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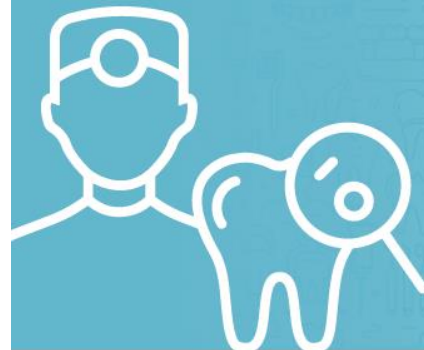
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Disclaimers & Limitations

- Publicly available fee schedules from state Medicaid agencies
- NOT reflective of payments made in a managed care environment
- Variations in state Medicaid agency use and definition of CDT codes
- NOT reflective of state dental practice acts
- Spot an inaccuracy? Please let us know! RPC@aapd.org

Are Your Kids Covered? (2nd edition - 2021)



Are Your Kids Covered?

Medicaid Coverage for the Essential Oral Health Benefits

Second Edition • May 2021



Oral health care is a vitally important service for children's well-being, and coverage of dental insurance codes by both public and private insurers is key in ensuring access to comprehensive oral health care for children. This brief illustrates the importance and shows state coverage of key codes in improving access to oral health care as of 2020.

Who can use this resource?



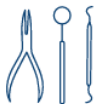
State-level policymakers, Medicaid administrators, and state dental directors



Medicaid managed care entities and other private payers



Dental and oral health organizations: Oral health coalitions, AAPD state and district pediatric dentistry chapters, and state and local dental associations



Pediatric dentists, general dentists, and other dental specialists, dental teams, and dental professionals



Parents, caregivers, and families



Other advocates in children's health and wellbeing

Data & Methods

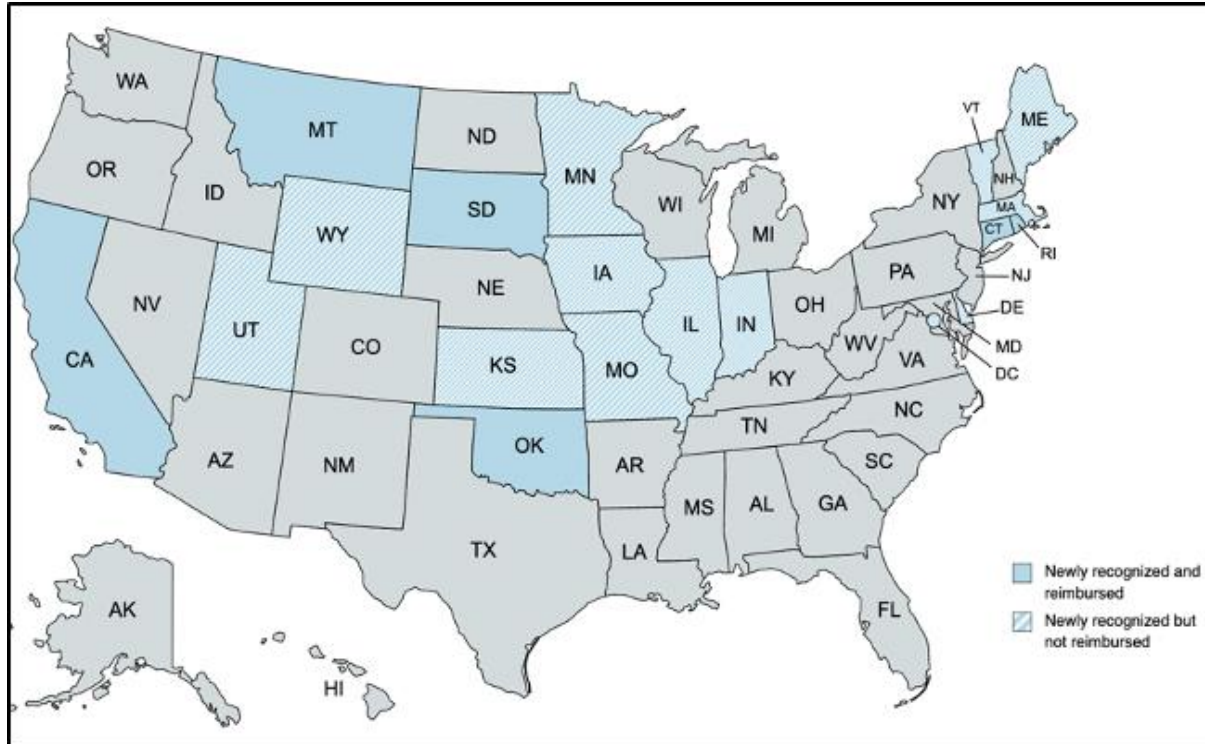
- Located dental provider manuals and fee schedules
- Performed structured internet searches “[state] Medicaid dental provider manual”
- **“Recognized and Reimbursed”**: CDT code present in the fee schedule and has an associated non-zero fee
- **“Recognized but not Reimbursed”**: CDT code present in the fee schedule but has no monetary fee
 - Includes “individually considered” and “market price”
- **“Not Recognized”**: CDT code absent from the fee schedule

The background is a light blue pattern of various dental-related icons. These include individual teeth, sets of teeth with braces, dental tools like pliers and probes, a toothbrush, a syringe, a dental chair, a dentist wearing a mask and cap, a tooth with a checkmark, a tooth with a crown, a tooth with a filling, and a tooth with a root canal. The icons are arranged in a repeating, slightly offset grid pattern.

