

Medicaid Reimbursement for Dental Care Services – 2024 data update


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Background

- We update data on reimbursement for dental care services within state Medicaid programs for 2024. Previous HPI report was for 2022. Data for 2022 and 2024 are not comparable to previous HPI data on Medicaid reimbursement.
- We use two main data sources:
 - State Medicaid program FFS reimbursement schedules collected from Medicaid websites through July 2024
 - FAIRHealth data on dentist charges in private dental insurance plans, aggregated to the state level for 2024
 - Fluent data on average maximum allowed payment rates in private dental insurance plans, aggregated to the state level for 2024
- We construct a weighted average index across 14 procedures and compare Medicaid FFS reimbursement amounts to average dentist charges and average maximum allowed payment rates. We conduct separate analysis for child dental care services and adult dental care services.
- The managed care 'data void' is still a major data limitation. We do not have access to any managed care data. Nor is there even an up-to-date classification of states according to how they administer their Medicaid dental programs. Use caution.
- Full details on data sources and methods are in the appendix.

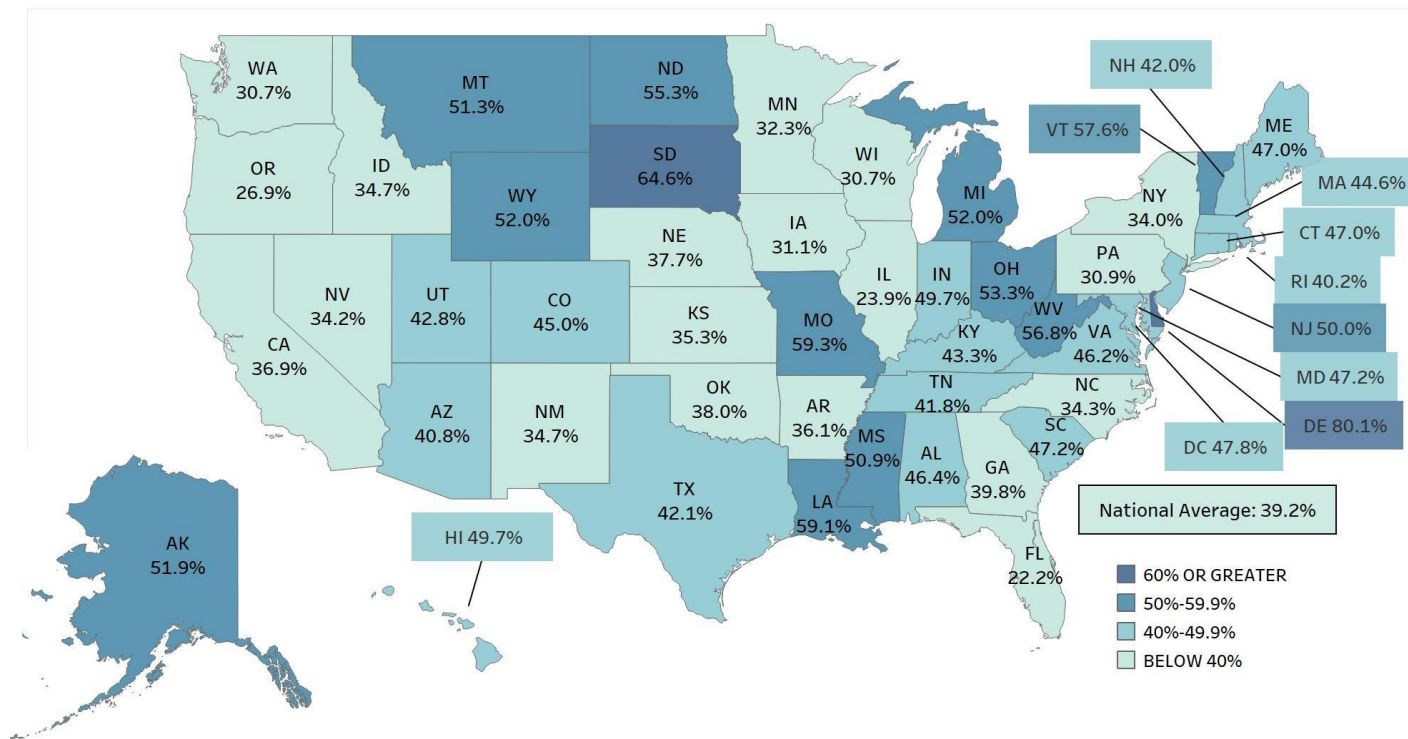
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5	State	Medicaid FFS Reimbursement as Percentage of Average Dentist Charges		Medicaid FFS Reimbursement as Percentage of Average Private Dental Insurance Payment Rates		Adult Benefit Level	
6		Child Dental Care Services	Adult Dental Care Services	Child Dental Care Services	Adult Dental Care Services		
7	Alabama	46.4%		75.0%		None	
8	Alaska	51.9%	44.5%	72.5%	59.1%	Enhanced	
9	Arizona	40.8%		80.5%		Emergency	
10	Arkansas	36.1%	31.2%	68.3%	58.8%	Limited	
11	California	36.9%	41.4%	59.7%	68.3%	Enhanced	
12	Colorado	45.0%	42.8%	78.5%	73.1%	Enhanced	
13	Connecticut	47.0%	29.9%	79.6%	49.4%	Enhanced	
14	Delaware	80.1%	78.0%	115.9%	111.1%	Limited	
15	District of Columbia	47.8%	39.3%	86.3%	69.0%	Enhanced	
16	Florida	22.2%		40.8%		Emergency	
17	Georgia	39.8%		65.5%		Emergency	
18	Hawaii	49.7%	44.1%	83.2%	79.7%	Enhanced	
19	Idaho	34.7%	33.9%	52.4%	53.2%	Enhanced	
20	Illinois	23.9%	26.6%	39.7%	43.2%	Enhanced	
21	Indiana	49.7%	49.6%	78.7%	77.8%	Limited	
22	Iowa	31.1%	29.9%	48.3%	45.5%	Enhanced	
23	Kansas	35.3%	38.4%	59.8%	64.6%	Limited	
24	Kentucky	43.3%	41.4%	75.3%	71.7%	Limited	
25	Louisiana	59.1%	56.5%	89.9%	86.5%	Limited	
26	Maine	47.0%	49.4%	64.6%	68.2%	Enhanced	
27	Maryland	47.2%	45.5%	91.7%	87.3%	Enhanced	
28	Massachusetts	44.6%	33.9%	88.3%	61.0%	Enhanced	
29	Michigan	52.0%	51.7%	81.5%	82.3%	Enhanced	
30	Minnesota	32.3%	33.1%	54.0%	51.6%	Enhanced	
31	Mississippi	50.9%		82.2%		Emergency	

