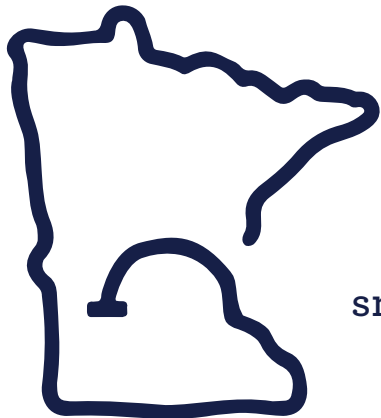


The Situation



34%

of low income adults avoid smiling due to the condition of their mouth and teeth.

Minnesota's adult dental benefit set was cut in half during the 2009 legislative session. For example, Minnesota Health Care Programs now only cover one of the two major diseases of the mouth – tooth decay, and do not cover gum disease.



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Health risks associated with untreated gum disease:

- » Heart Disease
- » Stroke
- » Diabetes
- » Preterm labor



Everyone Deserves a Chance to Smile

The Minnesota Dental Association and Dental Access Partners (Apple Tree Dental, Community Dental Care, and Hennepin Healthcare) have joined forces to spearhead the Help Minnesota Smile coalition to advocate for the reinstatement of essential adult dental benefits.



Cut Wasteful Spending

\$50 MILLION } the amount Minnesota spends per year on oral health visits in ERs.



How You Can Help

Visit www.helpmnsmile.org to learn more about the work HelpMNSmile is doing to improve access through increasing reimbursement rates under medical assistance and pledge your support.