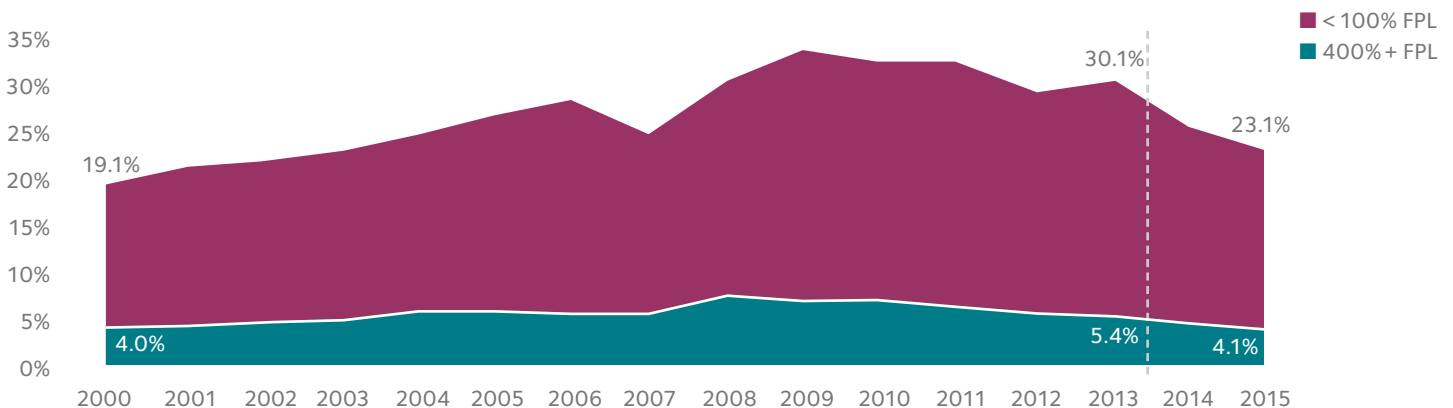
gained dental benefits through Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act¹.

DENTAL CARE consistently ranks at the top in terms of health care services with affordability challenges.

PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION WHO NEEDED BUT DID NOT OBTAIN SELECT HEALTH CARE SERVICES DURING THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS DUE TO COST, 2015²



PERCENTAGE OF ADULTS 21-64 WHO NEEDED BUT DID NOT OBTAIN DENTAL CARE SERVICES DURING THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS DUE TO COST, BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 2000-2014²



COST BARRIERS TO DENTAL CARE FOR LOW-INCOME ADULTS HAVE DECLINED SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE MEDICAID EXPANSION UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. FURTHER RESEARCH IS NEEDED TO IDENTIFY THE EXACT CAUSE OF THIS DECLINE.

¹ HPI analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2013 and 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table B27007; generated by HPI using American FactFinder. Available from: <https://factfinder.census.gov>. Accessed October 5, 2016.

² HPI analysis of National Health Interview Survey, National Center of Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. FPL indicates Federal Poverty Level.