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**Improving Oral Health Access and Services for Older Adults White Paper** – In this white paper ASTDD explains the rationale for supporting efforts to provide a comprehensive dental benefit for older adults in publicly funded programs such as Medicare and Medicaid, and inclusion of dental benefits in all health insurance plans. In it ASTDD also encourages state level data collection and supports research efforts to further document cost-savings and overall economic benefit from optimum oral health among older adults. (February 2018)

**ASTDD Older Adult Oral Health Best Practice Approach Report** (March 2017) This report contains a wealth of information pertaining to older adult oral health as well as links to many resources.

**Talking Points-Why Oral Health in Older Adults is Important** – This infographic, collaboratively developed by the ASTDD Healthy Aging Committee and the American Dental Association, provides talking points that highlight the importance of oral health in older adults. (Dec 2015)

**Older Adult Basic Screening Survey (BSS) Resources**

**ASTDD Basic Screening Survey for Older Adults Planning and Implementation Tool Kit** This downloadable toolkit contains all of the information you will need to plan and conduct a BSS of vulnerable older adults.

**Older Adult BSS Tips for Success** - A collection of lessons learned from states that have conducted an Older Adult Basic Screening Survey and information on ASTDD resources, including BSS coaches, to assist states and organizations planning to collect oral health data on this age group. (January 2017)

**States with BSS Oral Health Data** - Listing of states that have completed a Basic Screening Survey of the older adult population and links to reports from some of those states. Great resource for states looking to do a BSS of this population or for those looking for data related to older adults.

**Older Adult Webcasts**

**ASTDD Chronic Disease and Older Adult Oral Health Webcast** - As the older adult population in the U.S. increases, there is a greater need for those in public health and clinical oral healthcare settings to incorporate chronic disease assessment for older adult patients. Our speakers discussed how various chronic disease conditions can impact treatment planning and oral health outcomes. Ms. Park is a chronic disease consultant to the ASTDD and the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors. She provided an overview of the connection between a healthy mouth and overall health. Dr. Cartier provided information on national trends and how they impact the delivery of oral healthcare. He also discussed the Seattle Care Pathway and how this can be applied to "prioritize" the type of oral care that is delivered to older adults. (August 2018).

**PowerPoint**
Additional Resources

- **ASTDD White Paper: Improving Oral Health Access and Services for Older Adults**
- **Oral Health America: Oral Health Benefit in Medicare Part B White Paper**
- **Grant Makers in Health: Returning the Mouth to the Body: Integrating Oral Health and Primary Care**
- **Qualis Health: Oral Health, An Essential Component of Primary Care White Paper**
- **Seattle Care Pathways**

**Training Health Care Professionals to Focus on the Oral-Systemic Health of Older Adults** During this webcast, three programs that successfully train future health care professionals to work with the older adult population, with a focus on oral-systemic health, presented. (January 2018)

**PowerPoint Slide**

**Data Sources: Where to Uncover Oral Health Information for Older Adults** – Get an overview on how to find older adult oral health data (BRFSS, NHANES, MEPS, CASOA, BSS, etc.) and where to find valuable information that can then be shared to raise the awareness of older adult oral health issues. Once you’ve discovered this treasure trove of information, how do you cash in on it? Check out an [infographic template](#) that was shared as part of the webcast. The template can be used to frame your newly found wealth of information. (March 2017)

**PowerPoint Slides**

**Medicaid Dental Coverage: The Consumer Perspective and Potential Economic Impact** – ADA’s Health Policy Institute conducted a study based on a series of focus groups. Four 120-minute consumer focus group sessions were conducted from June 20-22, 2017 in Chicago, Illinois and Tampa Florida. Each group had ten participants comprised of men and women ages 50 and older representing different races/ethnicities, education and income levels, and political perspectives. Principal findings: 93% of the surveyed consumers ages 50 and older support adding dental coverage to Medicare. Presenter: Cassandra Yarbrough, MPP, Lead Public Policy Analyst, Health Policy Institute (January 2019)

**Medicaid Oral Health Coverage for Older Adults and People with Disabilities** - This presentation, brought to you by the ASTDD Healthy Aging Committee in collaboration with the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD), discussed the results of a survey the NASUAD administered to its network of state agencies and a review of state coverage policies. The study was developed to review current programs providing oral health services; understand access and utilization; recognize existing collaborations for outreach to beneficiaries; and identify challenges with oral health policy across state agencies. The survey analysis identified several key themes from state data, including: a need for additional collaborative actions to improve oral health; identifications of targeted innovations regarding coverage for older adults and people with disabilities; greater understanding of the incurred medical expense benefit could assist with coverage and access; and outreach to participants and increased coverage could improve utilization. Damon Terzaghi, MSA, Senior Director at the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities reviewed the survey findings and discussed the implications for state dental directors and policymakers. (January 2017)

**PowerPoint slides**

**Oropharyngeal Cancer and HPV: What's the Latest?** - The ASTDD Healthy Aging committee hosted an "Oropharyngeal Cancer and HPV: What's the Latest?" coffee break call. Dr. Mahnaz Fatahzadeh, DMD, MSD, from the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine presented information on the epidemiology, risk factors and clinical presentation of oral cancer and in particular HPV positive oropharyngeal squamous cell carcinomas. Dr. Fatahzadeh also shared an article, [Prevention & Early Detection of Oral Cancer: A Professional Responsibility](#), which is posted on the AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) Program website. AETC is the training arm of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program. Also check out this [2-page fact sheet](#) on HPV and oropharyngeal cancer from the CDC. (March 2016)

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