New Additions

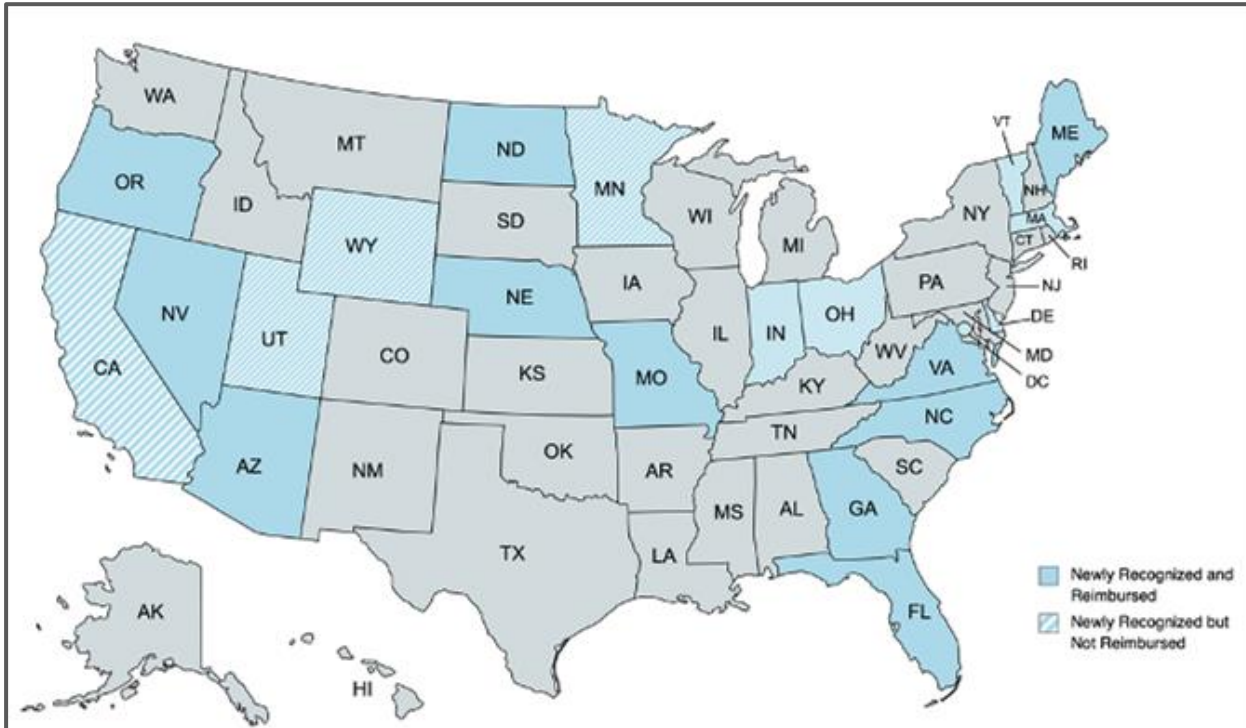
D0601- D0603: Caries Risk Assessment

DENTAL CARIES RISK ASSESSMENT AND DOCUMENTATION WITH FINDINGS OF 1 (LOW), 2 (MODERATE), AND 3 (HIGH) RISK

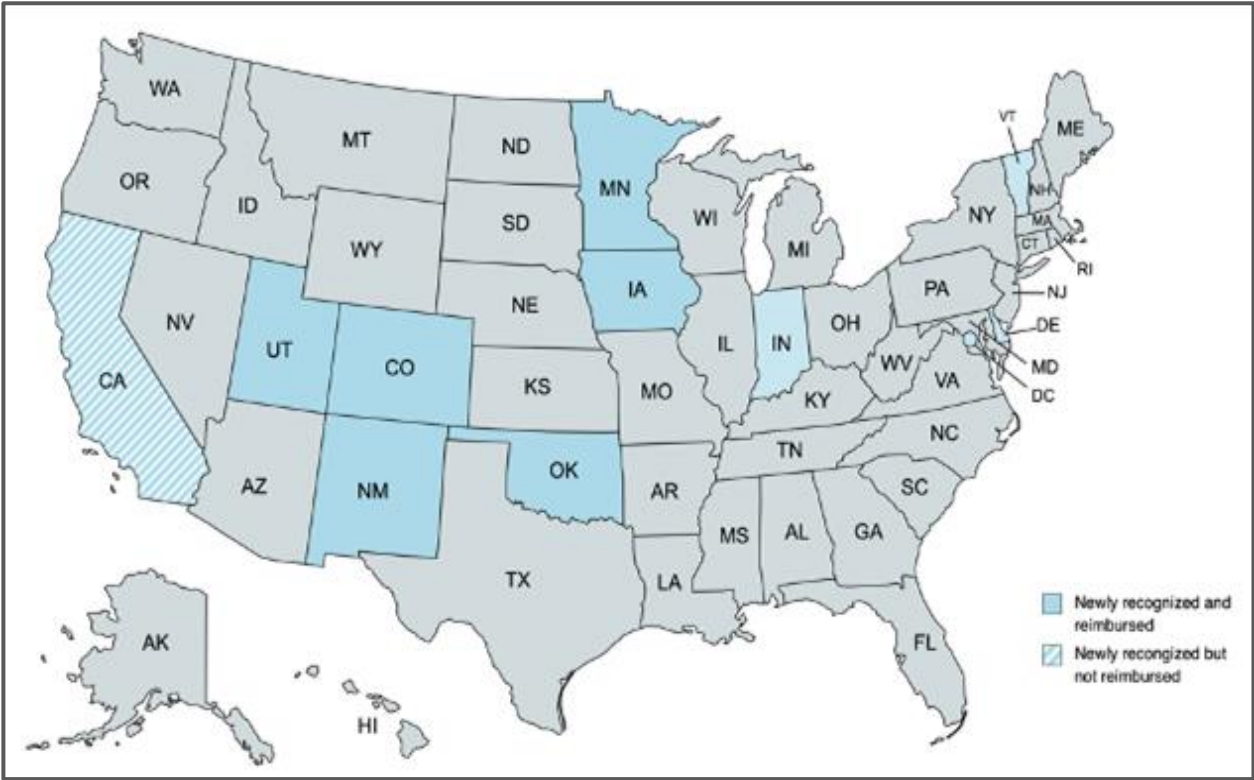


D1355: Application of a Caries Preventative Medicament per tooth

FOR PRIMARY PREVENTION OR REMINERALIZATION AS REPORTED PER TOOTH AND DOES NOT INCLUDE TOPICAL FLUORIDES



