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# Adult Dental Update

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Virginia  
Health Catalyst  
The Intersection of Overall  
Health and Oral Health



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# Virginia Health Catalyst

Striving to ensure all Virginians have equitable access to **comprehensive health** care that is inclusive of oral health.

## Clinical & Community Care



## Policy



## Public Health

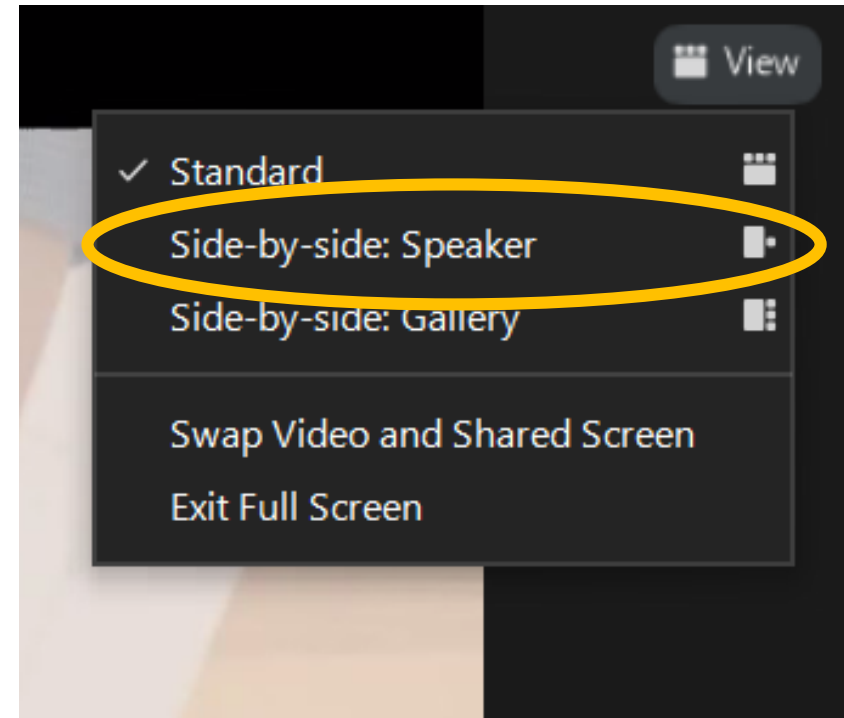


## Public Awareness



# For Optimal Viewing...

- Change your view to Side-by-side: Speaker



If you have questions, please put them in the chat box!



# An Adult Dental Benefit? REALLY?



Medicaid budget  
allotment:

**\$17,486,839**

## Eligible adults:

- ~830,000 (up from 670,000 when budget # was determined)
- Maintenance of Effort



## Network:

- Nearly 2,000 dentists/34% of practicing dentists



# An Adult Dental Benefit?? REALLY???!!!

## Clinical Benefits

- More dentists participating in Medicaid
- Increase in number of Medicaid patients seen by a dentist
- More patients seen each week in the office
- Add \$15-20K annually to health system income

## Community Benefits

- Improved chronic disease outcomes
- Decreased use of ED for avoidable issues
- Higher child utilization rates
- Positive employment implications

