Children who had dental services performed during a well-child visit ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE A PREVENTIVE DENTAL VISIT.1

**DURING WELL-CHILD VISITS IN 2017:**

- 7% of Medicaid enrolled children ages 5 and younger had an oral health assessment
- 97% of those had fluoride varnish applied
- 25% were diagnosed with a dental condition

ALL INCREASED FROM 20132

**CHALLENGES TO INTERPROFESSIONAL PRACTICE**

- Risk assessments are rarely reported by medical and dental care teams and self-management goals are not commonly given to patients.
- A lack of interoperable health information technology and inadequate dental referral networks IMPAIR EFFECTIVE CARE COORDINATION between primary care and dental providers.

**INTEGRATING ORAL HEALTH INTO PRIMARY CARE**

Through its Medical Oral Expanded Care (MORE Care) platform, the DentaQuest Partnership for Oral Health Advancement has been working with primary care practices across the country to address health disparities through the integration of oral health into primary care practice and the development of dependable and comprehensive oral health care pathways.

**WHAT WE KNOW DESIRED**

- Focus on prevention
- Assess and manage risk
- Support behavior change
- Activate a dental referral system

**WHAT WE KNOW ACTUAL**

- Little focus on self-management
- Leave the mouth
- Surgical intervention model predominates
- Outcome based care is a rarely seen model

**THE GAP**

- Applying evidence
- Changing processes
- Training workforce
- Educating parents
- Using information technology
- Aligning payment

**WE BELIEVE INTERPROFESSIONAL PRACTICE CAN CREATE HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES.**

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2 Source: Analysis of the IBM Watson Medicaid Marketscan Databases, 2013-2017