



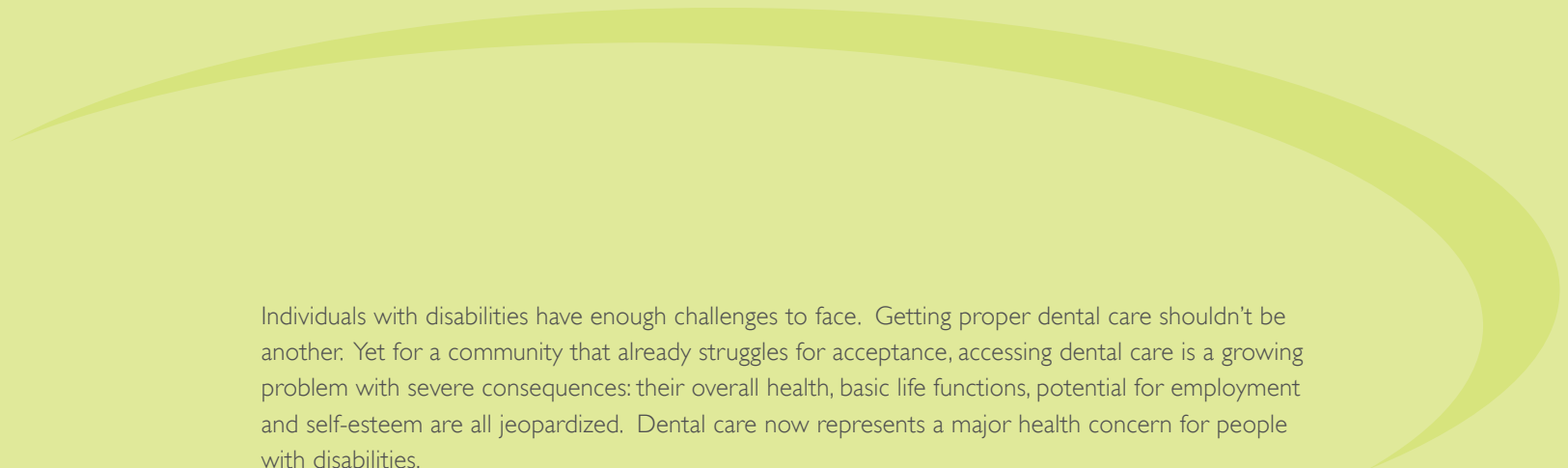
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**If you already provide dental care to people with disabilities,
*thank you.***

**If you don't treat people with disabilities,
*will you try?***



Individuals with disabilities have enough challenges to face. Getting proper dental care shouldn't be another. Yet for a community that already struggles for acceptance, accessing dental care is a growing problem with severe consequences: their overall health, basic life functions, potential for employment and self-esteem are all jeopardized. Dental care now represents a major health concern for people with disabilities.



