

# Just for Grins

*The Role of Oral Health in the  
Accountable Care Collaborative*

**Safety Net Advisory Committee (SNAC) Lab**

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# Objectives



- Leverage our collective focus on vulnerable populations
- Provide a forum for opportunities and lessons learned
- Share the latest strategies for using data to measure effectiveness
- Synthesize input from group and develop a shared body of knowledge

# What the Data Tell Us About Oral Health and Medicaid

Facilitated Discussion

Interactive Debriefing



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## Audience Poll: Question #1

- How often does your daily work involve oral health-related issues?  
(Send a text response to 22333)

A. At least once a week: Text **91667**

B. A couple times a month: Text **91670**

C. Rarely: Text **91744**

## Audience Poll: Question #2

- How is Colorado's access to oral health care for **adults** (ages 21 and up) enrolled in Medicaid? (Send a text response to 22333)
  - A. Access is poor in most of Colorado. Text **80706**
  - B. Access is poor, but only in rural areas. Text **80711**
  - C. Access is good, most enrollees are getting their needs met. Text **80727**

## Audience Poll: Question #3

- How is Colorado's access to oral health care for **children and youth** (ages 0 to 20) enrolled in Medicaid?

(Send a text response to 22333)

- A. Access is poor in most of Colorado. Text **91788**
- B. Access is poor, but only in rural areas. Text **91794**
- C. Access is good, most enrollees are getting their needs met. Text **91801**





# Three Takeaways

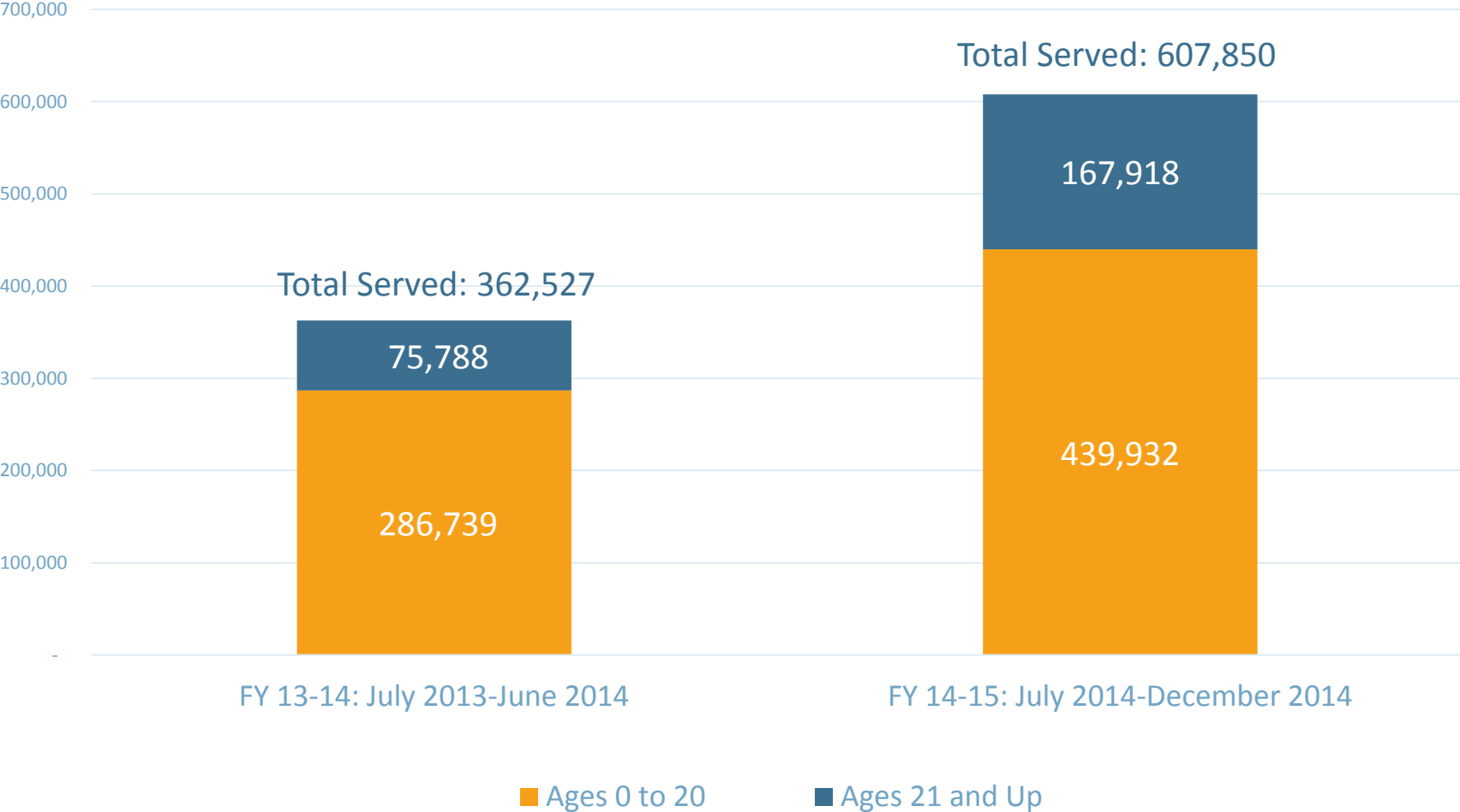
1. Use of dental services is on the rise.
2. The oral health workforce is expanding to meet the need but the safety net is reaching its limits.
3. Competing priorities create challenges to fully integrated oral health into the ACC.

