

# *We have found a way to save* **BILLIONS** *in health care.*

As individuals receive regular dental care, their medical health improves—creating vast savings for the American health care system, government and businesses.

**In 2014, more than**

**\$1**  
USD

in every

**\$6**  
USD

**went to health care.**

## **ROI** of Oral Care

When oral health worsens, medical health worsens and costs escalate. By improving oral health, savings can be realized:

**\$29**  
**BILLION**

If 60% of diabetes patients better managed their gum disease, savings could equal about \$29 billion per year.

**\$7**  
**BILLION**

If 40% of pregnant women better managed their gum disease, savings could equal about \$7 billion.

**\$826**  
**MILLION**

If 50% of dental-related emergency visits were handled in a community setting, savings could equal around \$826 million.

## *How can policymakers help?*

Consider mandatory dental coverage to encourage regular care.

Redesign government programs to extend broader care to adults & kids.

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