### Integration of Dental Hygienist Into Primary Care







# Caries Experience in Wisconsin Head Start 38% 48% 5 years of age 4 years of age

#### **Leveraging the Well Child Visit**

According to the AAP, children visit a medical provider 10 times between the ages of 6 months and 5 years old.









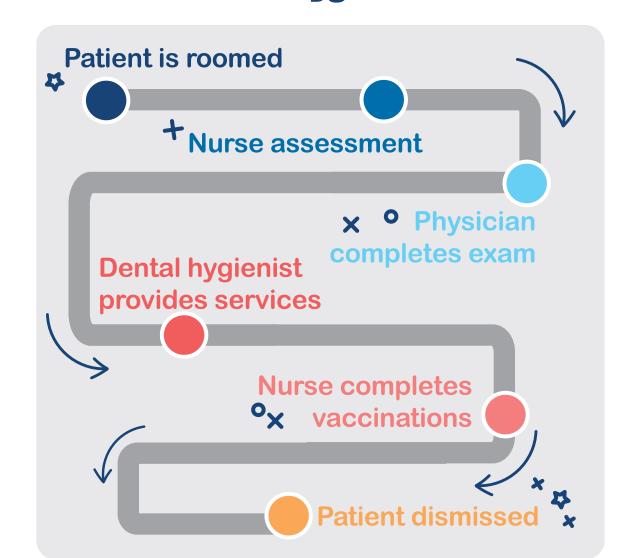


3 years of age



3 in 5 Wisconsin children that visited their physician did not receive any dental care or services.

#### New Medical Team Member Dental Hygienist



#### **Services Provided**

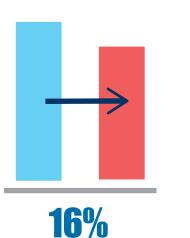


- + Screening & education
- + Fluoride application
- + Cleaning & sealants
- + Care coordiation to dental home

# Dental hygienist provides services to entire pediatric population



# Early and often access to preventive dental services = reduction of early childhood caries

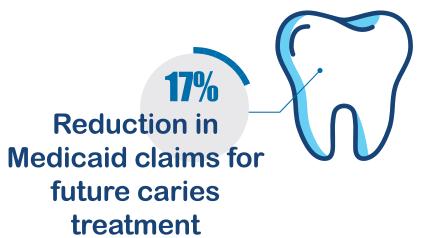


Reduction in early childhood caries prevalence



Reduction in untreated early childhood caries

# Cost-Savings of Fluoride Varnish Application



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