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1	 Health Policy Institute	
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6	Medicaid Fee-For-Service Reimbursement as a Percentage of Dentist Charges and Private Dental Insurance Reimbursement, 2024	
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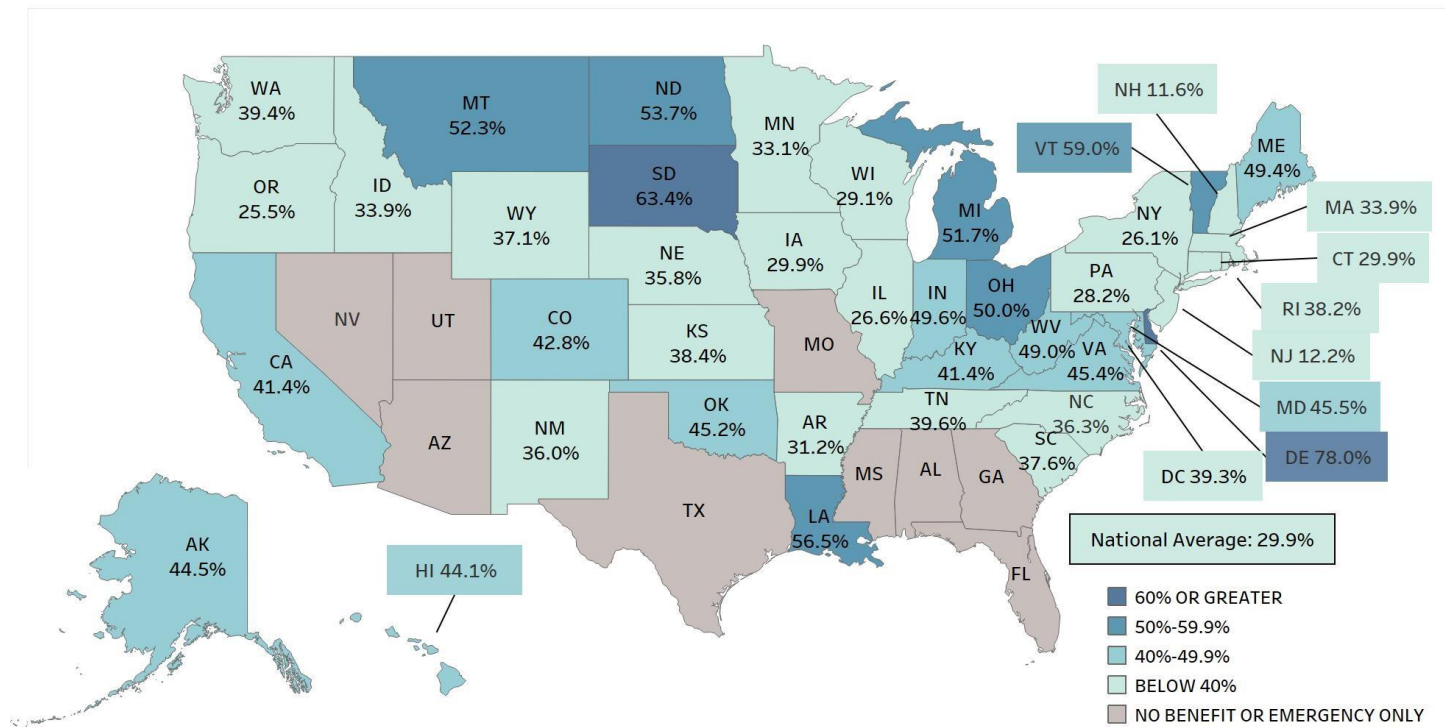
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Medicaid FFS Reimbursement as a Percent of Average Dentist Charges, Child Dental Services, 2024



