The challenge

• **ONE-THIRD** of Americans don’t have dental insurance.

• Uninsured and publicly insured adults make up 70% of all emergency department visits for a dental problem.

• **321 MILLION** lost hours of work and school
Why produce this report now?

- Oral health problems are widespread but inequitably distributed, causing unjust and preventable suffering.
- The structural racism, environmental injustice, and financial barriers that affect health care are most striking in oral health.
- The past year has shone a light on the urgent need for change. Yet this moment will be incomplete if oral health is ignored.
- We hope this report helps pave a path forward.
How was the report developed?

GOAL: Highlight exemplary cases of oral health integration to inform policy and practice.

- **Review the evidence** in published studies and grey literature spanning settings, payer types, and degrees of integration.

- **Convene Advisory Group** of diverse experts to assess the evidence and inform the report’s findings and recommendations.

- **Draft report** with multi-stakeholder input and joint review, structured by the Shared Principles of Primary Care.
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The Shared Principles as a Framework

- Person & Family Centered
- Continuous
- Comprehensive & Equitable
- Team Based & Collaborative
- Coordinated & Integrated
- Accessible
- High Value

Shared Principles of Primary Care

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Examples of innovations in...

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Oregon

Klamath County Public Health
Accountability • Compassion • Excellence
Integrity • Respect

Early Childhood Caries Prevention Program
Examples of innovations in...

PRINCIPLE 4
Team-Based and Collaborative

primary care collaborative

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ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM

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Learning from PCMH and Behavioral Health Integration

Lessons Learned from the Patient-Centered Medical Home Initiative

In the past 5 years, significant advances have been achieved in developing comprehensive primary care models that integrate behavioral health services, thereby improving the coordination and delivery of care. These advances have been facilitated by the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) initiative, which emphasizes team-based care, patient-centered care, and the integration of mental health services into primary care. The PCMH model encourages the use of data and technology to improve patient outcomes and reduce costs. This approach has been shown to improve patient satisfaction, reduce hospital readmissions, and decrease healthcare costs.

Developing and Maintaining Consensus Across the Patient's Journey

As the healthcare system evolves, it is crucial to maintain a focus on the patient's overall health and well-being. This requires a comprehensive approach that addresses not only physical health but also mental health. The PCMH model has been instrumental in this regard, as it promotes the integration of mental health services into primary care, allowing for a more holistic approach to patient care. This integration has been shown to improve patient outcomes and reduce healthcare costs.

Lessons Learned from Behavioral Health Integration

In the past 5 years, significant advances have been achieved in integrating behavioral health services into primary care models, leading to improved patient outcomes and reduced healthcare costs. This integration has been facilitated by the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) initiative, which emphasizes team-based care, patient-centered care, and the integration of mental health services into primary care. The PCMH model encourages the use of data and technology to improve patient outcomes and reduce costs. This approach has been shown to improve patient satisfaction, reduce hospital readmissions, and decrease healthcare costs.

Integrating Behavioral Health

As the rate of mental health disorders continues to rise, integrating behavioral health services into primary care models becomes increasingly important. Patients with mental health disorders often have limited access to specialty care, which can lead to poor treatment outcomes. By integrating behavioral health services into primary care, patients can receive the care they need in a convenient and accessible manner. This integration has been shown to improve patient outcomes and reduce healthcare costs.

Oral Health Is Health

At the rate of oral health, there are significant opportunities to integrate behavioral health services into primary care models, leading to improved patient outcomes and reduced healthcare costs. This integration has been facilitated by the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) initiative, which emphasizes team-based care, patient-centered care, and the integration of mental health services into primary care. The PCMH model encourages the use of data and technology to improve patient outcomes and reduce costs. This approach has been shown to improve patient satisfaction, reduce hospital readmissions, and decrease healthcare costs.
Toward enduring health justice

✓ Expand oral health coverage and access
✓ Align oral health and primary care with new payment models
✓ Grow the oral health workforce