The Colorado Medical-Dental Integration Project (CO MDI) integrates preventive dental services into medical facilities by adding a dental hygienist as a part of the health care team.

Patients visiting their doctor will also be able to see a dental hygienist in a convenient and familiar setting. CO MDI reaches families with limited access to preventive dental services due to:

- Geography
- Transportation
- Insurance status
- Socioeconomic factors

The foundation awarded 26 organizations funding for purchasing equipment and hiring a dental hygienist. As part of this eight-and-a-half-year initiative the hygienists will:

- Provide preventive dental services.
- Coordinate care with the medical care team.
- Collaborate with dentists in the community for comprehensive care.

CO MDI began in 2014 with 16 medical practices across the state of Colorado. In Spring 2018, 10 additional medical practices joined the project. The project team will support each individual practice through startup and implementation.

A multi-year evaluation led by the University of Colorado ACCORDS continues to examine CO MDI. There have been 57,627 total patient encounters through September 2018, of which:

- 47% kids, 53% adults
- 71% Medicaid, 3% CHP+, 22% Uninsured
- More than 55% of those needing restorative care have received it

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26 organizations were awarded grants to serve 27 communities in up to 39 locations across Colorado.