# Apple Health Dental Provider Network

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# Acknowledgement

- Arcora Foundation
  - Oral Health Partner
    - Access to Baby and Child Dentistry/Mouth Matters
    - DentistLink
  - Data Share Agreement
- Impact of federal budget on Medicaid in Washington State

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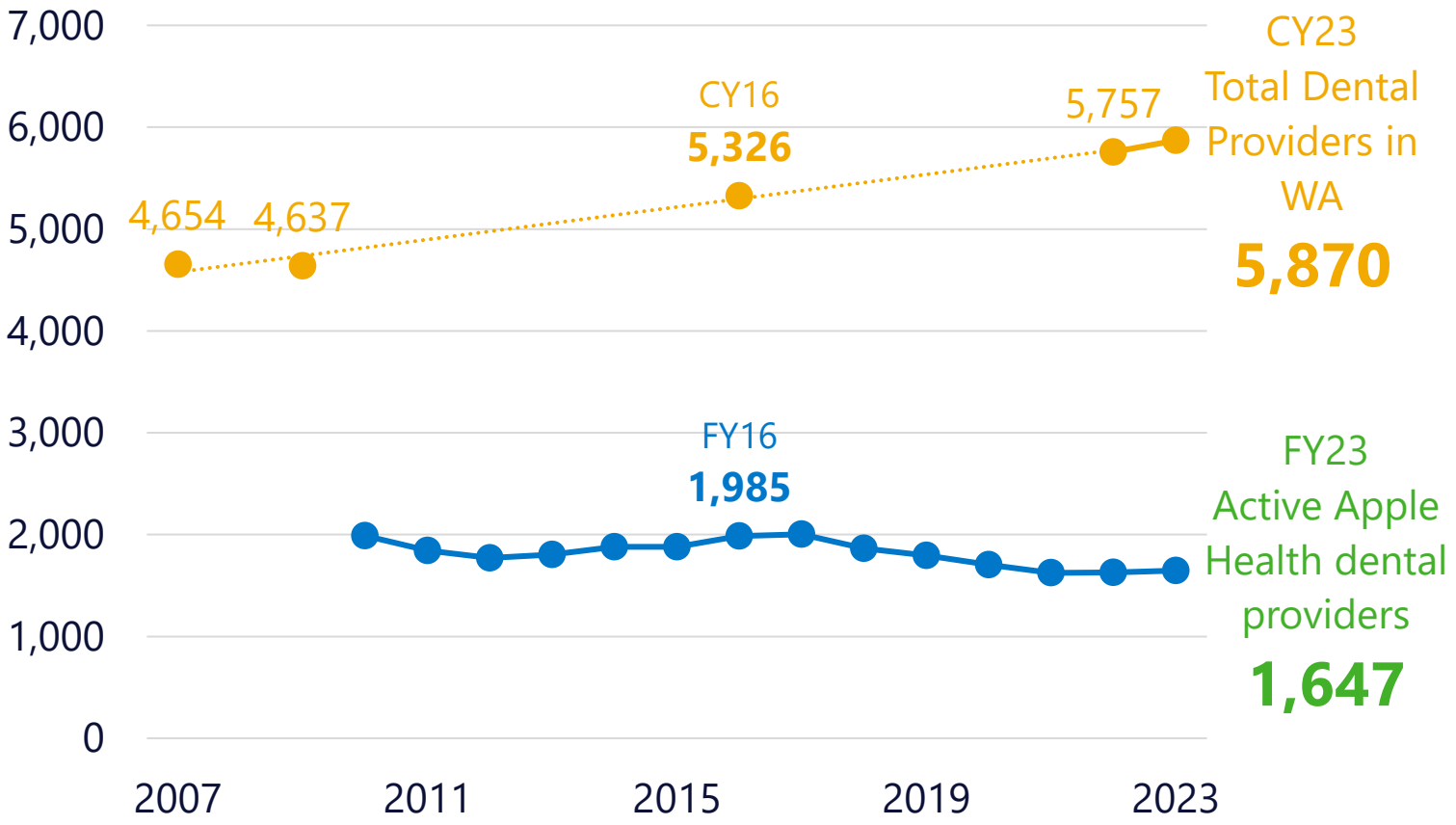
# Dental Providers in Washington State

