

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: ACCELERATING CHANGE

This graphic summarizes the future visions, action plans, and commitments developed at the 2022 Advance Health Equity Summit, focused around three key strategic areas: oral/overall health integration, expanded coverage, and workforce development.

## SUMMIT COMMITMENTS

- Create an online playbook of current efforts and initiatives.
- Design health literacy standards and education programming.
- Create a national oral health quality indicator.
- Call on congress to endorse Medicare coverage of medically necessary oral health treatments.
- Demonstrate the financial benefits of an integrated cost structure.
- Collect data on oral care and chronic conditions.

## INTEGRATION

### ACTION PLANS

- Develop a standardized national oral health indicator.
- Develop a living compendium of efforts and practices.
- Align payment and reimbursement systems.
- Offer care in a diversity of settings.
- Support upstream integration of oral health and health literacy.
- Develop strategic partnerships.
- Expand communications to build trust.
- Articulate a CDC framework on best practice.
- Improve existing technology around electronic health records and telehealth.

### VISION

- Integration is the norm.
- Care is coordinated, free, accessible, consumer-driven, and provided across diverse settings.
- People trust the oral health system, which is understood as a part of the overall health system.
- System is patient-based and rooted in principles of prevention, promotion, accountable care, and value-based care.
- System is supported by national oral health metrics and technology such as interactive patient portals and comprehensive health records.

## COVERAGE

### ACTION PLANS

- Establish a mandate to include adult dental benefits in all public coverage.
- Reimagine reimbursement in ways that integrate oral health into overall health systems.
- Find legislative champions for oral health.
- Synthesize existing research to understand access.
- Make education inclusive, interdisciplinary, and interprofessional.
- Support access and decrease disparities through measurement, health literacy, public communication, cultural competency/humility, and other approaches.

### VISION

- Care and benefits are integrated, with a reimbursement system that provides the right incentives.
- Medicaid includes comprehensive benefits for adults similar to how it does for children.
- Prevention and treatment are focused on equally.
- Structural inequity is addressed.
- System is infused with values of cultural competence and whole person health.
- There are consistent and integrated health records.
- Technology is an enabler to other dimensions of reimaged care.

### ACTION PLANS

- Sustain and expand diverse pathways to health education and training.
- Shift culture and mindsets around restructuring care and increasing oral health capacity across workforce.
- Enhance accessibility of pathways by addressing socioeconomic factors, increasing repayment opportunities, and engaging communities.
- Advance equity through common language and measures and identify key communities.
- Support and align professional associates and federal agencies around advancing equity.

### VISION

- All people feel "dental care is for them" and that providers are there for them across the lifespan.
- Providers reflect the diversity of communities.
- Education is interprofessional and includes cultural/linguistic competency, equity, accessibility, and population health.
- System engages with communities, care coordinators, and non-dental health workforce.
- Equity is a key measured outcome.
- There is co-location and reimbursement for collaborative care.

## WORKFORCE