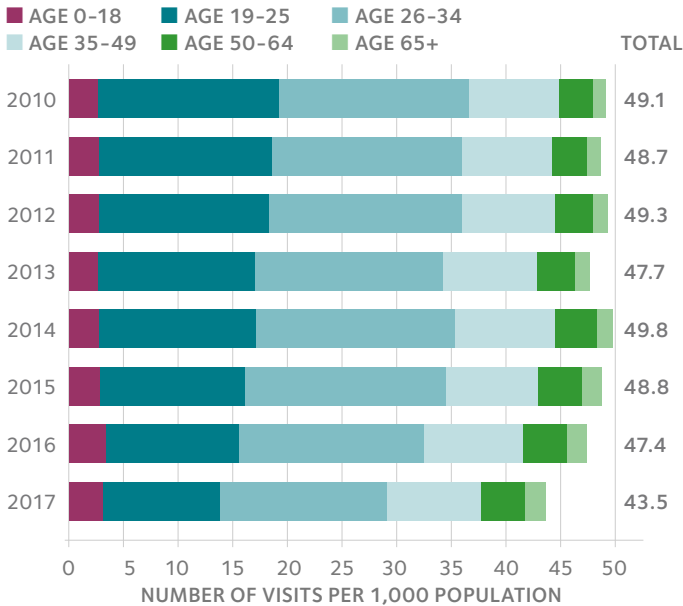
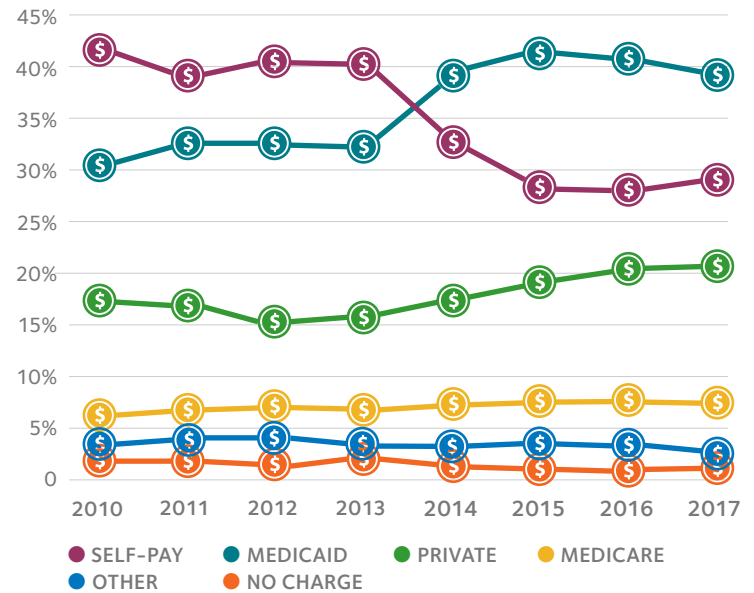


# Emergency Department Visits for Dental Conditions – A Snapshot

## EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS FOR DENTAL CONDITIONS BY AGE GROUP



## EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS FOR DENTAL CONDITIONS AMONG ADULTS BY PAYER



EVERY **15** SECONDS

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



**2.1 MILLION**

Total number of hospital emergency department visits for dental conditions in the United States in 2017.



**70%**

Percentage of hospital emergency department visits for dental conditions occurring outside of normal business hours.<sup>1</sup>



**\$2.7 BILLION**

Total amount of dollars spent on hospital emergency department visits in the United States in 2017.



ADULTS

**40%**

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



CHILDREN

**69%**

of hospital emergency department visits for dental conditions among **children** in the United States that 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.<sup>2</sup>

**Source:** HPI analysis of the 2017 Nationwide Emergency Department Sample, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, except for:

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