D1701-D1714 COVID-19: Vaccine Administration



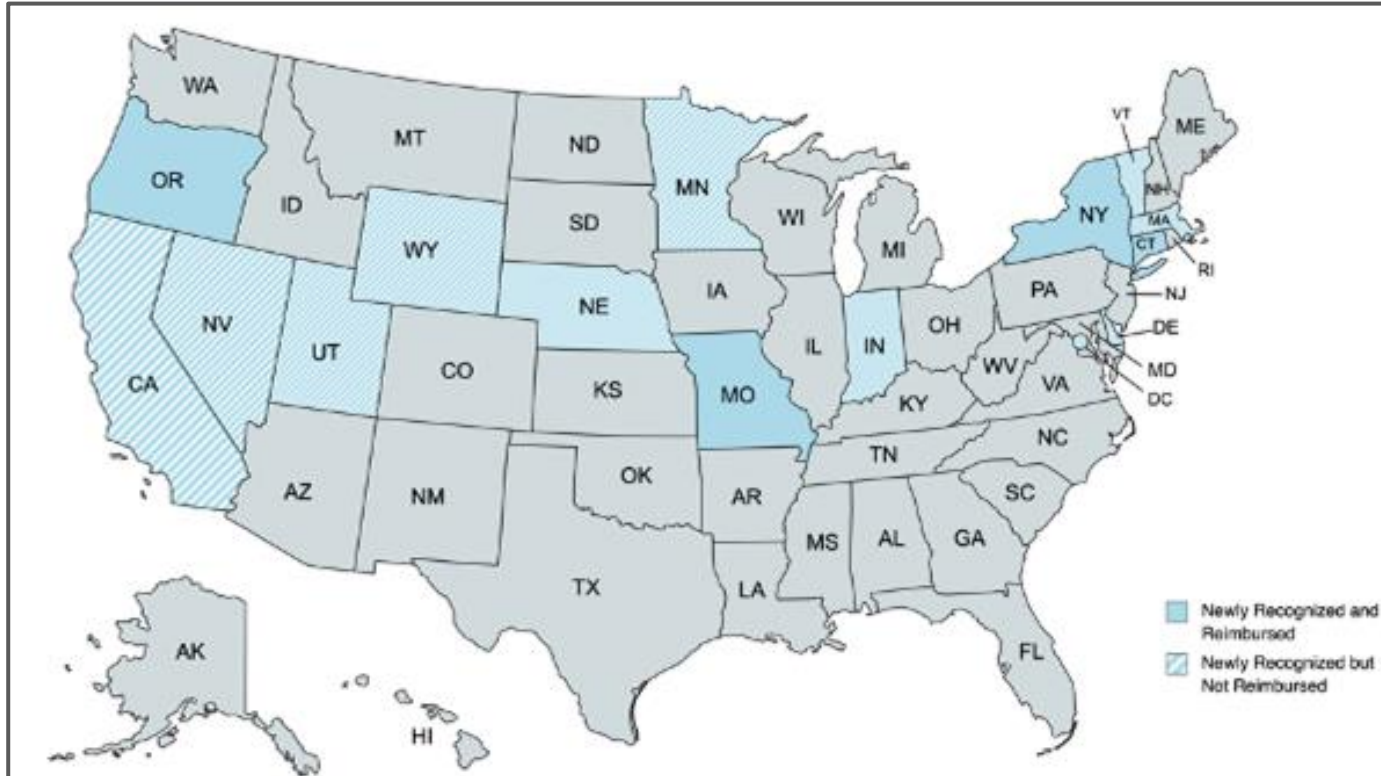
D1781- D1783: Vaccine Administration - Human Papillomavirus

REIMBURSEMENT FOR DENTAL PRACTITIONERS TO ADMINISTER THE HPV VACCINE



D9997: Dental Case Management - Patients with Special Health Care Needs

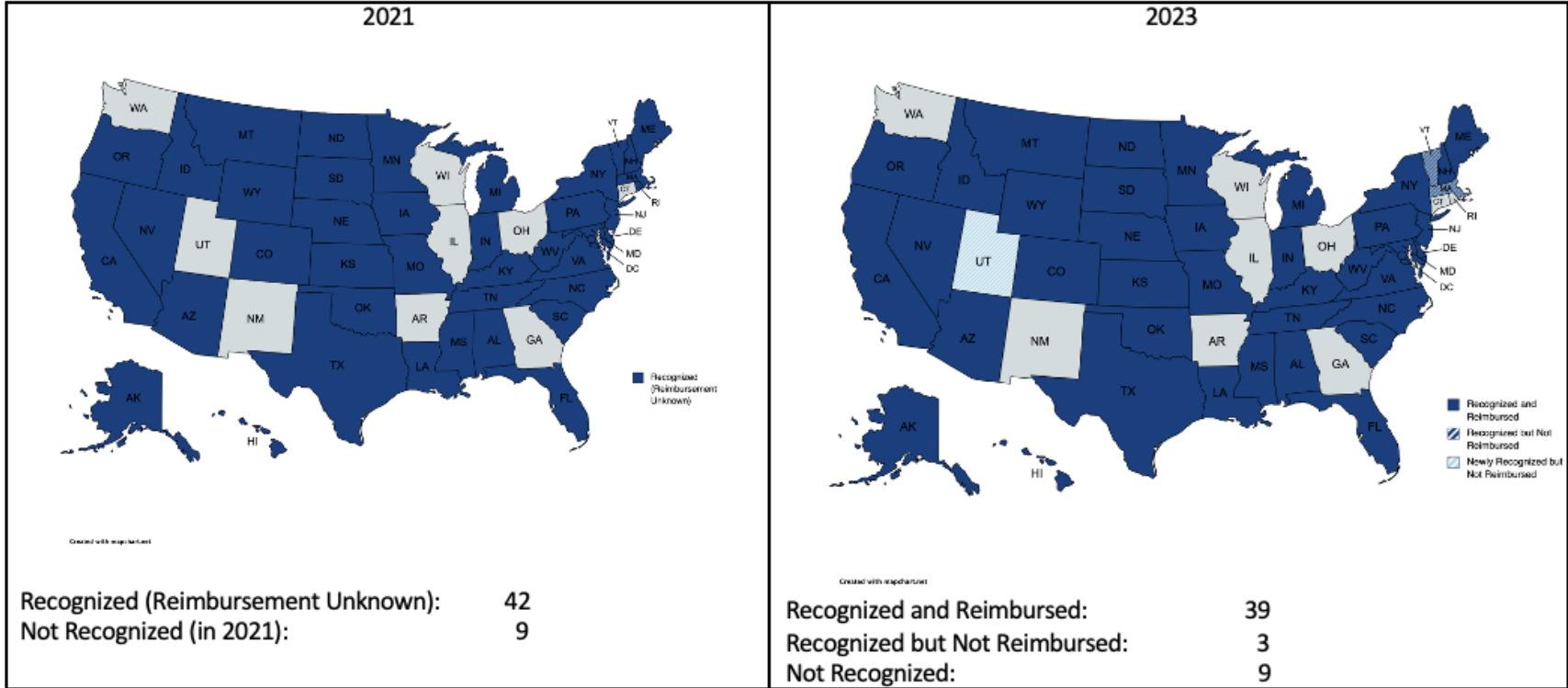
SUPPORTS THE MODIFICATION OF TREATMENTS WITH PATIENTS WITH PHYSICAL, MEDICAL, DEVELOPMENTAL, OR COGNITIVE CONDITIONS



