### PRESENTATION TO HOUSE HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

HB 2627

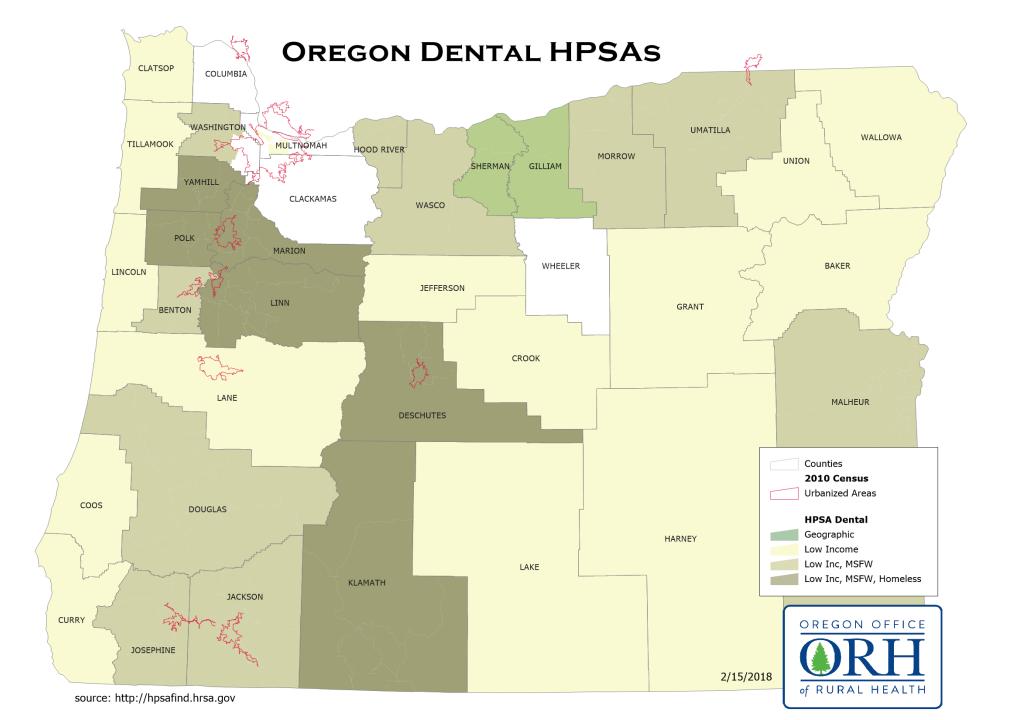
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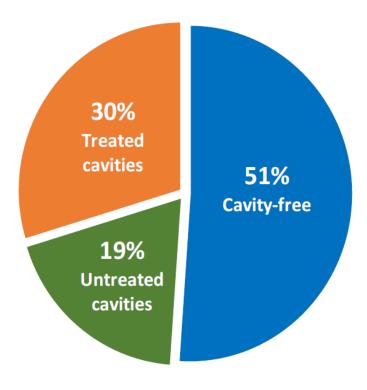
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Defines Interim Therapeutic Restorations (ITR), also referred to scoop-n-fill or non-drilling fillings, to the services that an Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist (EPDH) may provide when caring for those in need of dental health services



#### 2017 Oregon Smile Survey Data

Cavities\* among children 6-9 years old, Oregon, Smile Survey 2017



49% HAD A CAVITY

**1 in 2** CHILDREN AGE 6 TO 9 YEARS OLD HAVE ALREADY HAD A CAVITY

CAVITIES ARE 100% PREVENTABLE

\* Primary and permanent teeth

## SB 738 (Dental Pilot Projects) (Passed in 2011 session)

- SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority may approve pilot projects to encourage the development of innovative practices in oral health care delivery systems with a focus on providing care to populations that evidence-based studies have shown have the highest disease rates and the least access to dental care. The authority may approve a pilot project that is designed to:
- (a) Operate for three to five years or a sufficient amount of time to evaluate the validity of the pilot project;
- (b) Evaluate quality of care, access, cost, workforce and efficacy; and
- (c) Achieve at least one of the following:
  - (A) Teach new skills to existing categories of dental personnel;
  - (B) Develop new categories of dental personnel;
  - (C) Accelerate the training of existing categories of dental personnel; or
  - (D) Teach new oral health care roles to previously untrained persons.

## Importance of HB 2627

- It is one tool Oregon can use to provide access to treatment for dental caries where there is none now
- It allows an EPDH to provide additional services in the community, especially for children, where they are frequently already receiving school-based oral health services
- It prevents further progression of dental disease in a patient who has had treatment by an EPDH providing ITR
- It demonstrates high value to patients and their families, including indirect benefits addressing barriers they face in providing for their family's oral health needs

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