## Hearing From You

- Which of the following populations enrolled in Medicaid have the greatest demand for oral health services? (Send a text response to 22333)
  - A. Children. Text **91751**
  - B. Working-age adults. Text **91753**
  - C. Adults 65 and over. Text **91755**

# More Enrollees Seeking Dental Care

Number of Medicaid Clients Served, by Fiscal Year



# A Quarter of Eligible Medicaid Adults Are Using Dental Services

Eligible Enrollees Getting Care

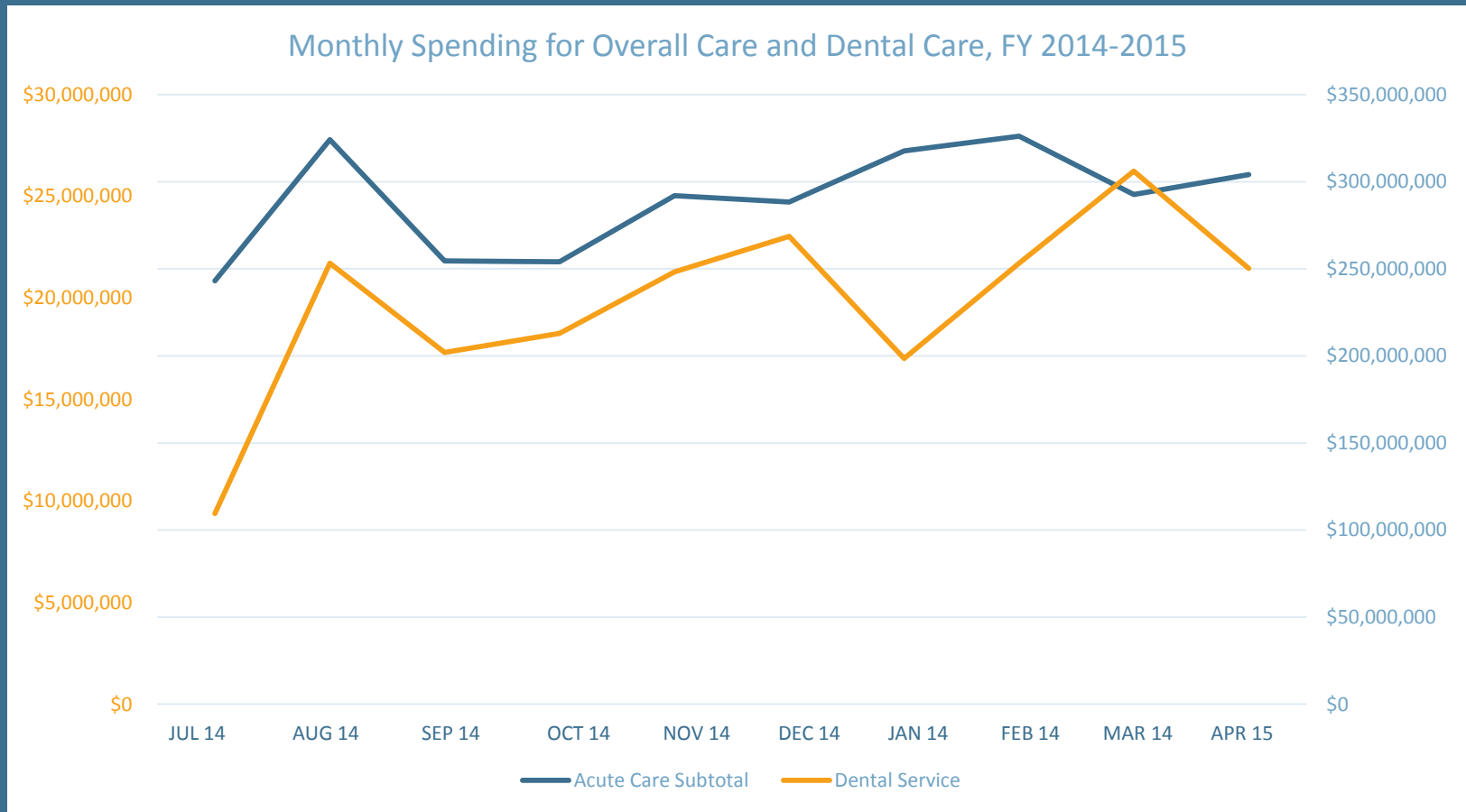
**74.1%**

of Enrollees  
Ages 0 to 20  
Getting Services

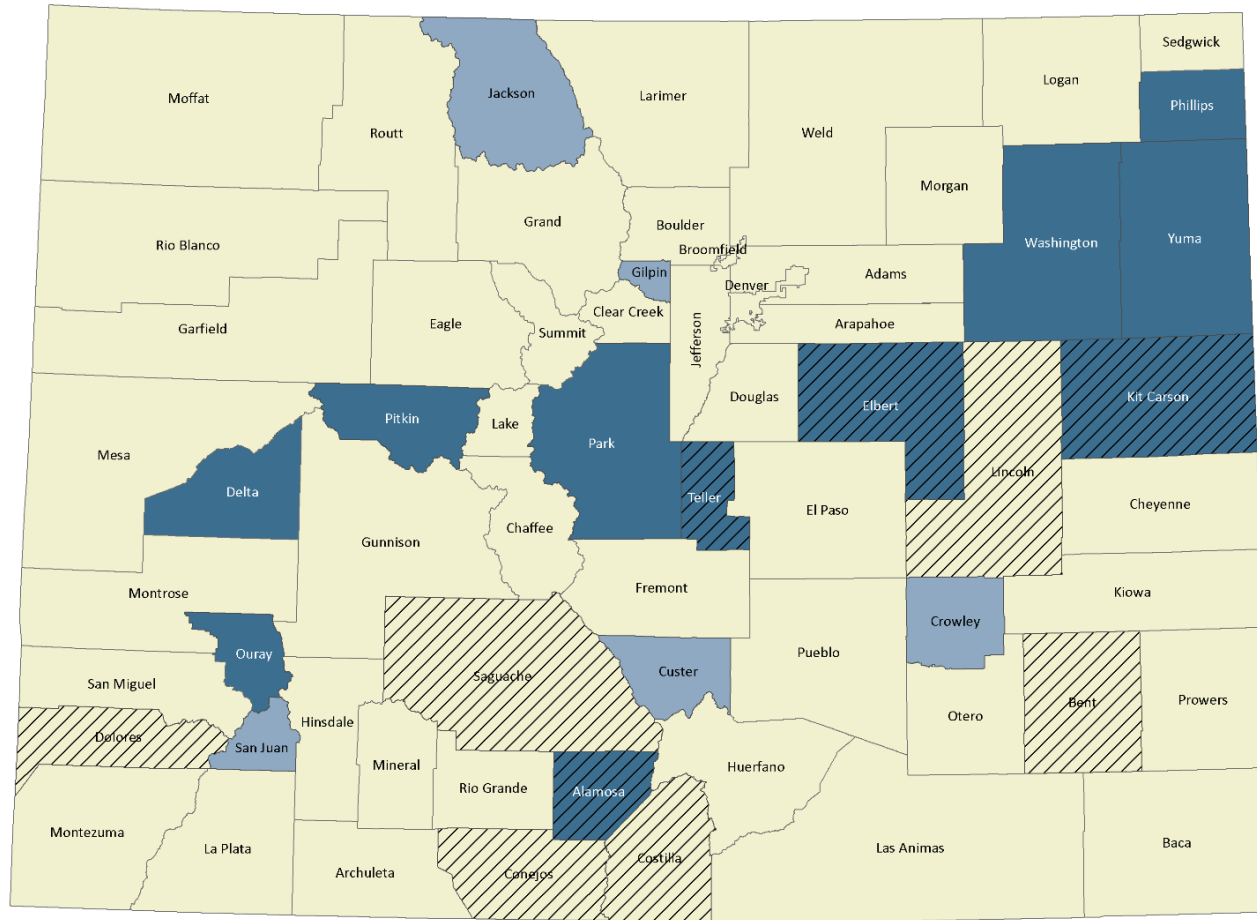
**26.6%**

of Enrollees  
