Is Medicaid Expansion Easing Cost Barriers to Dental Care for Low-Income Adults?

DENTAL CARE consistently ranks at the top in terms of health care services with affordability challenges.

PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION WHO NEEDED BUT DID NOT OBTAIN SELECT HEALTH CARE SERVICES DURING THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS DUE TO COST, 2015

PERCENTAGE OF ADULTS 21-64 WHO NEEDED BUT DID NOT OBTAIN DENTAL CARE SERVICES DURING THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS DUE TO COST, BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 2000-2014

COST BARRIERS TO DENTAL CARE FOR LOW-INCOME ADULTS HAVE DECLINED SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE MEDICAID EXPANSION UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. FURTHER RESEARCH IS NEEDED TO IDENTIFY THE EXACT CAUSE OF THIS DECLINE.