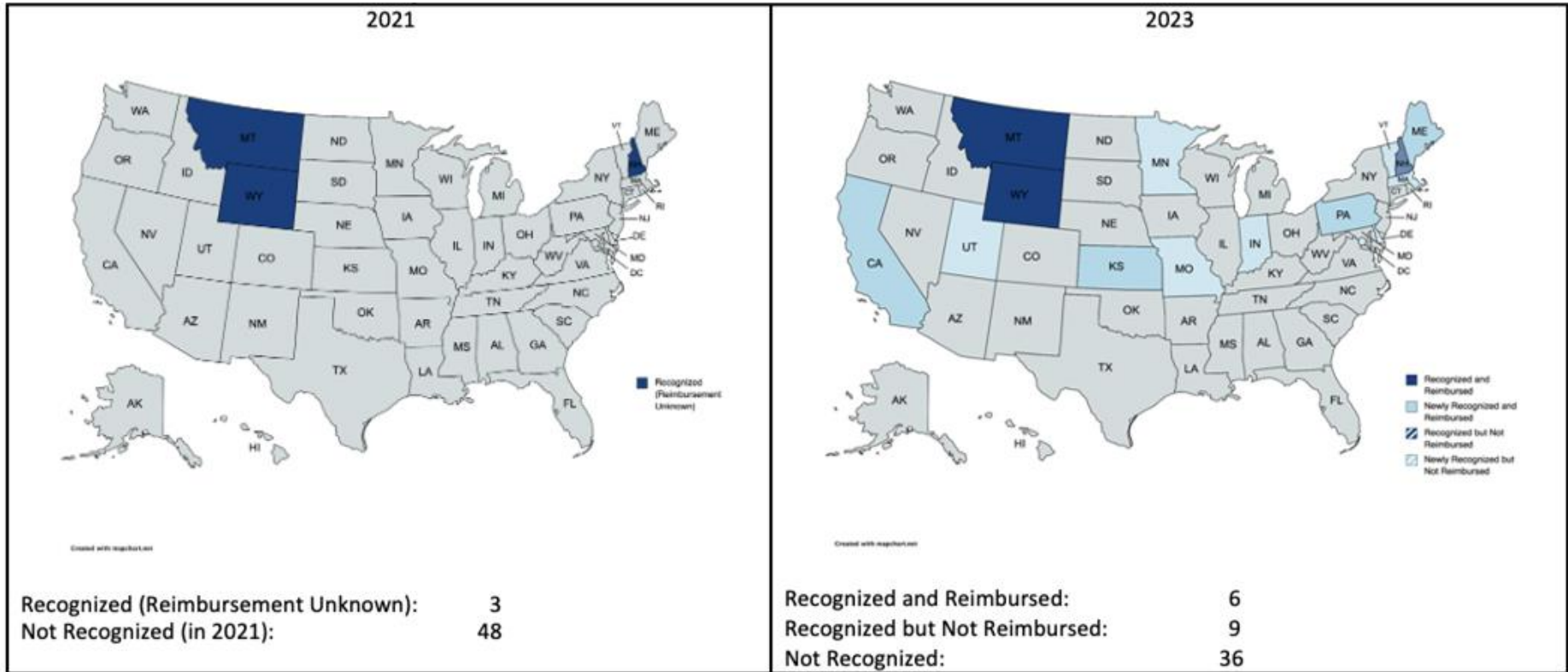


**Time Trends in State Coverage for
Select Dental Services for Children**

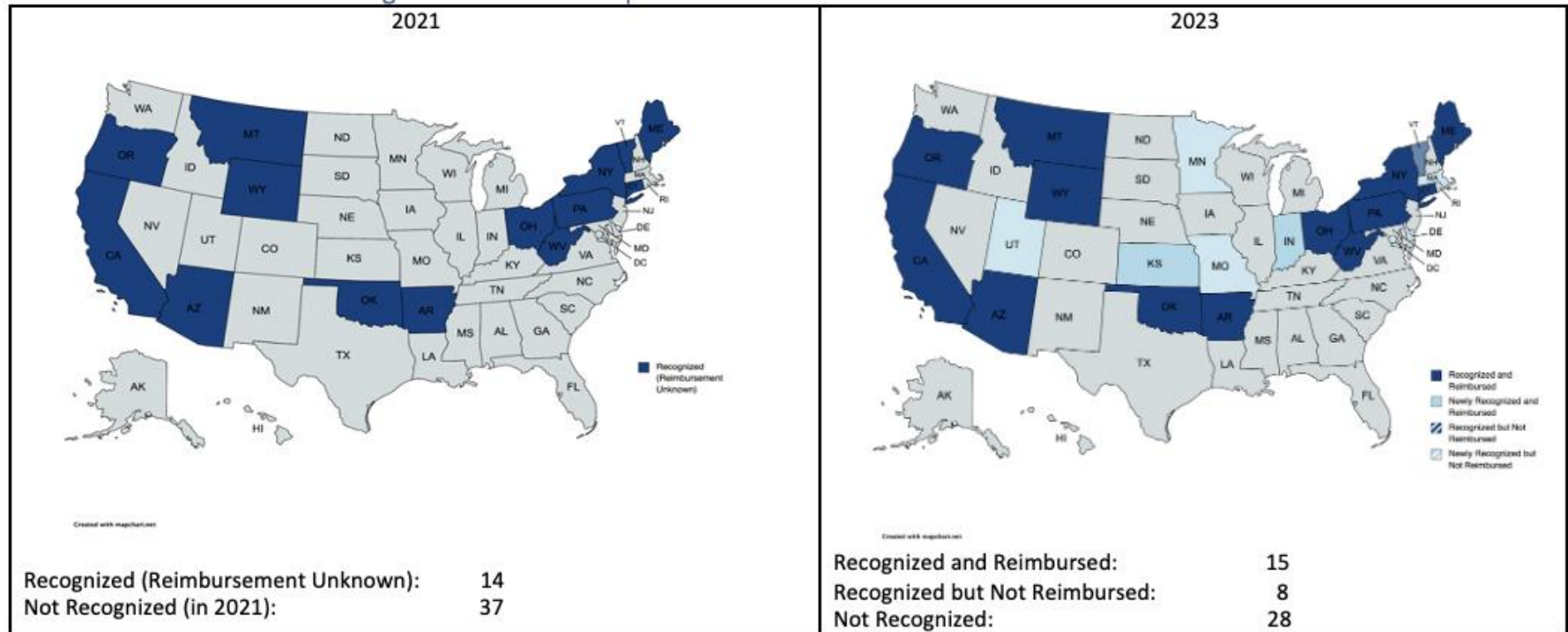
D0145: Oral Evaluation for a Patient under Three Years of Age and Counseling with a Primary Caregiver