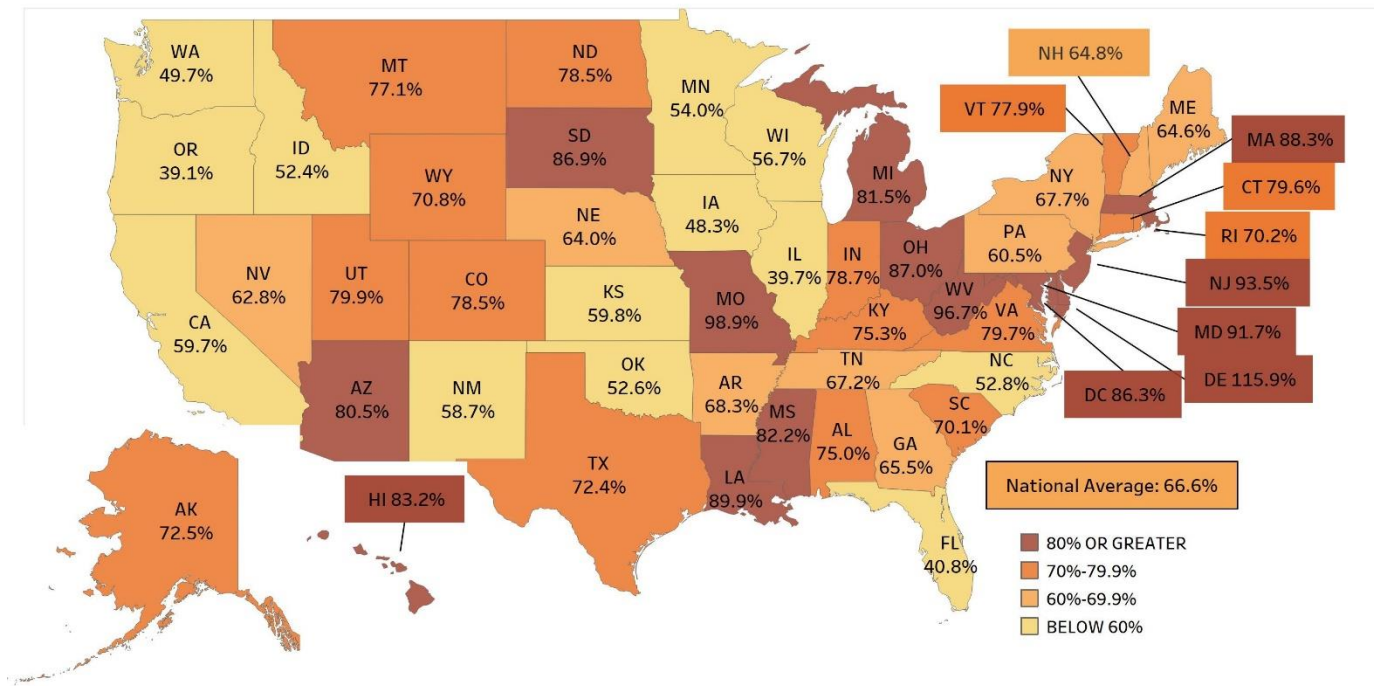
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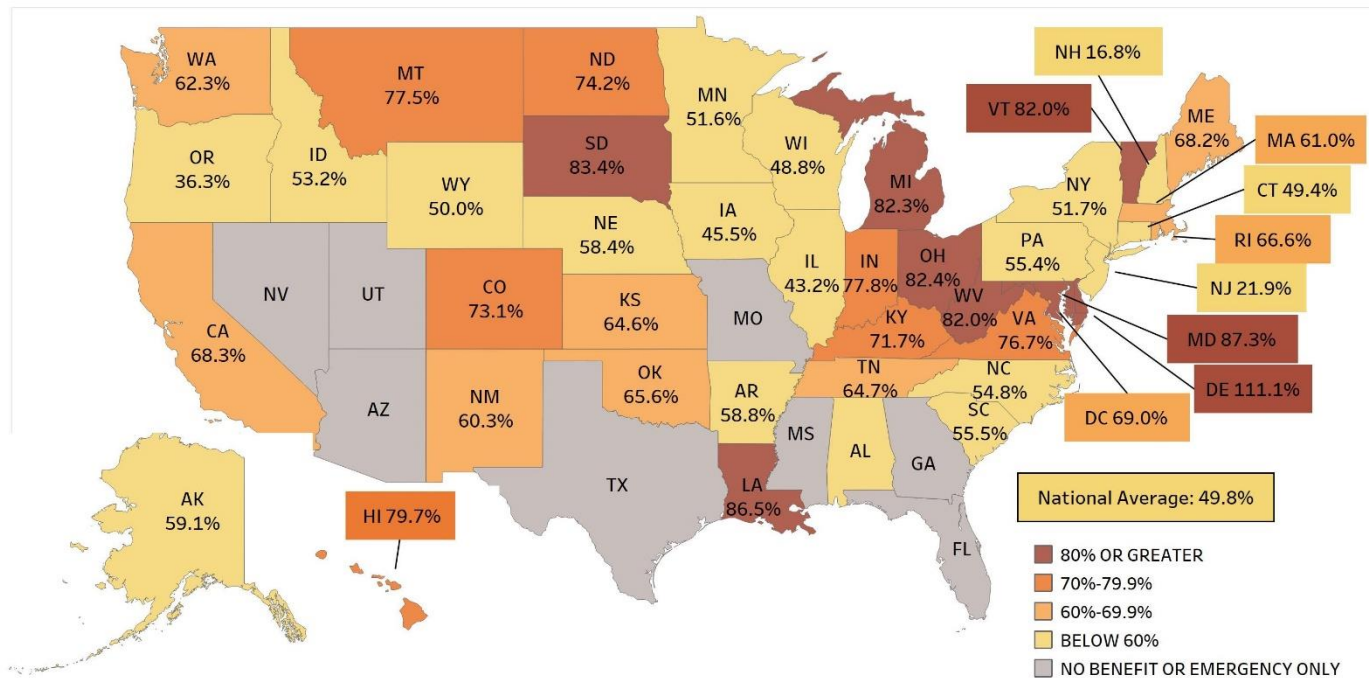
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Medicaid FFS Reimbursement as a Percent of Average Private Dental Insurance Payment Rates
Child Dental Services, 2024



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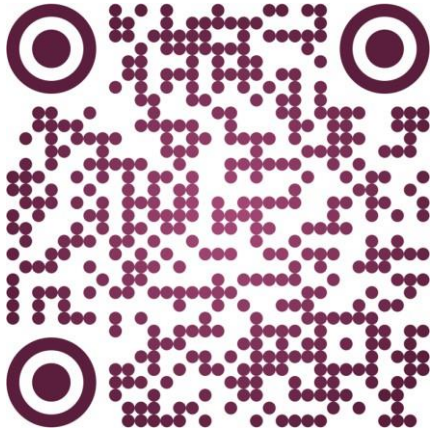
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Access the Data

- Download the data report here: [Medicaid Fee-For-Service Reimbursement as a Percentage of Dentist Charges and Private Dental Insurance Reimbursement, 2024 \(XLSX\)](#).
- This report along with the rest of HPI's research on Medicaid can also be found on HPI's [Coverage, Access and Outcomes page](#).

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