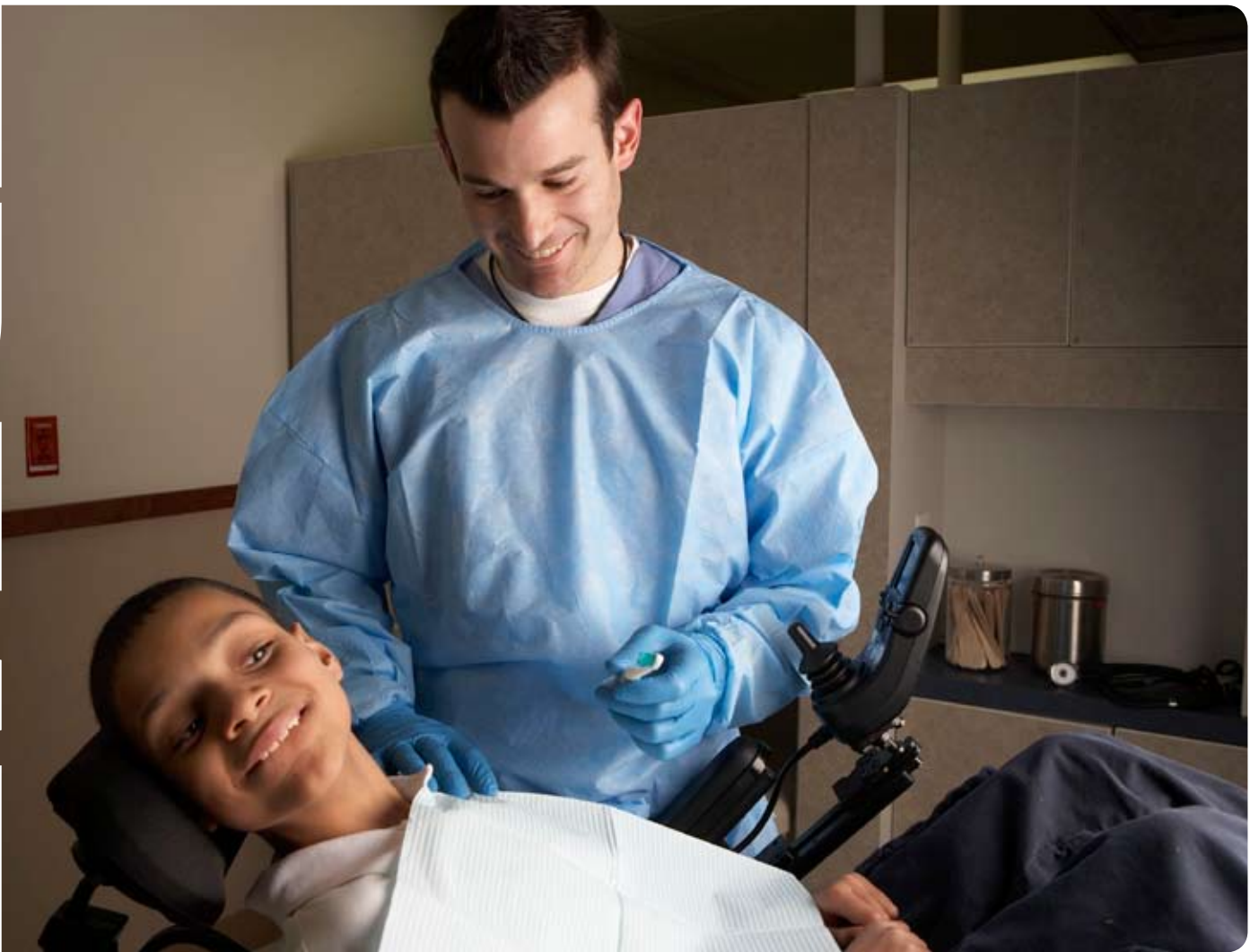
Did you know...


- ...most people with disabilities rely on Medical Assistance?
- ...there are approximately 2,000 Pennsylvania dentists available to treat 2 million people on Medicaid? (1,000 patients to 1 dentist.) These numbers make it even harder for people with disabilities to find a dentist.
- ...the majority of patients with disabilities require no specialized equipment, behavior modification, general anesthesia or sedation?
- ...there have been multiple and recent fee increases in Medical Assistance, and you have some opportunity to negotiate fees under contracts when working with special needs patients?
- ...there is a behavior management fee to help defray costs for treating people with developmental disabilities under Medical Assistance?
- ...there is an option to submit claims on paper or electronically? (Some report it's easier than a typical insurer.)
- ...dentists who work with people with developmental disabilities report 75% can be treated in a typical dentist's office?




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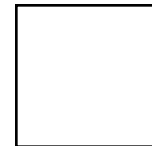




Please think about how you can treat patients with disabilities. To help, we've enclosed a five-minute video of dentists talking about why they treat people with disabilities. Once you've seen the video, visit **www.achieva.info/advancingoralhealthcare**, a comprehensive website linking you to national professional dental resources you may use to help you treat people with disabilities.



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Dentist to Dentist: Treating People with Disabilities

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