Reimbursement Rates for Child and Adult Dental Services in Medicaid by State

MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF PRIVATE INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT FOR CHILD DENTAL SERVICES, 2020

IN 2020, MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT was, on average, 61.4% of private insurance reimbursement for child dental services. This is a slight decline from 61.9% in 2017.

Ratios ranged widely by state, from 27.8% in Minnesota to 104.8% in Kentucky in 2020.

FOR DATA AND METHODS, and to view the reimbursement ratios for all states for 2017 and 2020, see this Data Table.
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**MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF PRIVATE INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT FOR ADULT DENTAL SERVICES, 2020**

- **BELOW 50%**
- **50%–59.9%**
- **60%–69.9%**
- **70%–79.9%**
- **80% OR GREATER**
- **NO BENEFIT OR EMERGENCY ONLY**
- **LIMITED OR EXTENSIVE – NO DATA AVAILABLE**

**Alaska (AK):** 69.5%

**California (CA):** 86.8%

**OR: 38.7**

**CRITICAL DATA:**

- **THE AVERAGE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT among states providing limited or extensive adult dental services was 53.3% of private insurance reimbursement in 2020, an increase from 49.3% in 2017.**

- Medicaid reimbursement as a percentage of private insurance reimbursement for adult dental services varied between 30.5% in Minnesota to 86.8% in California.

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