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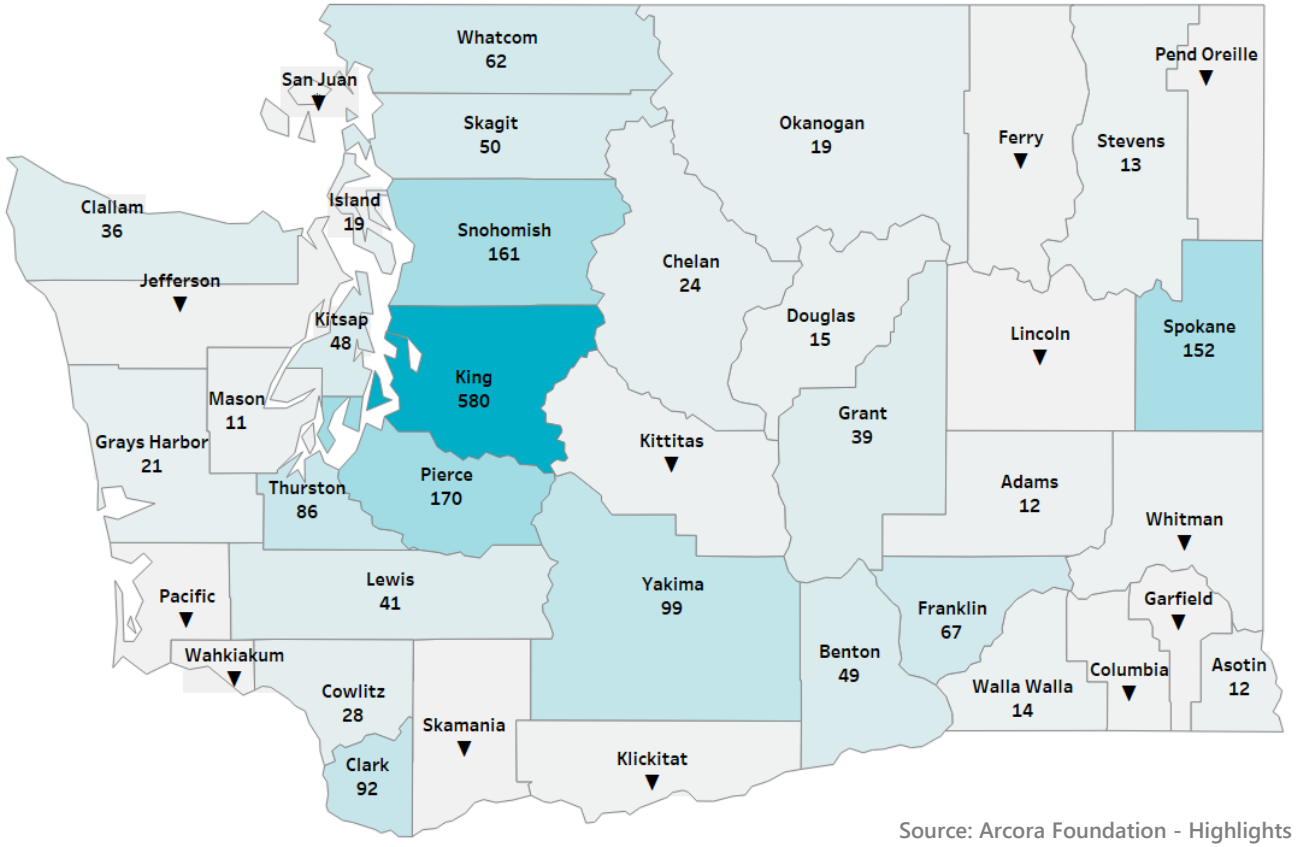


