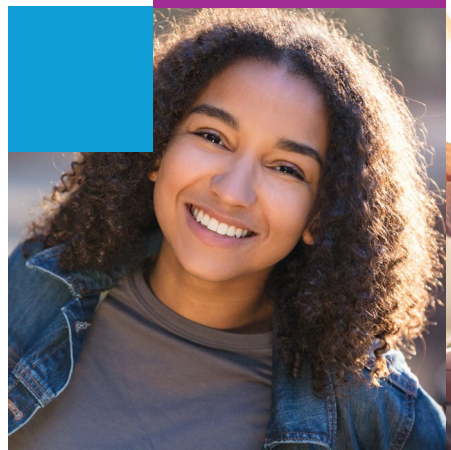


Update on Medicaid Adult Dental Program

Presentation to Health and Human Services Oversight Committee

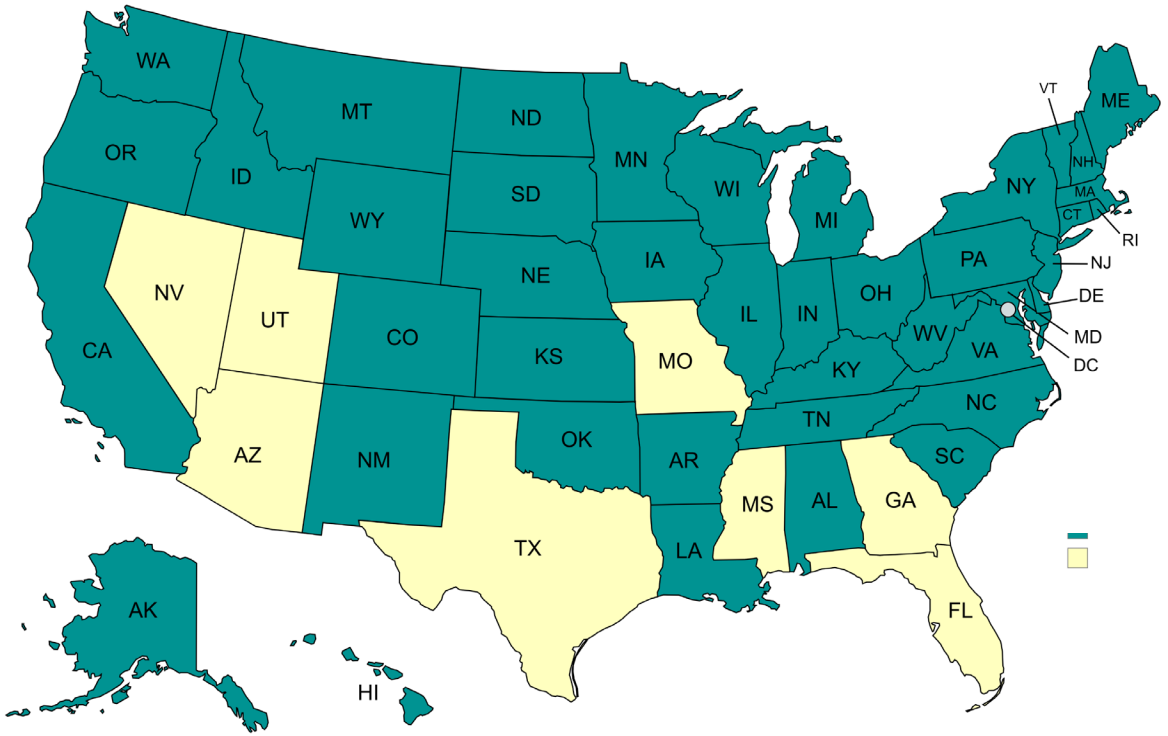
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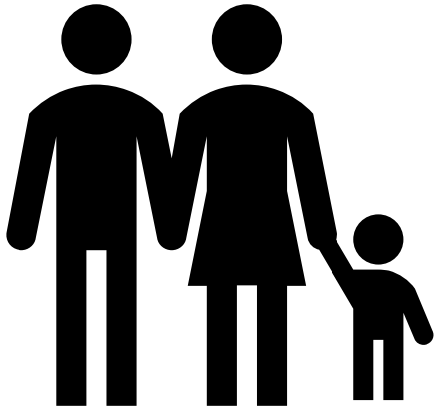
Further State Comparison: Adult Dental Medicaid Benefits



