Emergency Department Visits for Dental Conditions – A Snapshot

**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS FOR DENTAL CONDITIONS BY AGE GROUP**

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**EVERY 15 SECONDS**

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

**2.2 MILLION**

Number of hospital emergency department visits for dental conditions in the United States in 2015.

**70%**

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

**$2 BILLION**

Amount spent on hospital emergency department visits for dental conditions in the United States in 2015.

**41%**

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

**70%**

of hospital emergency department visits for dental conditions among children in the United States 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.2

Source: HPI analysis of the 2015 Nationwide Emergency Department Sample, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, except for:

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