Ages 21 and Up  
Getting Services

# Dental Costs Outpacing Overall Spending and Enrollment



# Colorado Counties with Limited Access to Medicaid Dentists, 2014

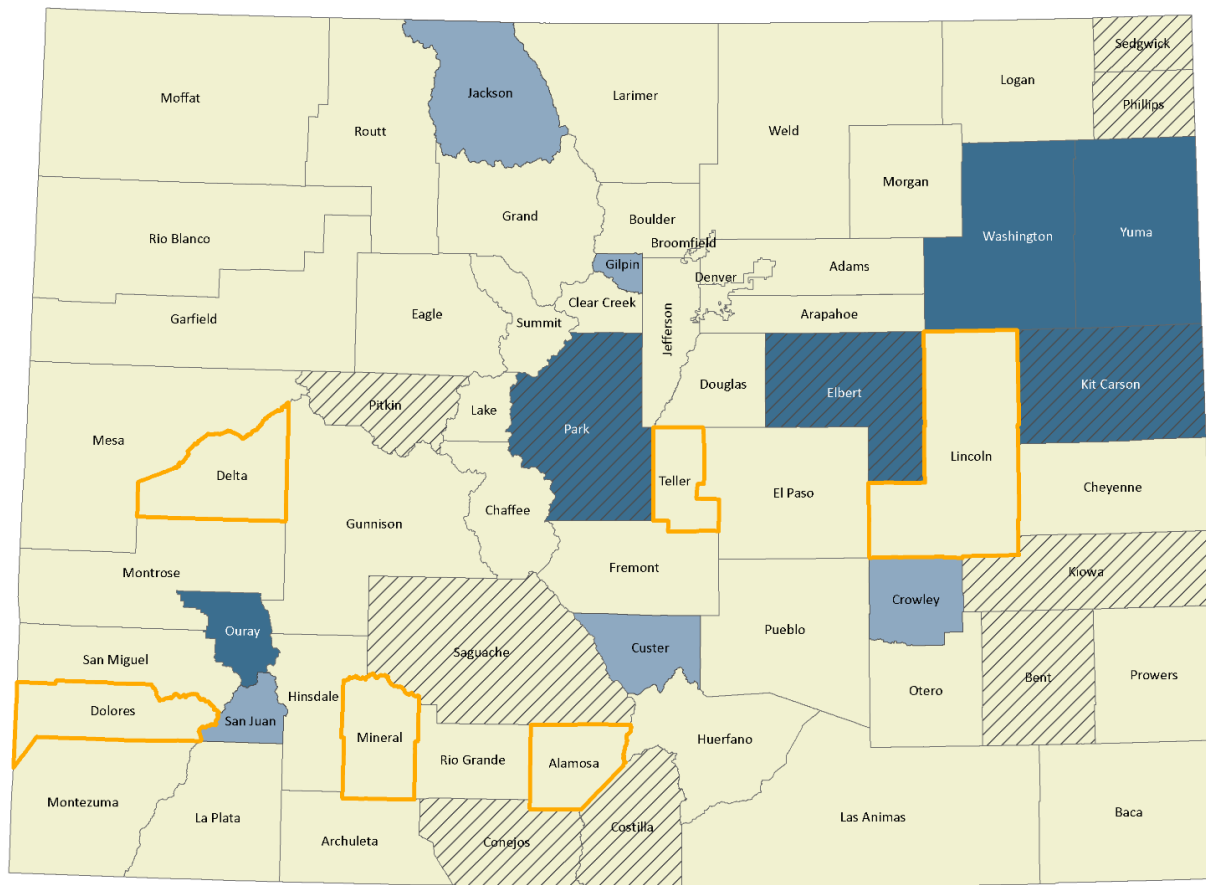


- No Dentists, FQHCs, or CBDCs
- Dentists Do Not Accept Medicaid
- Medicaid services only available at FQHCs