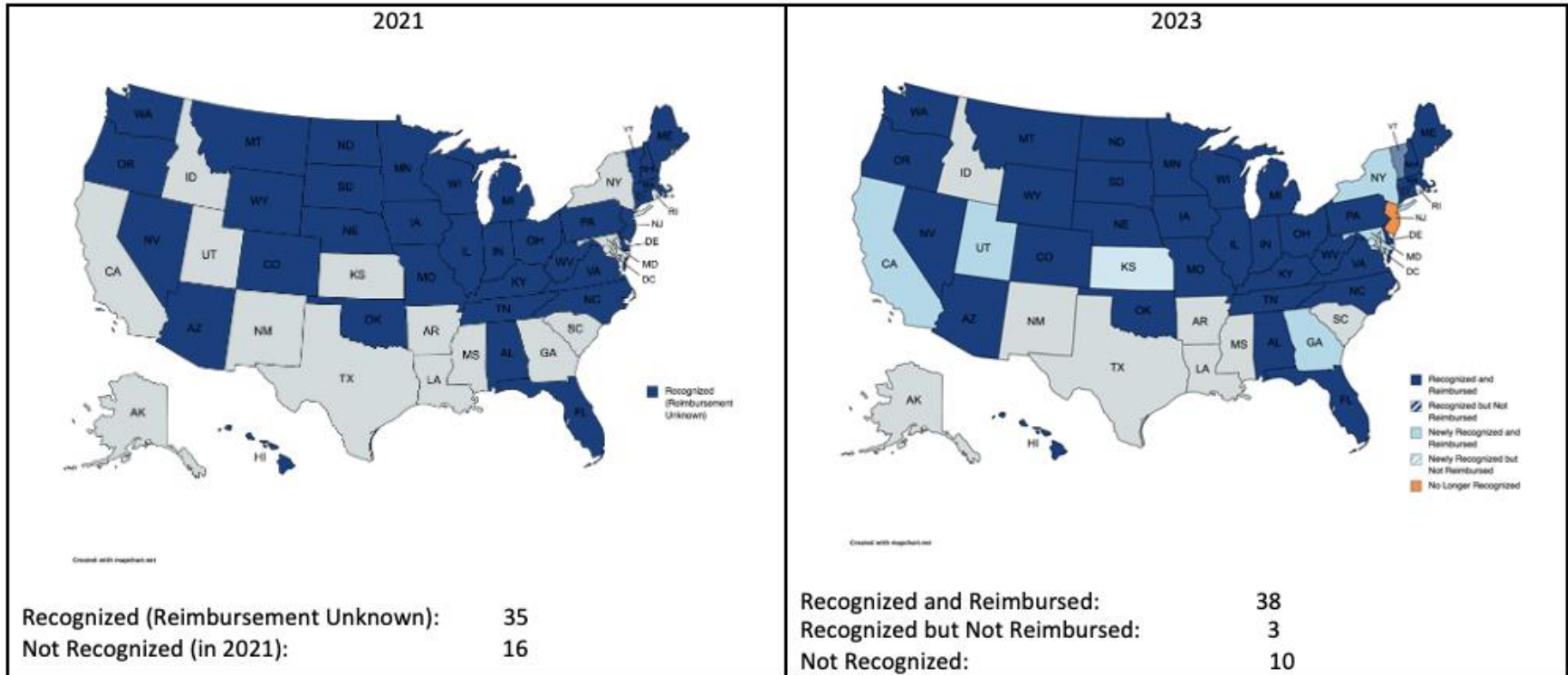
D1310: Nutritional Counseling for Control of Dental Disease



D1320: Tobacco Counseling for the Control and Prevention of Oral Disease



D1354: Application of Caries Arresting Medicament - Per Tooth



D9311: Behavior Management, by Report

2021



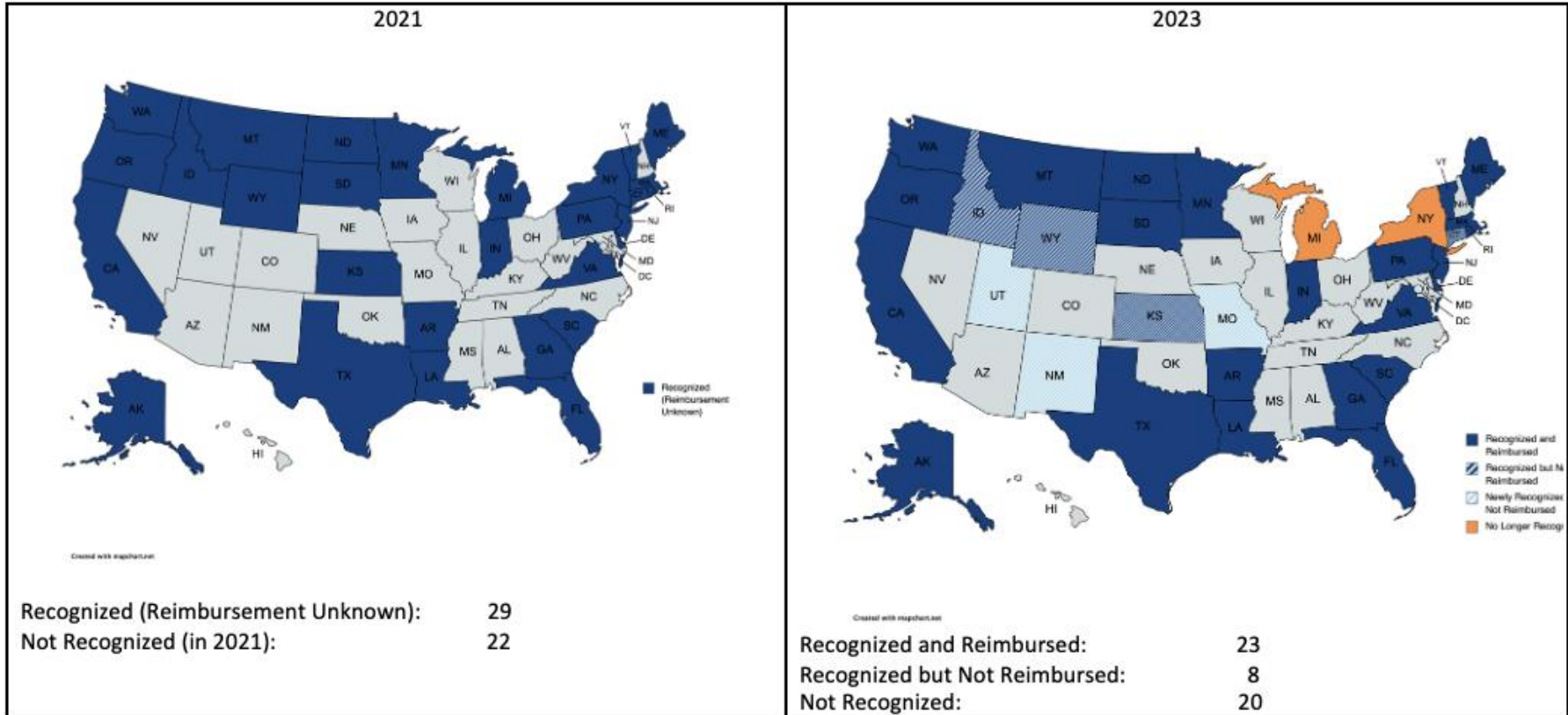
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2023