# Success - Adult Dental Implementation

**Benefit Design**

**Benefit Administration**

**Network Preparedness**

**Beneficiary Utilization**



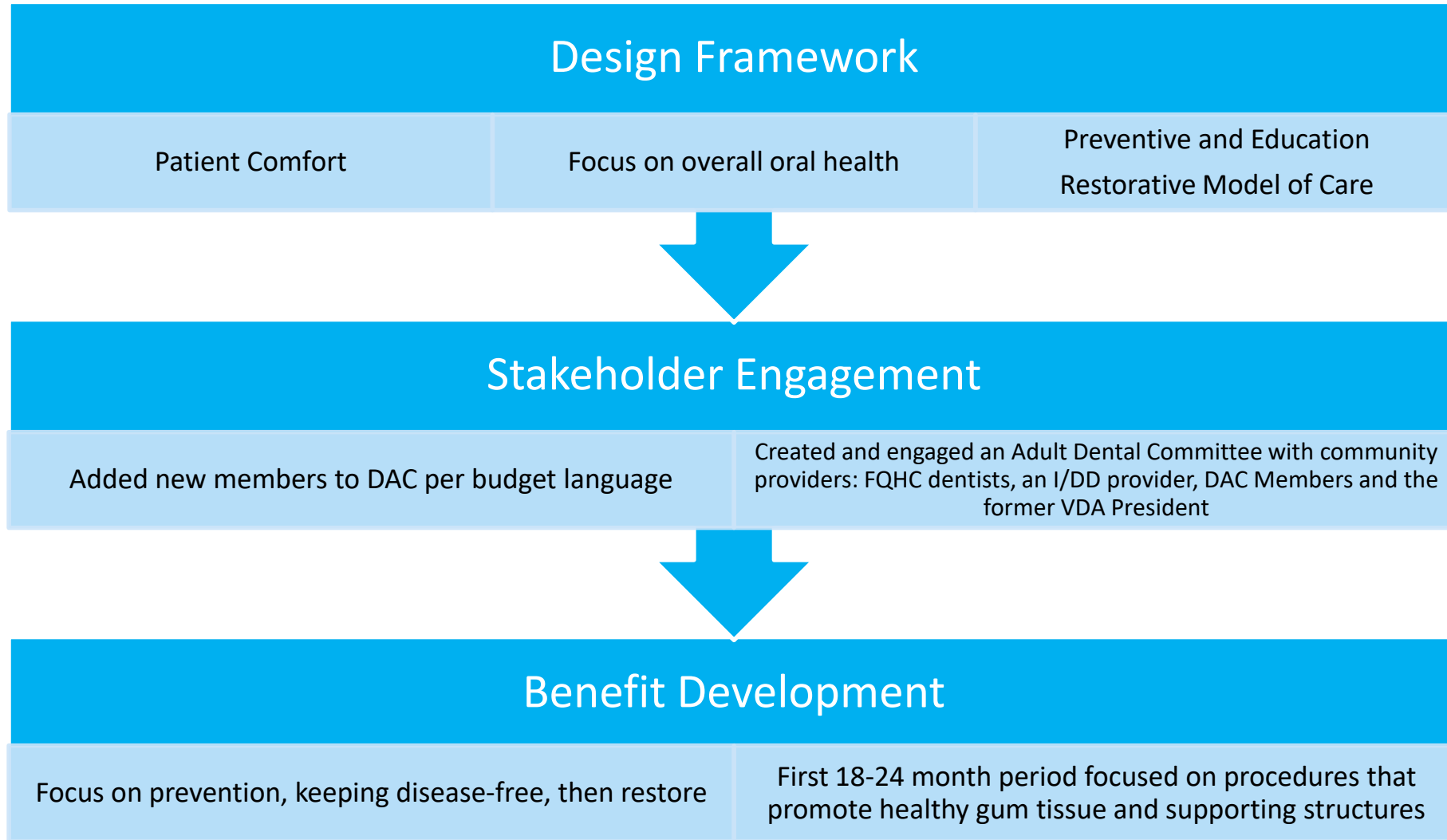


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# Adult SFC Dental 2021- Benefit Design Overview

## The Process





# Adult SFC Dental 2021- Benefit Coverage Chart

Specialty Area	Description	Services Covered	Limitations
Diagnostic and Preventive Care	Services that are used to detect and recognize caries and periodontal disease. Up to three routine cleanings may be permissible	Exams, Routine cleanings, X-rays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non routine X-rays such as imaging and cone beam technology would require prior authorization</li> </ul>
Restorative Care	Specialty allows dentists to restore teeth to proper function	Fillings and crowns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crowns are covered when a root canal is done while member is under the adult dental program</li> <li>Bridges</li> </ul>
Endodontics	Specialty allows dentists to perform root canals on teeth that have sound below the gum structure (root) yet the above gum structure is compromised (decay or trauma)	Root canals Pulpal Debridement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Endodontic retreatment and surgical procedures that have a questionable success rate</li> </ul>
Periodontics	Specialty focuses on keeping gums and the bone below the gums healthy.	Scaling and Root Planing Gingivectomies Periodontal maintenance procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Periodontal flap procedures, crown lengthening procedures, bone replacement grafts</li> </ul>
Dentures and Partial	Specialty focuses on replacing teeth with removal appliances	Dentures, Partial, and Repair procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partial are covered as a part of a definitive treatment plan</li> </ul>
Oral Surgery	Specialty routinely extracts teeth and performs extractions requiring surgical methods such as removing bone	Extractions Alveoplasty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-tooth extraction procedures</li> <li>Surgery necessitated by trauma</li> <li>Implants</li> </ul>
Adjunctive General Services	This area while not a specialty is important in that it allows coding for anesthesia services and many other dental procedures not listed elsewhere.	Anesthesia Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non anesthesia services may require prior authorization</li> </ul>



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# Information & Resources

Invite Catalyst  
Grassroots  
Manager to give a  
quick adult dental  
presentation at  
your meetings!

- Resources on our website...**
- Specific coverage information
  - Link to enroll in Medicaid
  - How to find care
  - Phone # to call with questions
  - Resources and materials

The screenshot shows the Virginia Health Catalyst website. At the top left is the logo with the text "Virginia Health Catalyst" and "The Intersection of Overall Health and Oral Health". To the right are buttons for "Join Email List" and "Donate", and a search box. A navigation bar includes "COVID-19 Resources", "Adult Dental Benefit" (highlighted in green), "About Us", "Advocacy", "Our Programs", "Resources", and "Events". The main banner features a photo of a smiling woman in a dental chair with the text "ADULT DENTAL BENEFIT RESOURCES". Below the banner is the heading "Information and Resources for Virginia Medicaid's Adult Dental Benefit". The content is organized into two columns. The left column has the heading "Current Status of Virginia's Adult Dental Benefit" followed by a paragraph about the July 1, 2021 rollout and a link to upcoming webinars. Below that is the heading "Request Adult Dental Benefit Materials" and a paragraph about creating materials for partners. At the bottom of this column is an email address: cvanzandt@vahealthcatalyst.org. The right column has the heading "Join the Adult Dental Implementation Team" followed by a paragraph about shaping the work of the team and a "Join the Team" button.

**Information and Resources for Virginia Medicaid's Adult Dental Benefit**

**Current Status of Virginia's Adult Dental Benefit**

A comprehensive dental benefit for all adults enrolled in Medicaid will begin on July 1, 2021. To ensure a smooth rollout Catalyst will host monthly adult dental implementation webinars to answer questions. The first update will take place during Catalyst 2021 policy webinar, find upcoming webinars [here](#).

**Request Adult Dental Benefit Materials**

To ensure providers and patients feel ready for the new dental benefit Virginia Health Catalyst is creating materials for partners to share important benefit information. Check this page often for the latest resources.

If you need specific materials, contact Chloe Van Zandt at [cvanzandt@vahealthcatalyst.org](mailto:cvanzandt@vahealthcatalyst.org).

**Join the Adult Dental Implementation Team**

Shape the work Catalyst will do for the adult dental benefit rollout by joining the Adult Dental Implementation Team!

[Join the Team](#)

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**Thank you!!**

Questions?

Contact Chloe Van Zandt with additional comments and questions

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