Map prepared by the Colorado Health Institute

# Colorado Counties with Limited Access to Medicaid Dentists, FY 2014-2015



- No Dentists or Safety Net Clinics
- Dentists Do Not Accept Medicaid
- Medicaid services only available at Safety Net
- Recently Added a Medicaid Dentist



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# Medicaid Enrollees in



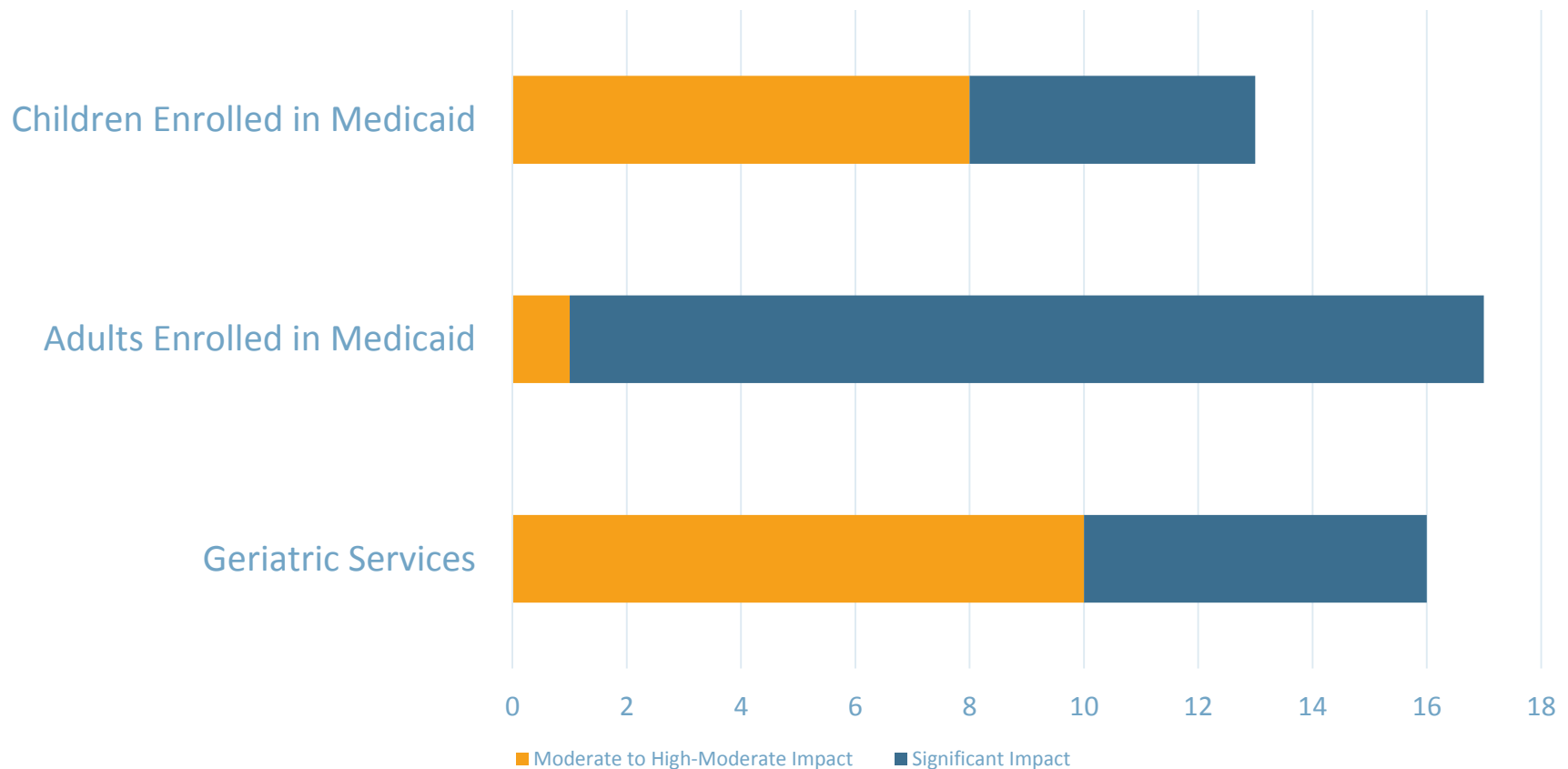
**Colorado counties  
do not have access  
to dental care in the  
counties where they live**