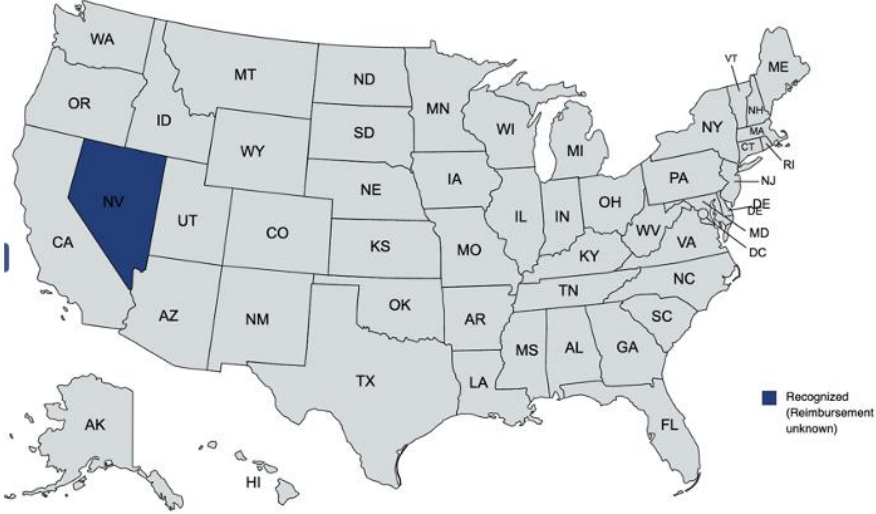
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 Recognized but Not Reimbursed: 11
 Not Recognized: 38

D9920: Consultation with a Medical Health Professional



D9991: Addressing Appointment Compliance Barriers

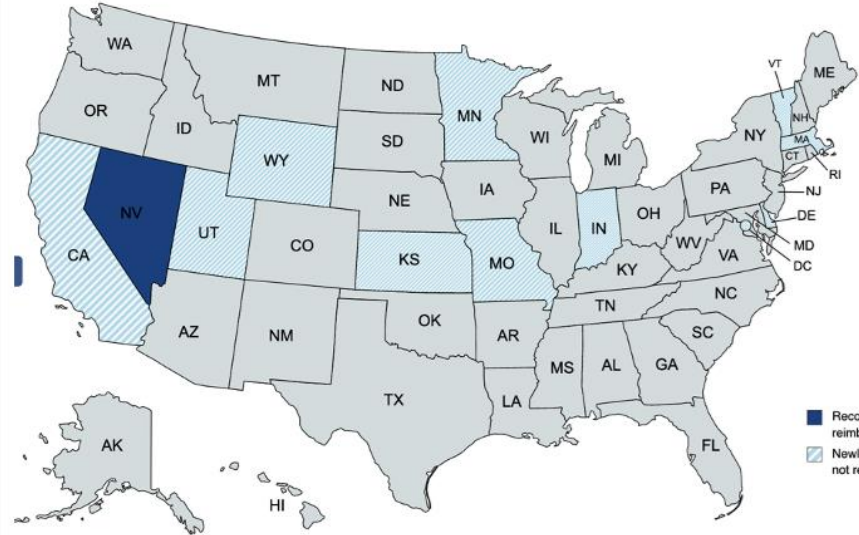
2021



■ Recognized (Reimbursement unknown)

Recognized (Reimbursement Unknown): 1
 Not Recognized (in 2021): 50

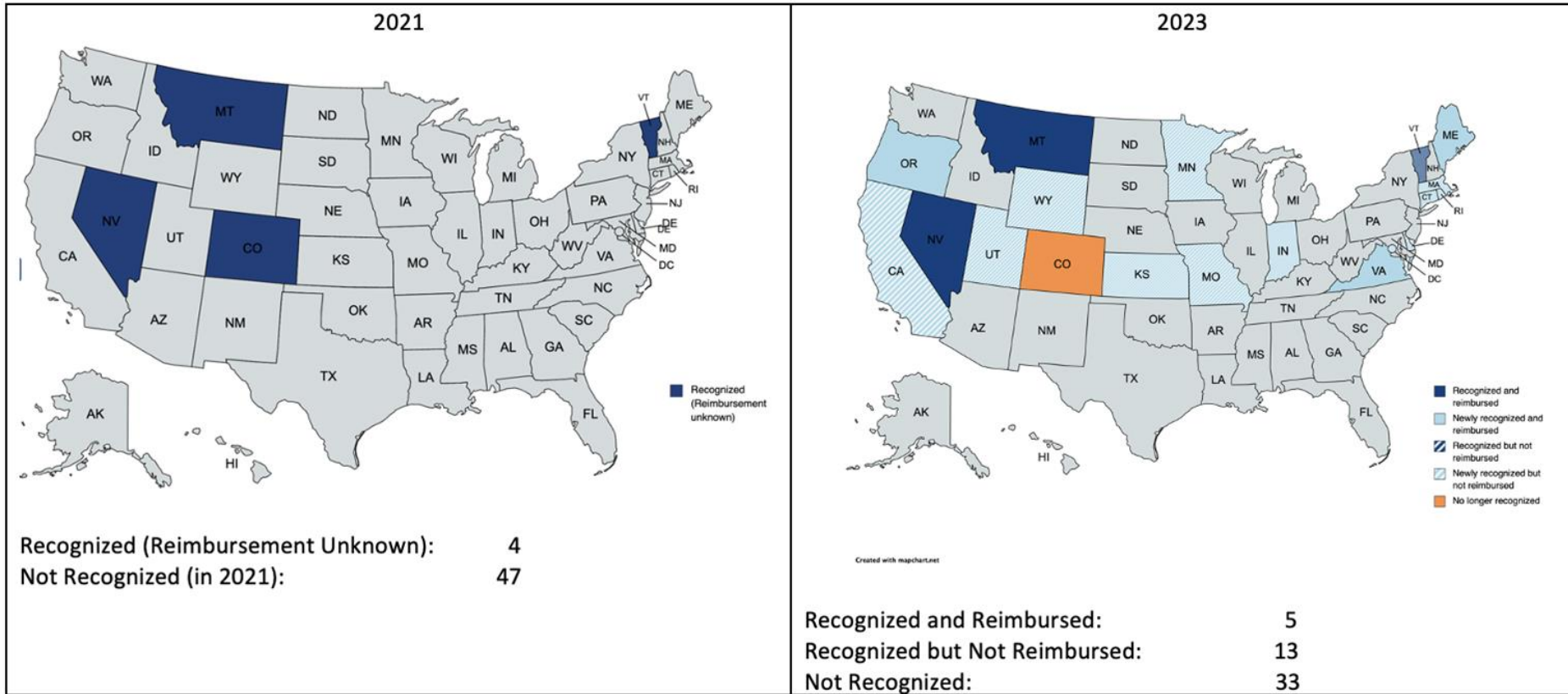
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■ Recognized and reimbursed
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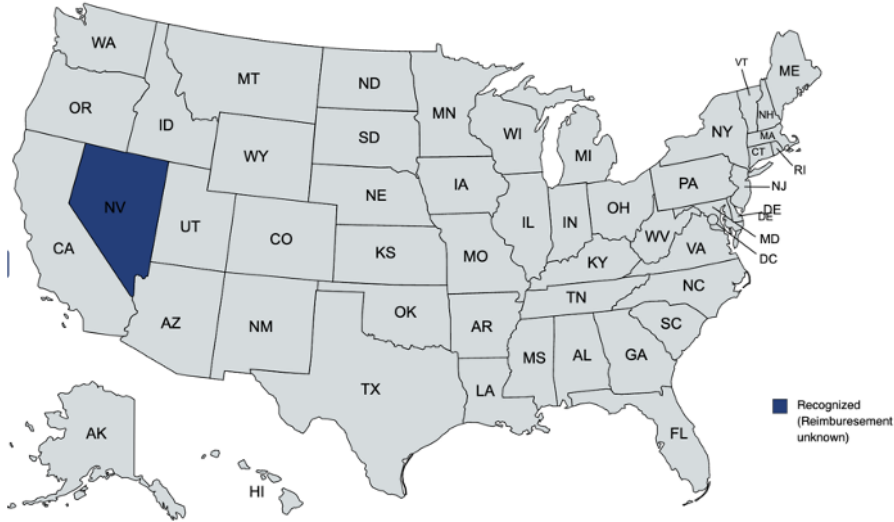
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D9992: Care Coordination