- New Hampshire is one of 42 states, and the District of Columbia, offering adult dental benefits to at least some populations within Medicaid.
- The yellow states only cover emergency dental services.

How Benefits are Delivered in NH

Medical and Behavioral Health Services
Each Medicaid enrollee may choose from 3 Managed Care Organizations (WellSense Health Plan, AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire, New Hampshire Healthy Families)



Adult Dental
Medicaid recipients 21+ are enrolled in Northeast Delta Dental for dental benefits

Pediatric Dental
Medicaid recipients under 21 receive dental benefits in fee-for-service program, administered without managed care

NETWORK DASHBOARD 06/05/2026

DELTA DENTAL

Total Unique Providers and Unique Locations

# Unique Providers	# Unique Locations	# Unique Oral Surgeons	# Unique Oral Surgeons Locations
217	127	19	12

Border Unique Providers in MA /ME/VT

# Providers	# Locations
74	32

Mobile Event Totals as of 06/05/2026

	Event Total	Members Scheduled	Members (Patients) Treated (Not a unique member count)
Totals	439	7,066	5,497

Summary

A total of 217 unique providers/ 127 unique locations as of 06/05/2026. This is including Tele-dentistry, Mobile and IDH's.

We have a total of 18 Participating Oral Surgeons at 11 locations.

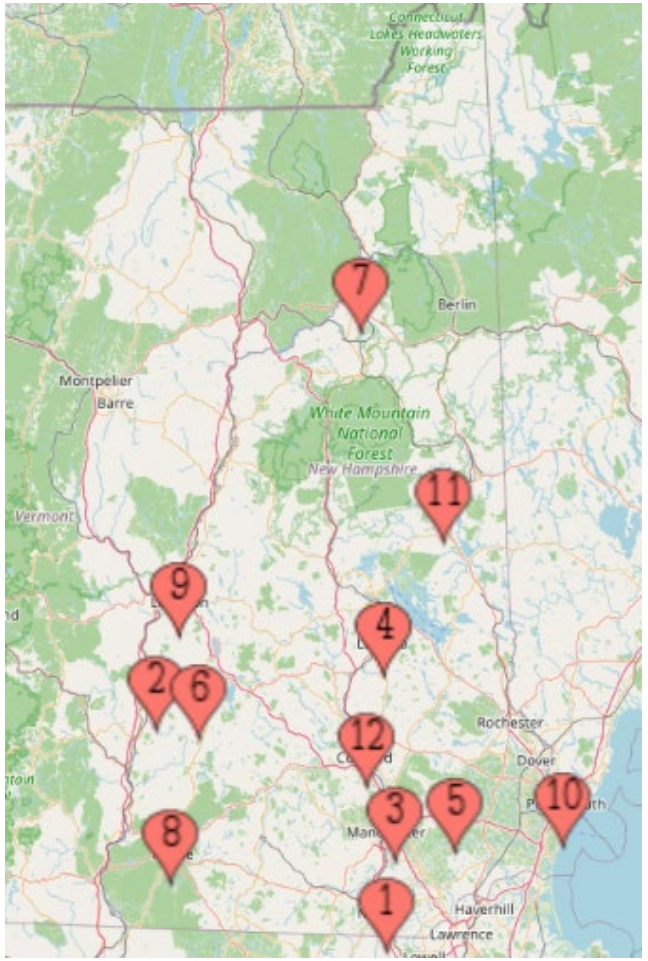
- Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital - 2 Oral Surgeons.
- Dartmouth-Hitchcock Clinic - 2 Oral Surgeons
- Chelmsford Oral Surgery - 4 Oral Surgeons
- Lowell Oral Surgery Associates INC -1 Location in MA and 4 Oral Surgeon
- Nashua Oral Surgeon - 1 Location and 4 Oral Surgeons
- Catholica Medical Center Poisson Dental Facility - 1 Location and 1 Oral Surgeon
- Concord Oral Surgery PA – 1 Location and 3 Oral Surgeons
- Elliot OMS Center – 1 Location and 3 Oral Surgeons
- Seacoast Oral Surgery – 1 Oral Surgeon
- Seacoast II - 2 Oral Surgeon
- New England Family Dentistry PC -1 Location 2 Oral Surgeons