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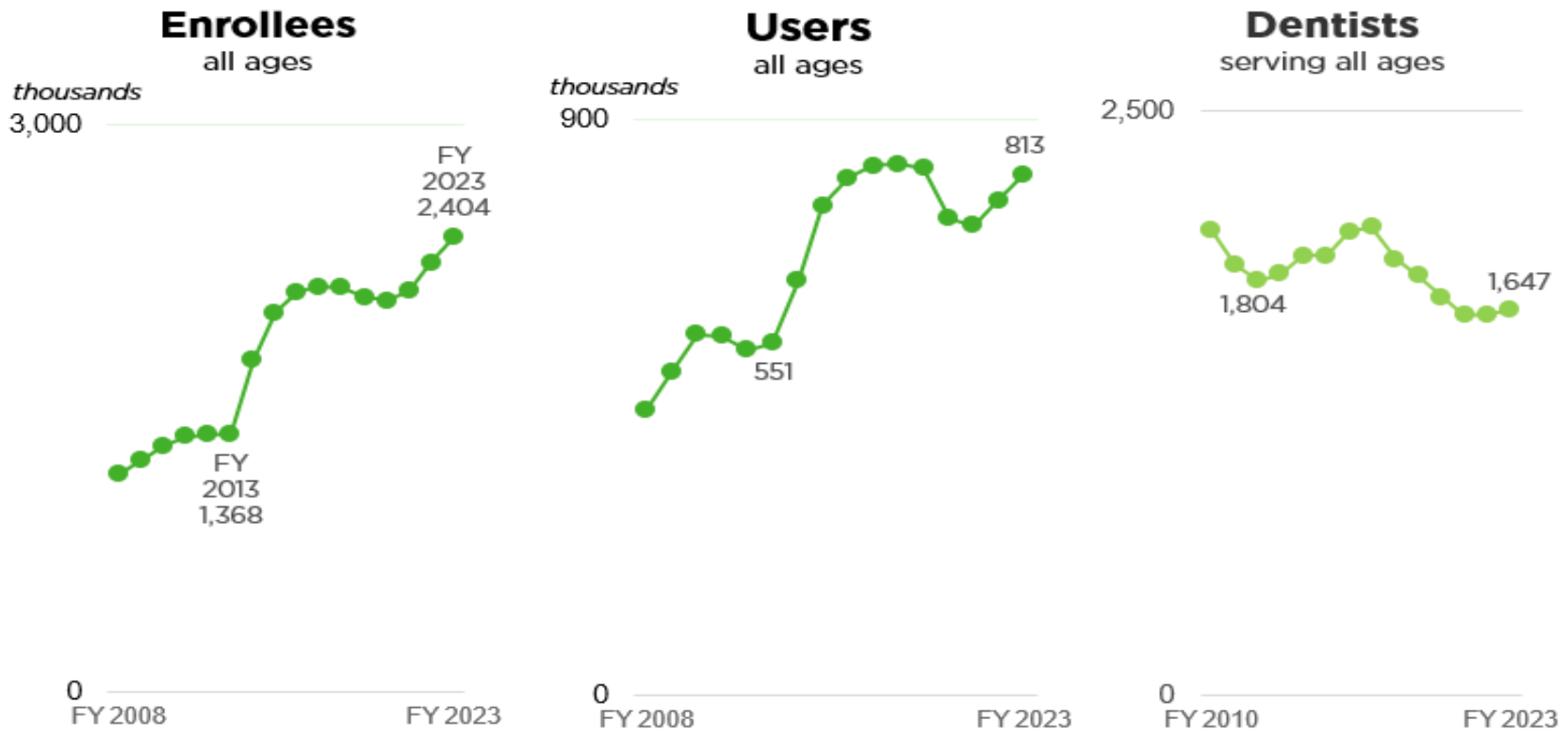
# Apple Health Dental Trends