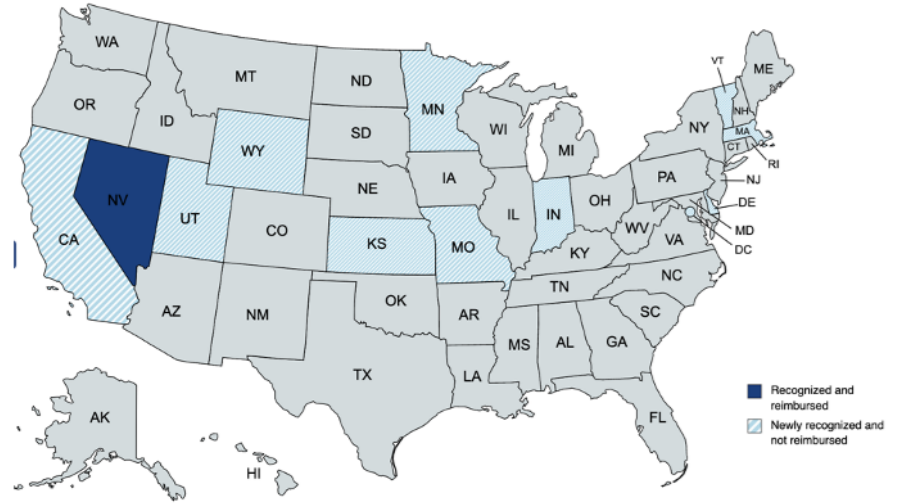
D9993: Motivational Interviewing

2021



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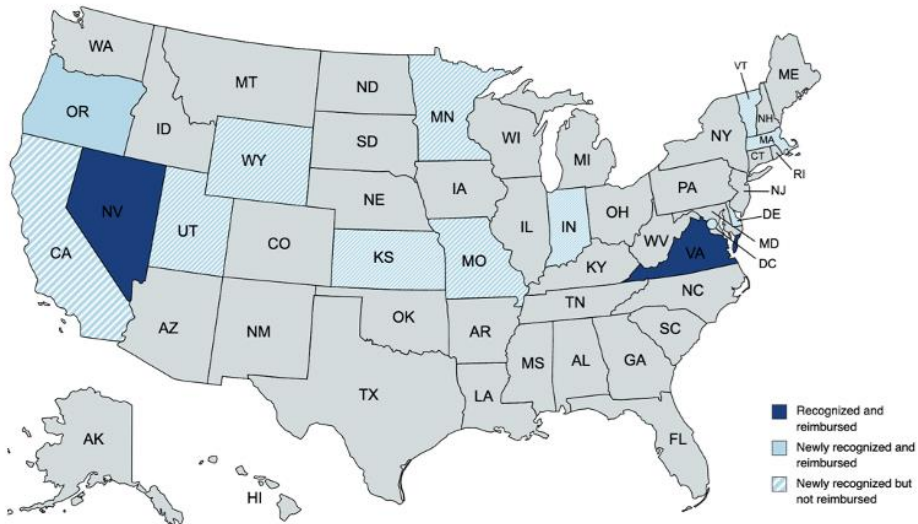
D9994: Patient Education to Improve Oral Health Literacy

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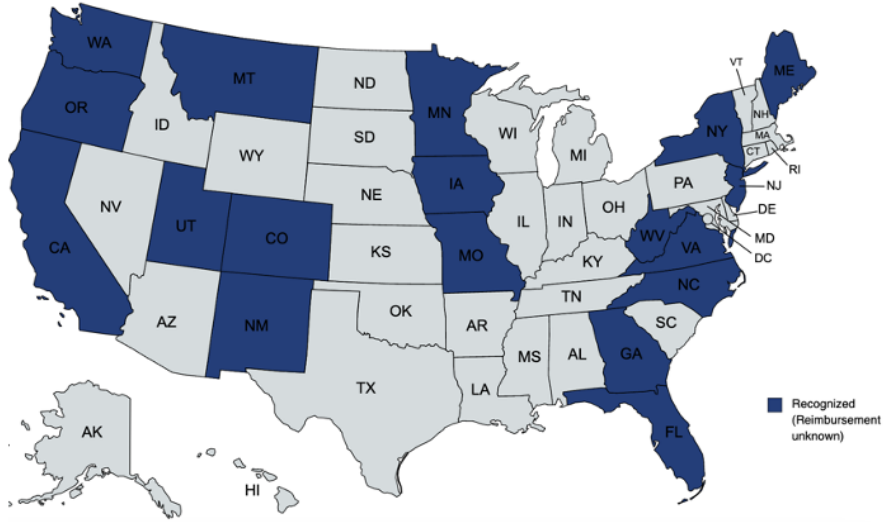
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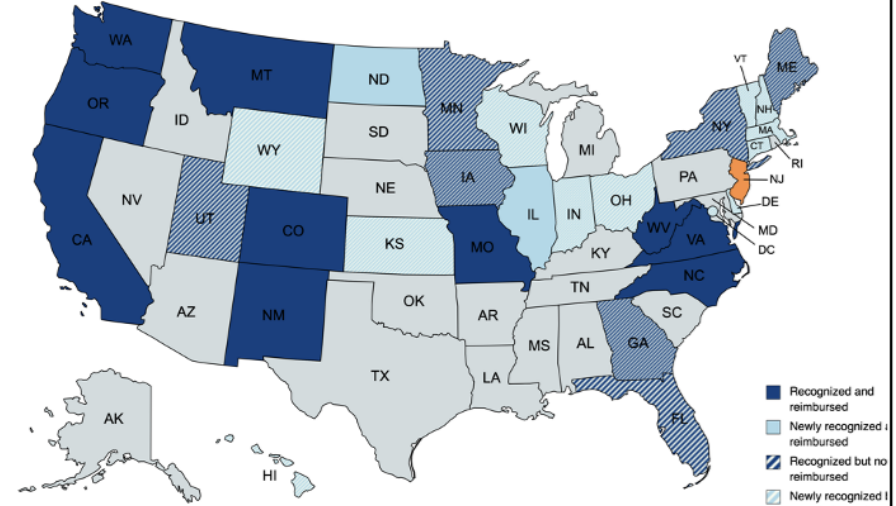
D9995: Teledentistry - Synchronous