**That's down from 15 in 2014**



# Safety Net Feeling The Increased Demand

Number of Organizations Reporting Impact of Increased Demand



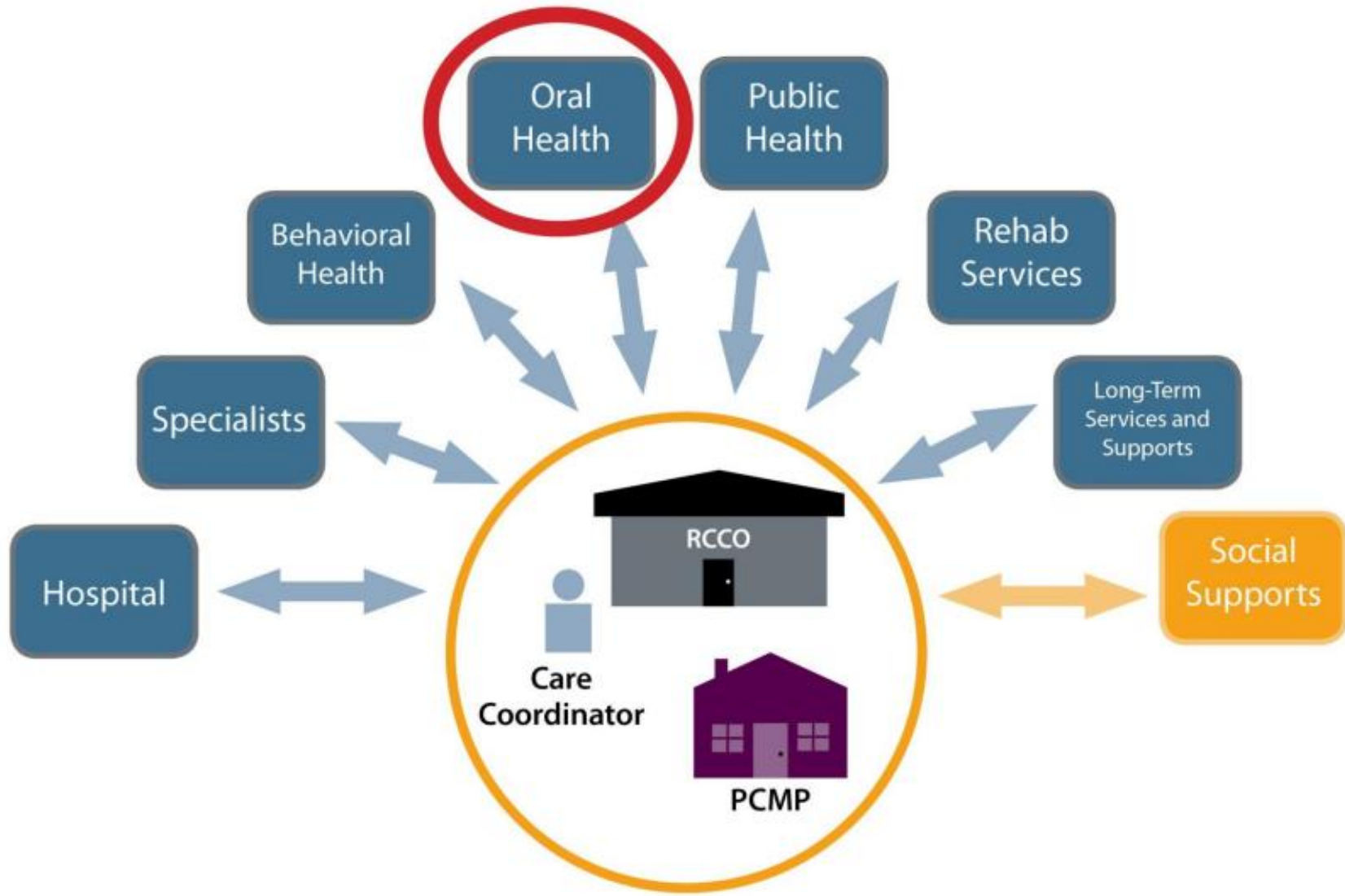
# Meeting Patient Demand Using Different Models

