

# An Update to the 2011 Pew Report Card:

## The State Of Children's Dental Health: Making Coverage Matter

# Pennsylvania



In 2011, The Pew Center on the States, a division of The Pew Charitable Trusts, released The State of Children's Dental Health: Making Coverage Matter. This report graded states' ability to serve insured and soon-to-be insured children and compared results to 2010 grades. In 2018, Pennsylvania completed their own report card to monitor for any changes and improvements.

Pennsylvania met two of eight policy benchmarks aimed at addressing children's dental health needs in 2010 and increased to three of eight benchmarks in 2011.

In 2018, Pennsylvania meets five of eight policy benchmarks.

NATIONAL BENCHMARKS FOR EIGHT POLICY APPROACHES	2010 National Data (Benchmarks)	2011 PA State Data	2018 PA State Data	MEETS OR EXCEEDS 2010	MEETS OR EXCEEDS 2011	MEETS OR EXCEEDS 2018
Share of high-risk schools with sealant programs	25%	<25%	<25%			
Hygienists can place sealants without dentist's prior exam	YES	YES	YES	✓	✓	✓
Share of residents on fluoridated community water supplies	75%	54.30%	57.70%			
Share of Medicaid-enrolled children getting dental care	38.10%	37.30%	48.80%			✓
Share of dentists' median retail fees reimbursed by Medicaid	60.50%	48.80%	45.3% (2016)			
Pays medical providers for early preventive dental health care	YES	YES	YES		✓	✓
Authorizes new primary care dental providers	YES	NO	YES			✓
Tracks data on children's dental health	YES	YES	YES	✓	✓	✓
<b>GRADE</b>				<b>F</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>B</b>