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HISTORY

- **2017:** Legislature authorized dental benefits for blind and disabled adults delivered through University of Utah School of Dentistry (UUSOD) *(with no fiscal note to the state as the SOD pays the state match)*
- **2019:** Benefits were added for targeted adult Medicaid populations for substance use disorder patients *(with no fiscal note to the state as the SOD pays the state match)*
- **2020:** Dental coverage extended to adults 65 and older *(with no fiscal note to the state as the SOD pays the state match)*
- **2023:** SB19 required the state to seek approval from CMS to expand to all adults using the UUSOD model *(with no fiscal note to the state as the SOD will pay the state match)*
- **Jan 2025:** CMS approved that waiver
- **April 1, 2025:** Dental benefits expanded to all adults in the state of Utah with Medicaid *(with no fiscal note to the state as the SOD pays the state match)*

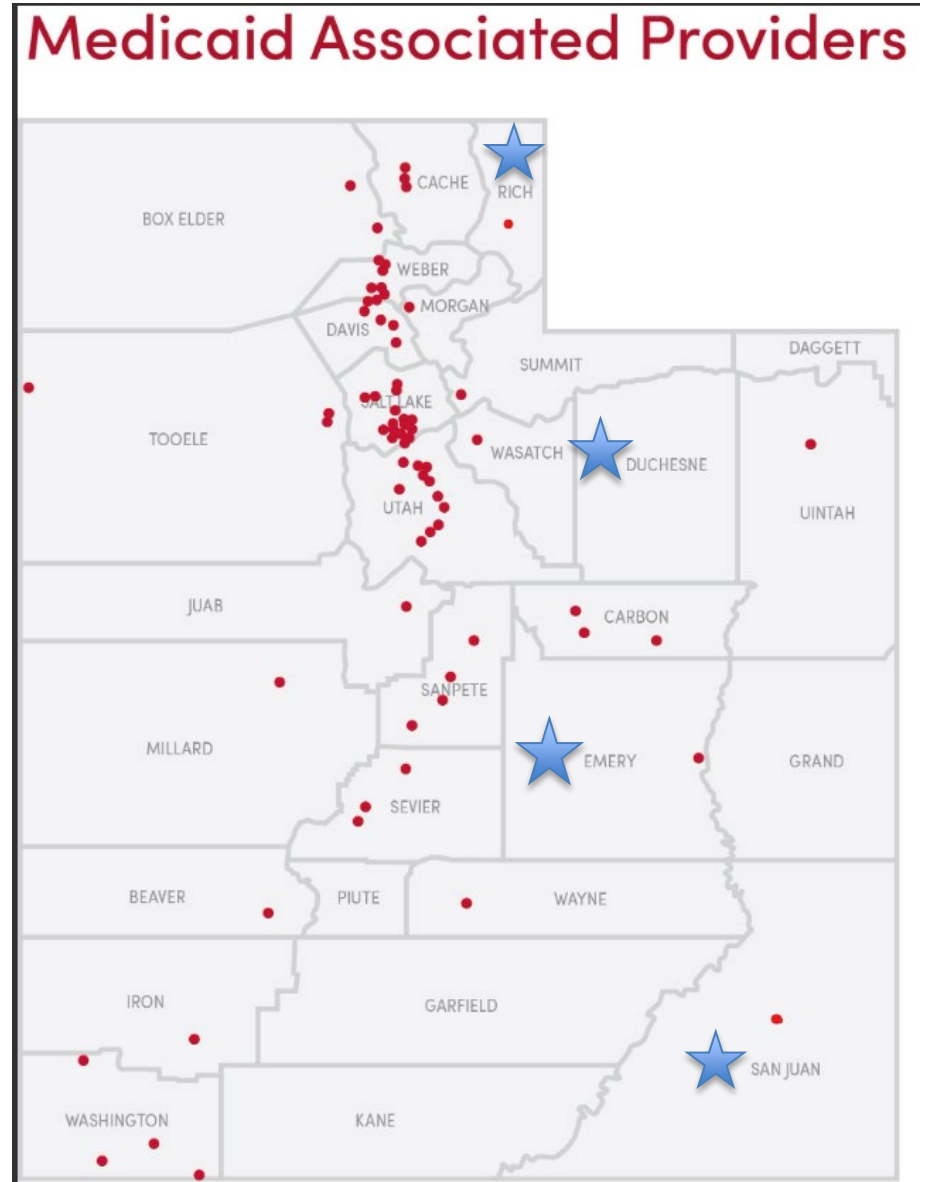
PROGRESS



- April 1, 2025 – Expanded to all adults
- ~160,000 eligible patients throughout the state of Utah
- Amount of care provided more than doubled
- As we do demographic studies, the desire and expected outcomes are confirmed

PROVIDER SNAPSHOT: STATEWIDE ASSOCIATED PROVIDERS

- FY 2025: 400+ providers in 260 locations (new counties added: Rich, Duchesne, Emery, San Juan)
- University of Utah School of Dentistry clinics (11 locations around the state)
- Thankful for support of the Utah Dental Association



MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC IMPACT FY25



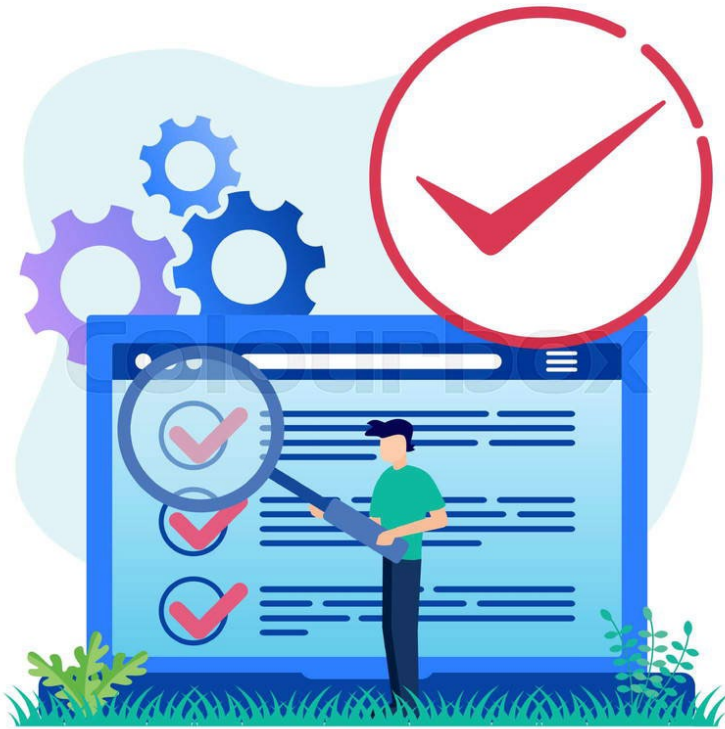
Key Metrics:

- 👩‍⚕️ Student Externs: 14
- 💊 Patient Encounters: 482
- 💰 Value of Care Provided: \$175,000+

Clinic Locations Visited:

Delta | Moab | Nephi | Beaver | Wendover | Kanab | Manti | Vernal | Logan

NEXT STEPS



- Retention
 - Continue support for Associated Providers
- Recruitment
 - Spread the word
 - Specialists
- Quality control

PEDIATRIC/PREGNANT WOMEN EXPANSION

- Target date: July 1, 2026
- Currently, there are 174,206 patients
 - 160,681 children
 - 13,525 pregnant women
 - Numbers will rise over the next year
- Provider group on board and ready to go/pediatric dentists
 - Will enroll remaining number of providers

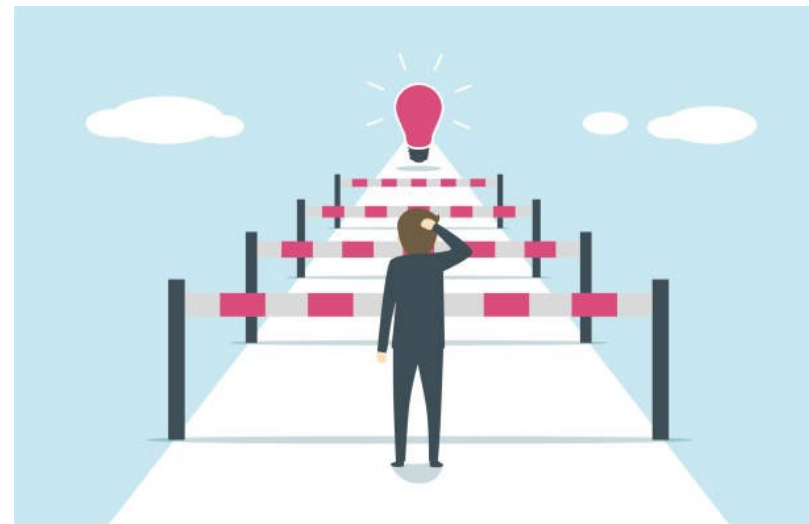


WHAT IS WORKING WELL?

- Meeting the needs of the underserved
- Dental providers throughout state are happier with their experience
 - No limit on amount of work that can be done on individual patients
 - Prior authorization and claim submissions sent directly to state Medicaid office and reimbursement comes directly from state Medicaid office
 - Provider experience equal to or better than most commonly used insurance programs

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT CHALLENGES?

- Enrollment of specialists/providing specialty care:
 - Endodontics
 - Periodontics
 - Oral surgery



UUSOD PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

- Development of four specialty residency programs
 - Periodontics (2027)
 - Endodontics (2028)
 - Oral surgery (2029)
 - Prosthodontics (2030)
- Current proposal by the SOD and the College of Health in collaboration on an “integrated healthcare facility” to house these residency programs



THIS IS GETTING GOOD!

- Grateful for:
 - the legislative support from the state of Utah
 - collaboration with the state office of Medicaid
 - the support of the Utah Dental Association and Associated Providers throughout the state



QUESTIONS?