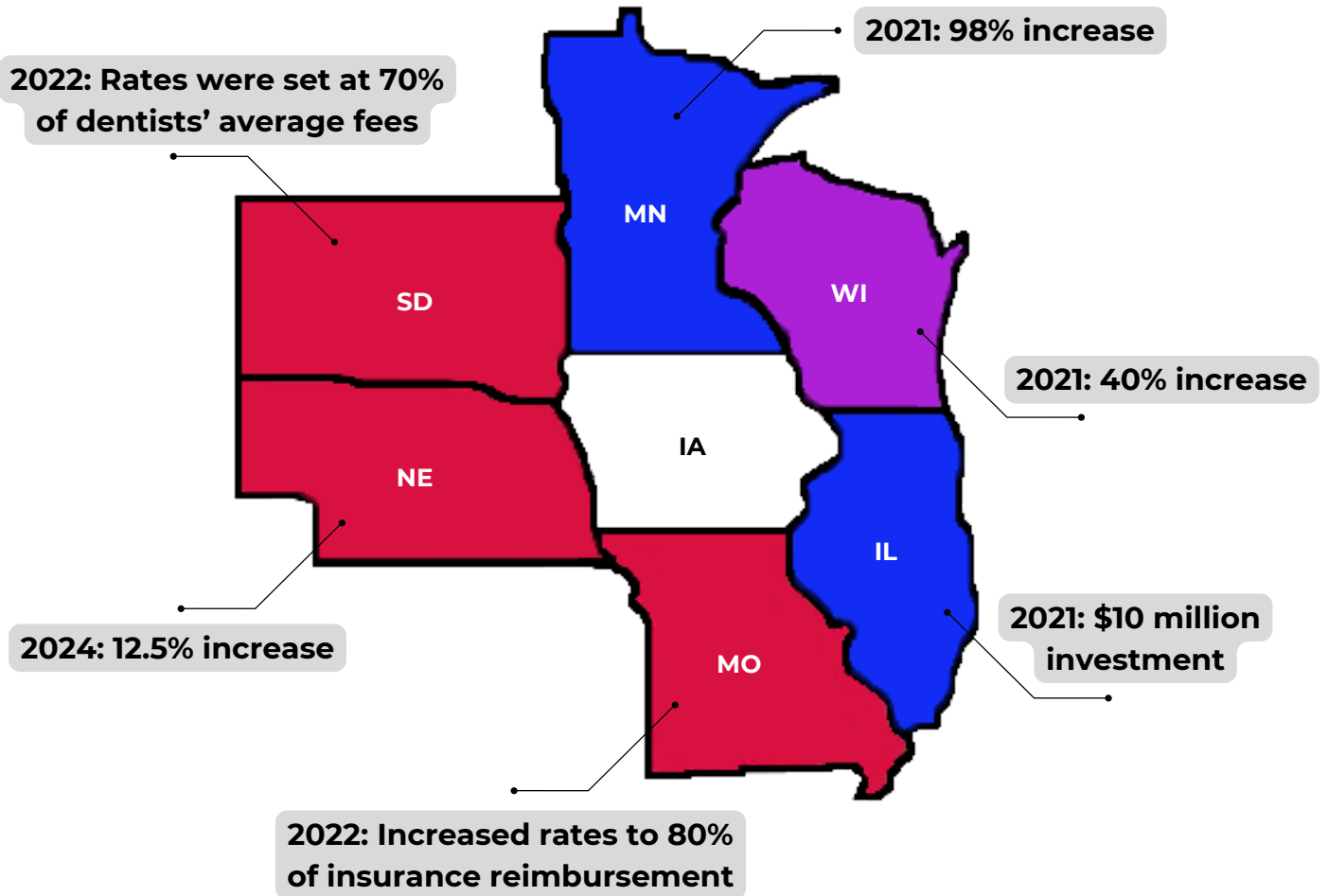


Iowa's Dental Medicaid Program is Falling Behind

In the last four years, ALL the states bordering Iowa made significant investments in their dental Medicaid programs.



No significant increase in dental Medicaid rates



Dental Medicaid pays only 25-30% of a dentist's average fee

RESULT: Fewer Medicaid patients seen as access decreases.



The Solution

Align Iowa Dental Wellness Plan (DWP) rates with Hawki rates to increase access to quality dental care.









Dental Medicaid Rates are Not Keeping up with Costs

1 Hour Adult Cleaning - Medicaid

Medicaid Reimbursement	\$35.82
Expenses	
Hygienist*	(\$40.01)
Additional Staff Time*	(\$11.13)
Materials (paste, sterilization, etc.)	(\$8.90)
Overhead (rent, dental equipment, etc.)	(\$15.25)
Total Expenses	(\$75.29)
Net Loss	(\$39.47)

*Based on 2023 wage data and does not include employee benefits, payroll taxes, etc.

Increasing Dental Access Leads to Better Outcomes for Iowans

 Lower medical costs	 Fewer school absences
 Fewer ER visits for dental issues	 Increased social confidence
 Improved chronic conditions (i.e. diabetes, heart disease, etc.)	 Increased employability

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