County Breakdown

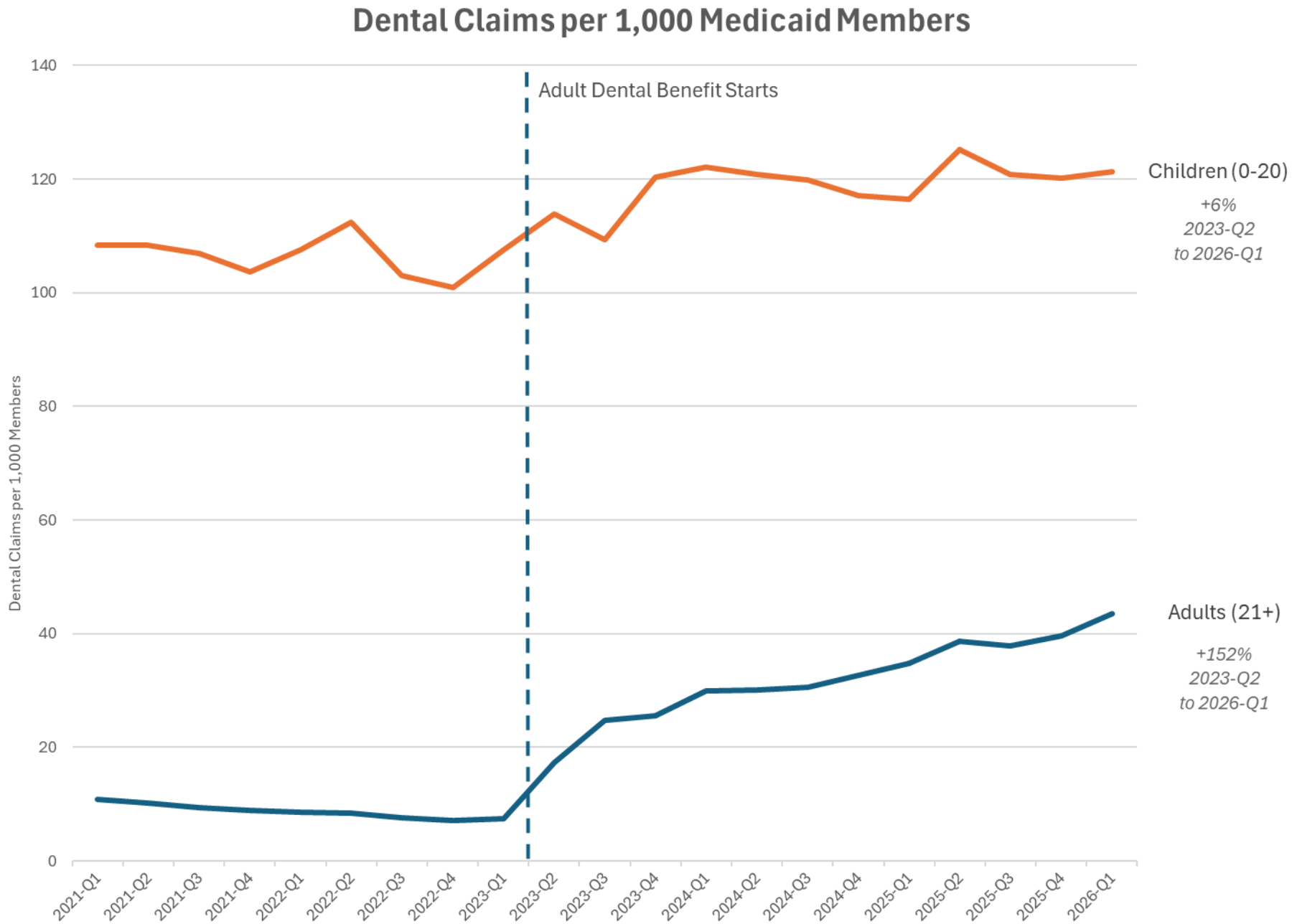
State	County	Unique Provider	Access Point
NH	Belknap	33	36
NH	Carroll	18	19
NH	Cheshire	21	21
NH	Coos	17	47
NH	Grafton	26	35
NH	Hillsborough	86	124
NH	Merrimack	23	37
NH	Rockingham	37	50
NH	Strafford	22	23
NH	Sullivan	17	31
MA	Essex	23	23
MA	Franklin	8	18
MA	Middlesex	29	33
MA	Plymouth	1	1
MA	Worcester	24	31
ME	Oxford	3	3
ME	York	7	7
VT	Caledonia	4	4
VT	Windsor	4	4

