

**Minnesota Safety Net Coalition**  
**Recommendations to the Oral Health Practitioner Work Group**  
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**Populations to be Served by Oral Health Practitioners**

Low-income, uninsured and underserved populations who can be served by Oral Health Practitioners include:

1. **Low-income persons.** Use MinnesotaCare income and asset limits to define “low-income”
2. **People with a disability, chronic disease or complex medical condition.** Patients who have a disability that is covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act, a diagnosed chronic disease, or a serious or complex medical condition.
3. **Persons residing in geographically isolated areas.** People who reside in primary medical care health professional shortage areas (HPSAs), medically underserved areas (MUAs), or medically underserved populations (MUPs) maintained and updated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services
4. **Persons with special needs.** People who are new immigrants, do not speak English, come from minority racial or ethnic backgrounds, have a serious mental illness or emotional disturbance, are chemically dependent, are illiterate, or have a disability, chronic disease or complex medical condition (see above)
5. **Persons residing in residential facilities.** Patients who reside in a licensed or certified nursing facility, intermediate care facility, group home or other health, human services or correctional facility. In addition, patients who are receiving or eligible to receive home care or home-and-community-based waived services.
6. **Uninsured persons.** People who do not have dental coverage under private health insurance, a self-insured health plan, Medicare, Medicaid, public assistance, a State-sponsored health plan, other government-sponsored programs, or a military health plan. Persons with only Indian Health Service coverage are considered uninsured.
7. **Underinsured persons.** People whose health insurance or dental coverage does not cover all necessary oral health care care, or whose coverage includes a deductible higher than \$500 or copayments higher than 25% of the provider’s charges for oral health services.

**Authorized Oral Health Practitioner Practice Settings**

1. **Critical Access Dental Program (CADP) Providers.** Settings and providers eligible for payments under the central criteria for designation: Twenty percent or more of the patient base in the practice setting are enrolled in a Minnesota Health Care Program.
2. **Dental Hygiene Collaborative Practice Settings.** Settings and providers eligible for collaborative dental hygiene practice arrangements are permitted:

*A "health care facility, program, or nonprofit organization" is limited to a hospital; nursing home; home health agency; group home serving the elderly, disabled, or juveniles; state-operated facility licensed by the commissioner of human services or the commissioner of corrections; and federal, state, or local public health facility, community clinic, tribal clinic, school authority, Head Start program, or nonprofit*

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*organization that serves individuals who are uninsured or who are Minnesota health care public program recipients. (Minnesota Statutes, section 150A.10)*

*Health care facility, program, or nonprofit organization limited to the following settings*

3. **Military and Veterans Administration Hospitals, Clinics and Care Settings.**
4. **A Patient's Home.** In the patient's home or residence, when the patient is home-bound or receiving or eligible to receive home care services or home-and-community-based waived services, regardless of income.
5. **Clinics, Providers and Settings Serving Low-income, Uninsured and Underserved Populations.** Any other clinic or practice setting in which at least 20 percent of the total patient base for the clinic or practice setting consists of patients who meet the definitions of low-income, uninsured or underserved (above). This includes mobile dental units.
6. **Oral Health Education Institutions.**