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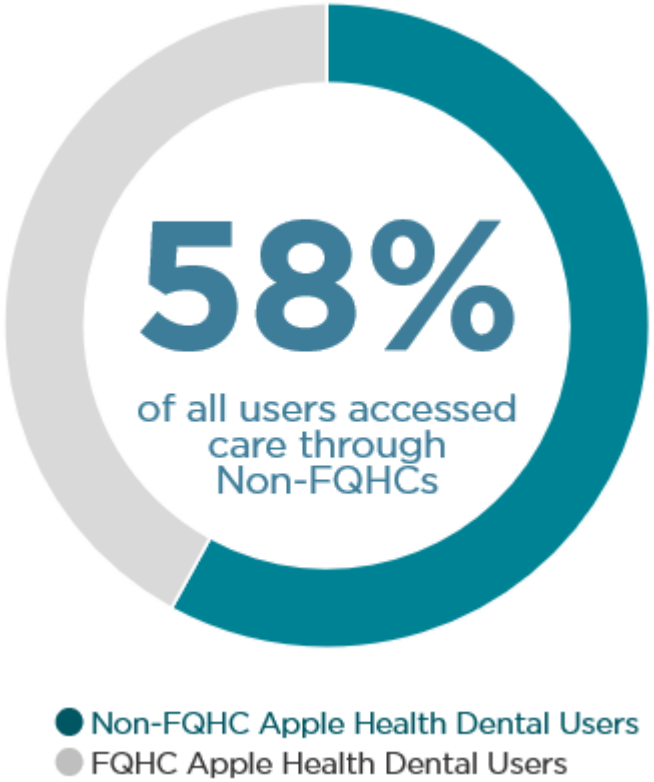
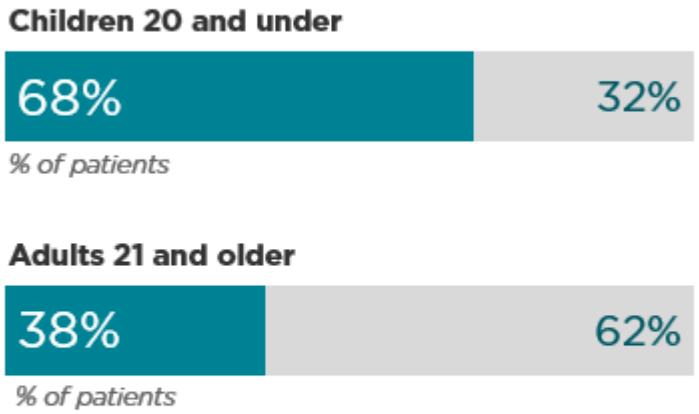
# Access to Care

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# Apple Health Dental Rates

- Adult Rates:
  - The 2021-23 biennial budget
  - Increased rates up to 100 percent of the rates
  - Effective July 1, 2021
- Children Rates:
  - The 2022 supplemental budget
  - Increased reimbursement rates for children's dental services
  - Effective January 1, 2023

# Apple Health Dental Rates

- 2025 Operating Budget reduced adult and pediatric fee for service dental rates
  - Reference: Conference Report ESSB 5167 (pg. 235)
  - Reductions of adult and children's rates were not the same
  - Does not apply to the following programs:
    - Orthodontic Program
    - Access to Baby and Child Dentistry Program

# Apple Health Dental Rates

- Providers have expressed concern, and in some cases have indicated they will stop seeing Adult and/or Pediatric clients
  - Several counties affected
    - Okanogan
    - Yakima
    - Benton
    - Franklin
    - Spokane
- HCA Dental Program welcomes additional feedback/information about impacts from providers

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# Impact of federal budget on Medicaid in Washington State

July 2025

# Federal budget background

- Congress passed a continuing resolution for the federal budget on July 3, 2025 – signed into law by President Trump on July 4.
- The budget contains numerous provisions that impact Medicaid, food assistance, and the individual market.
- Hundreds of thousands of Medicaid-eligible Washington residents will be impacted.
- **HCA and state partners are still assessing the full scope of impacts to Apple Health but anticipate significant administrative changes and new state costs associated with implementation.**

# Medicaid policies in the budget

- Prohibit federal payments to family planning providers
- Increase the frequency of eligibility redeterminations
- Impose work requirements as a Medicaid-eligibility criteria
- Restrict provider taxes and the use of state-directed payments
- Require payment of cost-sharing
- Remove good-faith waivers related to erroneous payments

# State funding & enrollment impacts

Proposed work requirements, increased frequency of redeterminations, and other changes to eligibility and enrollment rules will impact access and state funding.

**Between 200,000 and 320,000 Washingtonians are projected to lose Medicaid coverage.**

**Our state is projected to lose billions in federal funding between 2025–2034.**

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