Better Care, Lower Cost

Medically Necessary Oral Healthcare Offers a Proven Way to Achieve Both
The number of Medicare beneficiaries now surpasses the population in 90% of the world’s nations.

Henry J Kaiser
Family Foundation (2018)

Worldometers (2019)
Total government spending on older Americans will comprise 50% of all noninterest costs in just 10 years.
Extensive research shows the association of oral and chronic conditions.

Alzheimers & Cognitive Disorders
Arterial Stents & Grafts
Aspiration Pneumonia
Bacterial Endocarditis
Cardiac Disease & Stroke
Cardiac & Orthopedic Prostheses
Diabetes and Kidney Failure
Gastrointestinal Disease
Implanted Heart Valves
Organ Transplantation
Parkinson’s Disease
Podiatric Complications
Rheumatologic Disease
Sepsis
Vascular Dementia
Visual Degradation

Porphyromonas gingivalis in Alzheimer’s disease brains: Evidence for disease causation and treatment with small-molecule inhibitors
Substantial Savings Are Possible

Treating Gum Disease Reduces Hospital Admissions

Significant decreases in annual hospitalizations are possible when individuals with certain chronic diseases received dental treatment for their gum disease, after accounting for the effect of diabetes.

...and Broad Consensus Exists

AARP
Acuity Specialists
American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics
American Academy of Periodontology
American Association for Dental Research
American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists
American Association of Diabetes Educators
American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons
American Association of Kidney Patients
American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association
American College of Cardiology
American College of Emergency Physicians
American College of Gastroenterology
American College of Physicians
American College of Prosthodontists
American College of Rheumatology
American Dental Association
American Dental Education Association
American Dental Hygienists’ Association
American Diabetes Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Head and Neck Society
American Kidney Fund
American Liver Foundation
American Nurses Association
American Parkinson Disease Association
American Psychiatric Association
American Public Health Association
American Society for Radiation Oncology
American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Transplant Surgeons
American Society of Transplantation
American Thoracic Society
Arthritis Foundation
Association of Community Cancer Centers
Association of Dental Support Organizations
Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors
California Dental Association
Catholic Health Association of the United States
Center for Medicare Advocacy
Children’s Dental Health Project
Cornerstone Dental Specialties
Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America
Dental Lifeline Network
Dental Trade Alliance
Eating Disorders Coalition
Epilepsy Foundation
Families USA
Head and Neck Cancer Alliance
John A. Hartford Foundation
Justice in Aging
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
Lupus Foundation of America
Medicare Rights Center
Mental Health America
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association of Area Agencies on Aging
National Association of Community Health Centers
National Association of Dental Plans
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities
National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare
National Council for Behavioral Health
National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention
National Kidney Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Network for Oral Health Access
National Osteoporosis Foundation
National Rural Health Association
National Stroke Association
Oral Health America
Pacific Dental Services Foundation
Parkinson’s Foundation
PEW Dental Campaign
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
ProHEALTH Dental
Renal Physicians Association
Santa Fe Group
School-Based Health Alliance
Society for Transplant Social Workers
Support for Persons with Oral, Head, and Neck Cancer
The Gerontological Society of America
The Michael J. Fox Foundation
The Society for Thoracic Surgeons
The Keys to Coverage

Science
Extraordinary and growing body of evidence.

Savings
Billions of dollars in potential cost reduction.

Strength
Large and expanding community of supporters.

Surround!
Media, Hill support, grassroots, and an all-out push.