

THE STATE OF ORAL HEALTH IN THE U.S.

AMERICA LACKS ACCESS TO CARE

Roughly **74 MILLION AMERICANS** had no dental coverage in 2016



nearly **4X** the number of people medically uninsured.

About **43%**

of rural Americans lack access to dental care



About **50%**

of all Americans over 30 have **periodontal disease**.

That's nearly **65 million people!**

More than **45 MILLION AMERICANS** live in dental coverage shortage areas, where there are not enough dentists to adequately serve the population living there.

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.

DENTAQUEST 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