2021



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 Not Recognized (in 2021): 33

2023



Recognized and Reimbursed: 12
 Recognized but Not Reimbursed: 19
 Not Recognized: 20

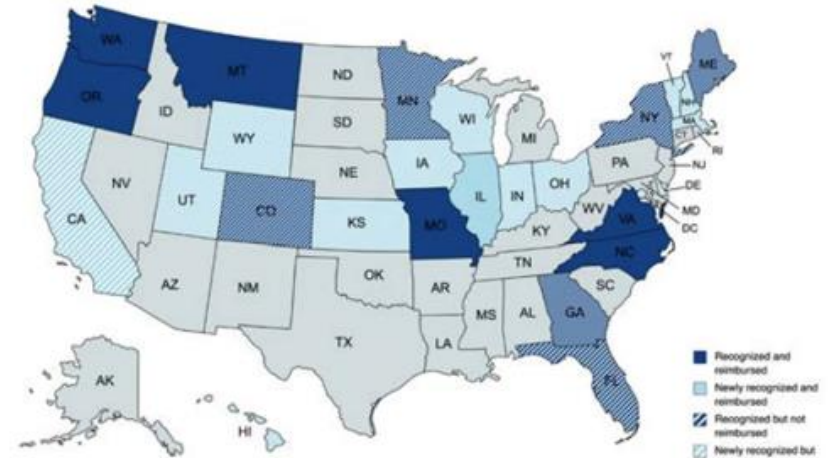
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D9996: Teledentistry - Asynchronous



2021

Recognized (Reimbursement Unknown): 12
 Not Recognized (in 2021): 39



2023

Recognized and Reimbursed: 7
 Recognized but Not Reimbursed: 20
 Not Recognized: 24

Summary Information of State Recognition and Reimbursement of Select Dental Services

	Recognized and Reimbursed	Recognized but Not Reimbursed	Not Recognized	Highest Rate	Lowest Rate	Median Rate	Mean Rate
D0145 (primary care eval <3 yo)	39	3	9	\$ 144.97	\$ 20.00	\$ 35.50	\$ 42.27
D1354 (caries arrest)	38	3	10	\$ 98.50	\$ 3.58	\$ 15.00	\$ 23.77
D9920 (physician consultation)	23	8	20	\$ 162.26	\$ 9.50	\$ 56.92	\$ 71.17
D1320 (tobacco counseling)	15	8	28	\$ 64.00	\$ 6.37	\$ 19.33	\$ 25.97
D9995 (teledentistry, synchronous)	12	19	20	\$ 62.50	\$ 13.19	--	--
D1355 (caries prevention)	11	10	30	\$ 61.50	\$ 6.44	--	--
D9996 (teledentistry, asynchronous)	7	20	24	\$ 29.00	\$ 9.24	--	--
D0601-D0603 (caries risk assessment)	6	13	32	\$ 22.54	\$ 0.01	--	--
D1310 (nutritional counseling)	6	9	36	\$ 58.36	\$ 10.87	--	--
D1701-D1714 (COVID-19 vaccine)	6	5	40	\$ 42.00	\$ 39.79	--	--
D9992 (care coordination)	5	13	33	\$ 35.48	\$ 10.76	--	--
D9997 (patients with SHCN)	4	11	36	--	--	--	--
D9994 (oral health literacy)	3	10	38	--	--	--	--
D9311 (behavior management)	2	11	38	--	--	--	--
D9991 (appointment compliance)	1	11	39	--	--	--	--
D9993 (motivational interviewing)	1	11	39	--	--	--	--
D1781-D1783 (HPV vaccine)	1	7	43	--	--	--	--

State Details Available!

- See pages 3-6 at https://www.aapd.org/globalassets/reimbursement-medicaid-childrens-dental_aapd-rpc_2024.pdf

Table 1 (Part 1)

State	D0145 (primary care eval <3 yo)	D0601-D0603 (caries risk assessment)	D1310 (nutritional counseling)	D1320 (tobacco counseling)	D1354 (caries arrest)	D1355 (caries prevention)	D1701-D1714 (COVID-19 vaccine)	D1781-D1783 (HPV vaccine)
Alabama	Y, \$26.40	N	N	N	Y, \$40.00	N	N	N
Alaska	Y, \$57.72	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Arizona	Y, \$34.24	N	N	Y, \$14.08	Y, \$22.12	Y, \$22.12	N	N
Arkansas	N	N	N	Y, \$25.00	N	N	N	N
California	Y, \$20.00	Y, \$15.00	Y, \$46.00	Y, \$10.00	Y, \$12.00	Y, \$0	Y, \$0	N
Colorado	Y, \$32.59	N	N	N	Y, \$5.71	N	Y, \$63.01	N
Connecticut*	N	Y, \$22.54	N	Y, \$6.37	Y, \$28.42	N	N	N
Delaware	Y, \$58.56	Y, \$0	Y, \$0	Y, \$0	Y, \$63.44	Y, \$0	Y, \$0	Y, \$0
Florida	Y, \$23.78	N	N	N	Y, \$6.44	Y, \$6.44	N	N
Georgia	N	N	N	N	Y, \$15.00	Y, \$10.70	N	N
Hawaii*	Y, \$29.54	N	N	N	Y, \$6.33	N	N	N
Idaho	Y, \$27.90	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Illinois	N	Y, \$0	N	N	Y, \$14.85	N	N	N
Indiana	Y, \$35.50	Y, \$0	Y, \$0	Y, \$64.00	Y, \$98.50	Y, \$0	Y, \$0	Y, \$0
Iowa	Y, \$23.54	Y, \$0	N	N	Y, \$3.58	N	Y, \$40.00	N
Kansas	Y, \$87.55	Y, \$0	Y, \$58.36	Y, \$62.85	Y, \$0	N	N	N
Kentucky	Y, \$32.50	N	N	N	Y, \$12.00	N	N	N
Louisiana	Y, \$48.49	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Maine	Y, \$50.21	Y, \$0	Y, \$26.58	Y, \$30.72	Y, \$27.82	Y, \$20.54	N	N
Maryland	Y, \$43.76	N	N	N	Y, \$10.00	N	N	N
Massachusetts*	Y, \$0	Y, \$0	Y, \$0	Y, \$0	Y, \$15.00	Y, \$0	N	N
Michigan	Y, \$29.50	N	N	N	Y, \$27.81	N	N	N

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