Mobile Dental Clinic Locations for April-July

Location	Address
Nashua	Lamprey Health Care, 22 Prospect St., Nashua, NH
Claremont	Valley Regional Hospital, 243 Elm St., Claremont, NH
Newport	Newport Health Center, 11 John Starke Hwy, Newport NH
Manchester	Dartmouth Hitchcock, 100 Hitchcock Way, Manchester, NH
Laconia	Concord Hospital, 85 Spring Street, Laconia NH
Raymond	Lamprey Health Care, 128 Route 27, Raymond NH
Lancaster	Weeks Medical Center, 173 Middle Street, Lancaster, NH
Concord	NEDD - 2 Delta Drive, Concord, NH
Keene	Childrens Learning Center at Cheshire Medical, 550 Court St., Keene, NH
Lebanon	Lebanon City Hall, 51 North Park Street, Lebanon, NH (behind City Hall on Flynn St).
Portsmouth	The Granite YMCA of The Seacoast, 550 Peverly Hill Road, Portsmouth, NH
Tamworth	TCCAP - 448 White Mountain Hwy, Tamworth NH



Over 30,000 unique members served to date



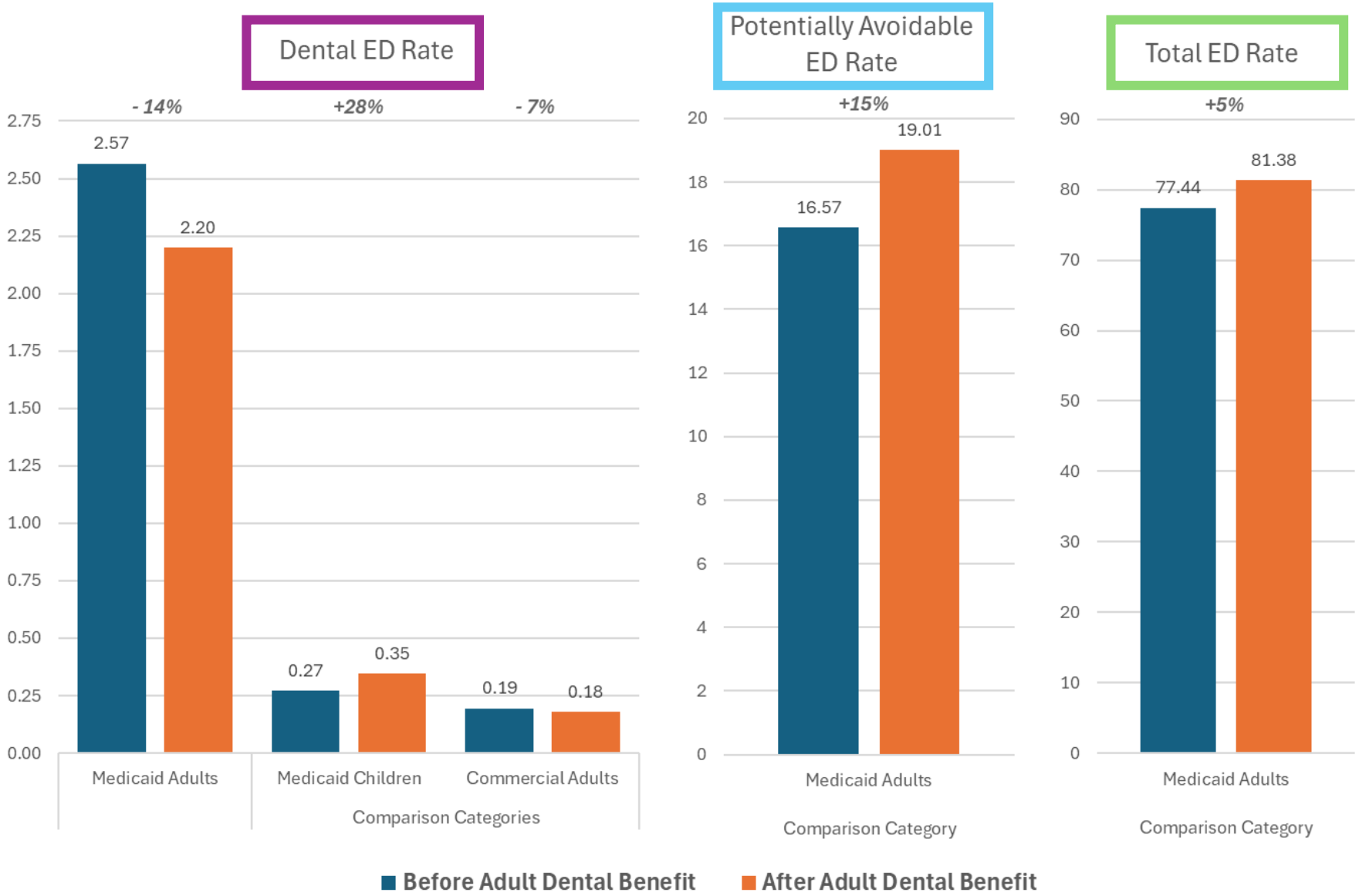
The Dental ED Rate shows rate of utilization of ED services for dental-related reasons and has **decreased**

The Potentially Avoidable ED Rate shows rate of ED utilization for any potentially avoidable reason and has **increased**

The total ED rate is the total rate of ED utilization for any reason and has **increased**

Emergency Department Utilization Changes

Among Medicaid or Commercial Plan Members with 39+ Months of Continuous Coverage



Notes: Rates are the average number of monthly events with paid claims per 1,000 members with 39 months of continuous coverage from 4/1/22 to 6/30/25. "Before Adult Dental Benefit" is the year prior to the benefit (4/1/22 to 3/31/23) and "After Adult Dental Benefit" is 7/1/24 to 6/30/25. Medicaid adults are ages 21+ in all months, Medicaid children are ages 0 to 20, and commercial plan adults are ages 21 to 64.

Further detail from prior slide: Most Common Primary Diagnosis Codes

Non-Traumatic Dental ED

- **K04.7:** Periapical abscess without sinus
- **K08.89:** Other specified disorders of teeth and supporting structures
- **K02.9:** Dental caries

Potentially Avoidable ED

- **J06.9:** Acute upper respiratory infection
- **R51.9:** Headache
- **R11.2:** Nausea with vomiting