# Slide 1: Oral Health Considerations for the Dually-Eligible Population

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# Slide 2: Community Catalyst

**Note**: this slide includes the Community Catalyst logo along with three individual photos of adult women of diverse ethnicity. The bottom photo is of Crystal Evan, the Vice-Chair of the One Care Implementation Council.

# Slide 3: ORAL HEALTH ACCESS & CARE

Coverage Considerations

* **Medicare** does not include a dental benefit
* **Medicaid** dental benefits are optional for adults
* 12-20% of **dual eligibles** use (Medicaid) dental services
* **12.2 MIL** People enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid
* **62% Of dual eligibles are age 65+**
* **49%** Of dual eligibles have 1+ limitation on activities of daily living

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# Slide 4: ORAL HEALTH ACCESS & CARE

Impact on Health Outcomes

* Many common **chronic conditions** are connected to oral health
  + Common for people with disabilities with Medicare to have chronic health conditions
  + More likely to develop gum disease
  + Less likely to get dental care
* **People with developmental disabilities** have higher levels of tooth decay and gum disease
* 1 in 5 **older adults** have untreated tooth decay
  + About 2/3 have gum disease
* **Dually eligible** adults are more likely than other Medicare enrollees to have dental problems
* Some **medications** can cause dry mouth or other symptoms/side effects that affect oral health

**Note:** This slide includes a photo of a crowd gathered for a public demonstration. The group includes adults and what appears to be middle and high school youth. Some in the group are holding up large signs that say “Dental Access Now”, “My Life My Future”, and “Kids Can’t Wait”, and other smaller signs.

# Slide 5: ORAL HEALTH ACCESS & CARE

Accessibility Considerations

* Wheelchair/mobility device accessibility
* Accessibility of dental chairs/operatories
* Behavioral or sensory needs
* Provider education/interprofessional training

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# Slide 6: Thank you

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