

The Arc Wisconsin supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) over “The Arc” of their lifetime. Since 1960, The Arc Wisconsin has served individuals and their families through our 14 locally affiliated chapters across the state. The Arc Wisconsin works to develop programs and advocate for public policy — giving people with I/DD the opportunity to learn, live, and work inclusively in their communities.



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INCREASE ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE

People with disabilities in Wisconsin have great difficulty obtaining regular dental care: 29% of adults with disabilities reported having at least one permanent tooth removed over the past year, and 26% said they had not visited a dentist within the past year. More than 1 million Wisconsinites get dental care through Medicaid, but only 37% of the state’s dentists accept Medicaid.

OUR RECOMMENDATION:



Support the Governor’s proposal to increase Medicaid rates for dentists who serve people with disabilities and dentists who serve higher proportions of patients using Medicaid.

- \$5 million for payments to dental providers that serve Medicaid recipients with physical and intellectual disabilities
- 50% increase in Medicaid reimbursement for non-profit dental providers who serve 50% or more of people who don’t have dental insurance or who use Medicaid
- 30% increase in Medicaid reimbursement for for-profit dental providers who serve at least 5% of persons in Medicaid.



Support the Governor’s proposal to license dental therapists to address the provider shortage for basic dental care.