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YouGov Poll Findings

# Widespread Support for Medicare Dental Benefit

## In July 2021, YouGov conducted polls on the popularity of adding oral health coverage to Medicare.

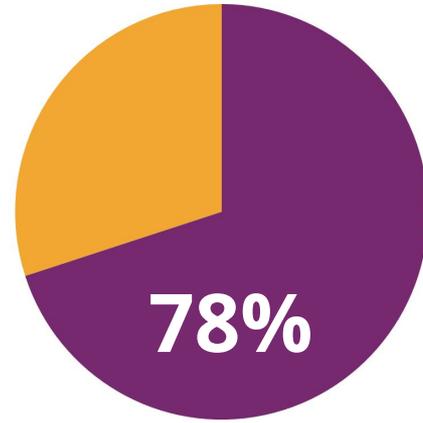


*A national poll was conducted from July 6th through July 13th among a sample of 1,000 likely 2022 midterm voters of varying ideologies.*

*The poll further analyzed the preferences of likely midterm voters in 2022 senate battleground states: AZ, FL, GA, NV, NH, NC, PA, WI*



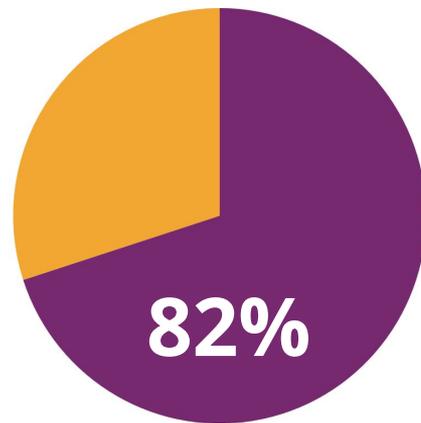
The results indicate broad national support for adding an oral health benefit to Medicare.



More than three-quarters of likely voters support adding oral health coverage to Medicare.



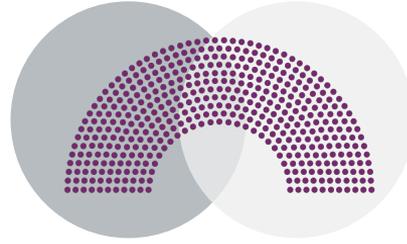
Support for adding an oral health benefit to Medicare is even higher in 2022 battleground states.



More than eight in 10 battleground voters support adding oral health coverage to Medicare.



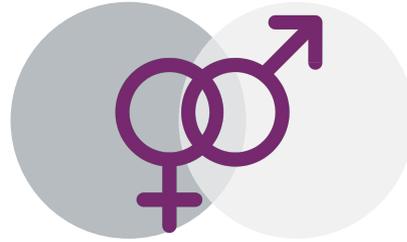
**Majority support for adding the benefit was found across key population segments.**



*Political party & ideology*



*Region*



*Age & gender*



*Race & ethnicity*

Self-identified liberals were the most likely to be supportive, but the change was also supported across ideologies.



Support across **political ideology**:



*of liberals*



*of moderates*



*of conservatives*

Americans agree:  
oral health  
coverage is worth  
fighting for.



Among respondents **nationally**:

93%

Believe dental care is a necessary part of overall health care

69%

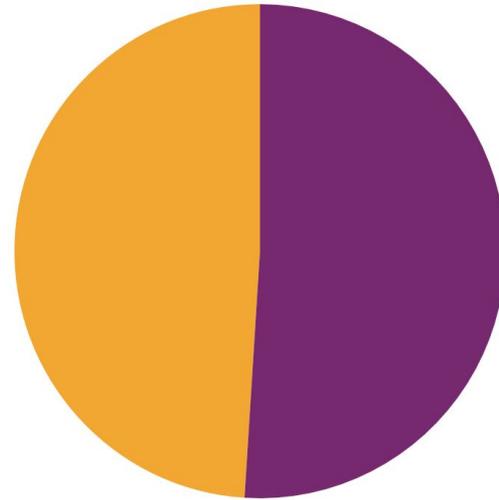
Believe any Medicare savings should be used to introduce oral health benefits

55%

Hold their congressional representatives responsible for a lack of oral health coverage

**A lack of coverage is associated with government dysfunction, not fiscal discipline.**

**54% of voters blame government dysfunction and Congress ignoring the needs of older Americans**



**Only 11% associate a lack of coverage with fiscal discipline**

**Oral health coverage is a real world issue for American voters.**

