



ACT NOW – TIME IS RUNNING OUT

Too many in our state suffer from poor oral health.

[Contact your state legislators](#) to urge them to support the House level of funding to fully restore dental coverage for low-income adults

Spread the word!



Encourage your social network to contact state legislators today.

A state investment of \$23.9 million in the 2013-15 budget will provide dental coverage to more than 700,000 people. Fully restoring dental coverage, including funding to fill cavities, is a smart investment. It will:

- Reduce avoidable ER visits - dental pain is the number one reason uninsured people seek care in the ER!
- Save money through early treatment of dental disease - preventing minor problems from turning into serious, costly health issues
- Help people become more employable and self-reliant

Learn more at www.oralhealthwatch.org/restore-dental-coverage/

Citizens' Watch for Oral Health

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Their stories are full of pain....

"I can barely chew because my teeth hurt so much."

"I'm afraid I'm going to lose all my teeth."

"I'm in constant pain, I need help."

"I can't afford dental care. I don't know where to turn."

Eight reasons dental care is essential:

1. Dental problems cause needless suffering and threaten overall health.
2. Dental infections are linked to stroke, heart disease and diabetic complications.
3. When parents receive dental care they are more likely to pay attention to their child's oral health.
4. Prevention and early treatment of dental disease save money!
5. People with severe dental pain who can't get care go to expensive ERs - costing taxpayers more.
6. It is difficult to get a job and be self-reliant when you're in constant pain or missing teeth.
7. Everyone deserves good oral health and to be pain free.

Reason #8: It's the right thing to do.

Tell legislators to restore funding so low-income adults can receive dental care.

Dental care saves money, improves health, and allows people to smile again.

Go to OralHealthWatch.org to contact your legislators.