

Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation

2021 POLICY PRIORITIES

Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation supports public policies that advance oral health equity. Public policy should advance access to care, prevention and the connection of oral health to overall health for up to all ages. Policies must promote equity and reduce disparities, particularly for populations historically overlooked.

Our Key Policy Principles

Benefits of Coverage

Through public or private coverage, patients' oral health needs of all ages are appropriately and adequately met. This would include valued-based, payment models that prioritize achievement of best outcomes, and quality care, while using evidence based, minimally invasive methods that ultimately increase access. Patient rights, to include citizenship status, are not barriers to quality care or coverage. Systemic rules and regulations have parity in their inclusion of oral health.

Innovation

Identify and advance innovative and/or evidence-based strategies, systems, and policies that enhance and support oral health in non-traditional ways by leveraging systems both in and outside of oral health care to advance oral health including integrated care, remote care, and other modes of care delivery.

Diversity in Workforce

A diverse, equity driven workforce is available to meet the needs of patients achieving optimal oral health. Through scope of practice, team-based and integrated care, innovative models implemented in health and community-based settings, and advancing evidence based best practices of care oral health equity will be advanced.

Social Determinants of Health

Optimal oral health is not compromised due to social determinants of health such as (but not limited to) lack of access, geographic location, access to optimally fluoridated water, income, food security, nutrition, housing, healthy lifestyle, transportation and education.

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About Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation:

Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation is dedicated to working alongside community partners so that every person can have a healthy mouth regardless of life circumstances.

Our commitment is clear in our mission: to elevate the well-being of all Coloradans by advancing oral health equity. We believe that a healthy mouth leads to a healthy life. Every day we partner with communities to re-imagine how all of our neighbors' access, benefit from, and value the importance of oral health care. Because when we go the extra mile for every smile, we elevate the well-being of all Coloradans.

In 2020, the foundation contributed more than **\$4 million in funding to 34 Colorado nonprofit organizations, reaching 95,000 Coloradans.** To support COVID-19 relief, the foundation donated **\$250,000 to the Colorado COVID Relief Fund**, hosted by the state of Colorado and Mile High United Way.