**Dental Care Use Among Children: 2016**

**DENTAL CARE USE AMONG CHILDREN, 2006–2016**

- **PRIVATE DENTAL BENEFITS**
- **MEDICAID OR CHIP**

**IN 2016, FOR THE FIRST TIME,** a majority of Medicaid or CHIP children had a dental visit in the past year: **50.4%**

**OVER 2/3** of children with private dental benefits had a dental visit in 2016. The dental care use gap between publicly and privately insured children has narrowed the past decade.

**Source:** HPI analysis of Truven Health Analytics MarketScan® Research Database and Medicaid data from CMS-416 reports.

**Note:** We analyzed two groups of children, Medicaid/CHIP-enrolled children and children with private dental benefits. Overall dental care use figures based on the percentage of Medicaid or CHIP and privately-insured children with a dental visit in the past 12 months. Preventive dental care use figures based on Medicaid or CHIP children with at least one preventive dental visit in the past 12 months. North Dakota did not report Medicaid/CHIP data in 2016, therefore, we used 2015 data for North Dakota’s Medicaid/CHIP figures.

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CONNECTICUT, HAWAII, IDAHO, TEXAS, and WASHINGTON had the highest rates of overall dental care use.

CONNECTICUT, HAWAII, IDAHO, TEXAS, and WASHINGTON had the highest rates of preventive dental care use.

In HAWAII and TEXAS, the overall dental care use rate for Medicaid or CHIP children has been higher than for children with private dental benefits since 2009.

In 2016...

BETWEEN 2011 AND 2016...

FLORIDA, HAWAII, INDIANA, MICHIGAN, and MONTANA made the greatest gains in overall dental care use.

FLORIDA, HAWAII, INDIANA, OHIO, and PENNSYLVANIA have made the largest improvements in rates of preventive dental care use.

DENTAL CARE USE AMONG CHILDREN BY STATE, 2016

PRIVATE DENTAL BENEFITS
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