## High Interest

- **Medical-dental integrated care:**  
16 organizations (80% of total)
- **Tele-dentistry/virtual dental home:**  
11 organizations (55% of total)
- **Geriatric services:**  
4 organizations (20% of total)

## Currently Have

- **Medical-dental integrated care:**  
12 organizations (60%)



**Care Coordination Team**



*Hearing From You*

## Facilitated Discussion

- How does oral health fit into the ACC's medical home and care coordination models?
- What have been the challenges — and promising solutions — to incorporate oral health into the ACC?

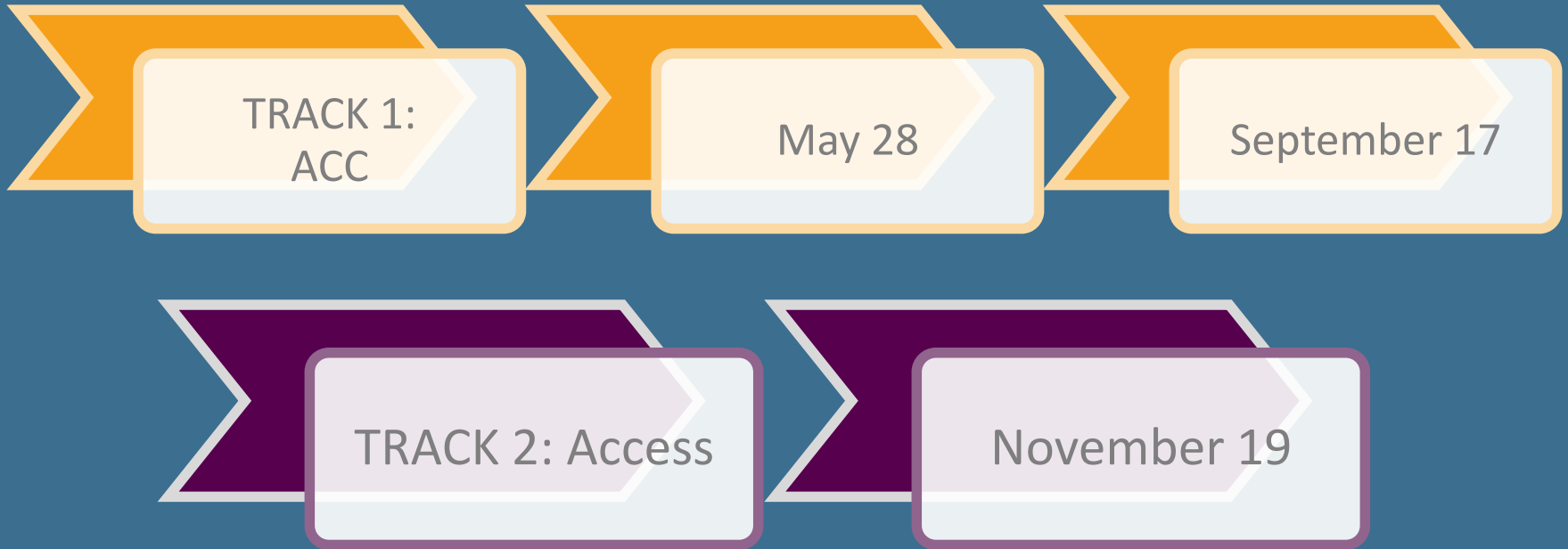
# Interactive Debriefing

- What is the one thing that you'd like to see happen to expand access to oral health services for Medicaid enrollees?

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# 2015 SNAC Lab Dates



All SNAC Labs scheduled for 12:00-1:30 pm at the Colorado Health Institute.





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