Dental therapists are increasing access to oral health care especially for those who need it most: low-income families, people of color, people living in rural areas, and those on Medicaid.

45 MILLION PEOPLE live in areas where they can't get dental care—millions more can't afford it.¹

51% OF CHILDREN on Medicaid did not receive any dental care in 2011.²

IN ALASKA, dental therapists have been able to expand care to 40,000 people who didn’t have access before, including rural and tribal populations.

IN MINNESOTA, dental therapists have been able to expand access to care to those most in need.

78% of patients were publicly insured.

67% of patients were under 21.

84.7% of the care dental therapists provide is PREVENTIVE and ROUTINE.

Other procedures in Dental Therapist scope of practice

15.3%

Investment in oral health = investment in better overall health

SOURCES