

People Can't Wait

Here is a summary of disability issues as proposed in the Governor's budget compared with the Joint Finance Committee majority budget proposal.



DENTAL ACCESS

Governor's Proposal

\$5 million to dental providers that serve Medicaid recipients with physical and intellectual disabilities

\$58 million in Medicaid reimbursement increases for dental providers

Licensure of Dental Therapist to provide access to dental services and training grants **(\$1.5 million)**

Joint Finance Committee Did

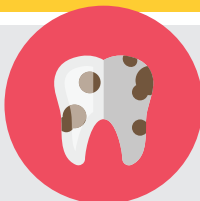
\$2.5 million

\$0

Removed from budget

29% of adults with disabilities have had at least one permanent tooth removed over the past year, 26% have not been to a dentist in the past year.

IMPACTS



- JFC's modest \$2.5 million investment does not resolve the huge challenges people with disabilities face trying to take care of their teeth.



- The JFC budget does not substantively address the fact too few dentists take Medicaid patients, and an even smaller number of dentists that have accessible practices to accommodate mobility equipment, sensory needs, or sedation dentistry.



**Survival
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**Fund Critical Supports for the
Disability Community**