

# Implementing Blood Pressure Screening in the Dental Setting

## *Part 1: MDHHS Perspective*

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## MDHHS HDSP Unit

Reduce risks, complications, and barriers to prevention and control of cardiovascular disease



Track and monitor clinical measures



Create and support community-clinical linkages



Implement team-based care interventions

# *Why Should Dental Providers Check Blood Pressure?*



Provides information  
to guide treatment  
decisions



Multiple professional  
organizations  
recommend



Opportunity to screen  
for hypertension and  
link to primary care

**Oral health  
professionals  
surveyed**

**Guidance  
Document  
developed**

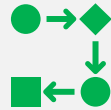
**Pilot  
conceptualized  
and launched**

***Project Genesis***

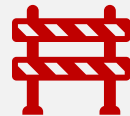
# Benefits to Piloting



Real-world testing of screening and referral processes



Inform optimal workflow processes



Uncover barriers and devise workarounds



Provide data to advocate for payor reimbursement

# *BP Screening and Referral Pilots*



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- Piloted in 2 clinics FY21
  - Expanded to 3 clinics FY22



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- Piloted in 3 clinics FY22
  - 2 of 3 sites co-located within FQHC