THE STATE OF ORAL HEALTH IN THE U.S.

AMERICA LACKS ACCESS TO CARE

Roughly, 74 MILLION AMERICANS had no dental coverage in 2016

About 43% of rural Americans lack access to dental care

About 50% of all Americans over 30 have periodontal disease.

In 2012, ER dental visits cost the U.S. health system roughly $1.6 BILLION with an average cost of $749 PER VISIT.

If the $520 million that is spent by Medicare every year on dental ER visits was diverted to private practices, it would pay for roughly 1 MILLION DENTAL VISITS PER YEAR

AND THE SYSTEM IS FUNDAMENTALLY BROKEN

In the United States, more than $124 BILLION is spent on dental care each year.

National health expenditures will represent 19.9% of the GDP by 2025.

Cost is the #1 reason adults have not visited a dentist in the past 12 months.*

*Regardless of income, age, or source of dental benefits.

Oral disorders are in the TOP TEN CONDITIONS accounting for most personal health care spending.

And costs are projected to keep growing.

SOCIAL DISPARITIES

Untreated dental disease is disproportionately prevalent among racial and ethnic majorities:

42% of African American adults, and 36% of Hispanic adults have untreated dental disease, as compared to 22% of Caucasians

54% of American Indian and Alaska Native children between 1-5 years of age have experienced tooth decay and for preschool children the amount of tooth decay is 4 TIMES HIGHER than white non-Hispanic children

42% of adults with incomes below the federal poverty line have tooth decay 3 TIMES more than adults with higher incomes.

DENTQUEST IS CHANGING HOW TO ACCESS GOOD ORAL HEALTH

To improve the oral health of all, DentaQuest is finding ways to make care:

More affordable
Easier to access
More focused on prevention