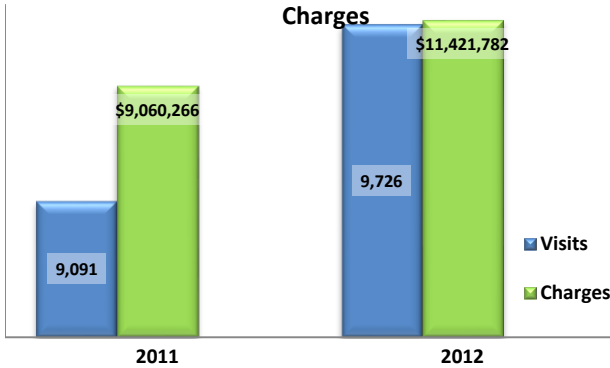


Emergency Department Dental Visits & Charges

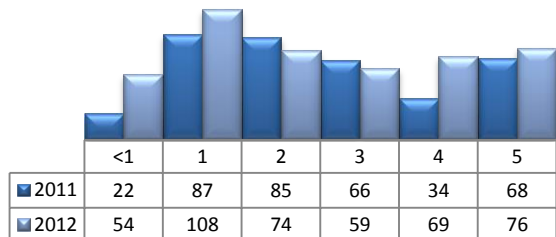


Ambulatory Care Sensitive oral health conditions (ACS) are those considered largely avoidable with adequate prevention and primary care. The use of hospital emergency departments – among the most expensive form of medical care – for the treatment of ACS conditions may indicate lack of access to primary dental care. Among the reasons Floridians do not receive regular preventive care include lack of dental coverage for adult Medicaid patients, lack of private-practice dentists willing to accept Medicaid's low payment rates, lack of county health department resources, lack of affordable dental insurance or inability to meet high co-pays, and lack of awareness of the importance of dental health to overall health.

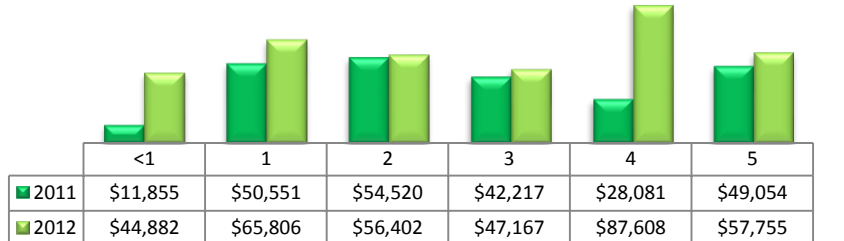
Floridians absorb the cost of Medicaid and uninsured ER dental visits in several ways including higher health insurance premiums and healthcare costs, increased tax dollars needed to fund the state Medicaid program, increased local tax dollars to support local public hospitals, and lost productivity.

Visits by Payor & Age						Charges by Payor & Age					
	0-19	19-34	35-49	50-64	65+		0-19	20-34	35-49	50-64	65+
2011	1,074	4,810	2,227	850	130	2011	921,441	4,633,897	2,392,617	928,992	183,319
Medicaid/Managed	728	1,709	506	117	0	Medicaid/Managed	618,326	1,657,144	613,432	136,926	-
Commercial	100	369	242	143	3	Commercial	86,777	410,365	298,330	180,581	1,048
Self-Pay/Uninsured	204	2,322	1,144	337	4	Self-Pay/Uninsured	178,471	2,178,897	1,151,788	328,011	9,537
Kidcare	6	1	2	0	0	Kidcare	6,912	699	1,199	-	-
Medicare/Managed	0	98	175	138	123	Medicare/Managed	-	91,299	174,297	172,305	172,734
All Other	36	311	158	115	0	All Other	30,955	295,493	153,571	111,169	-
2012	1,211	5,145	2,324	892	154	2012	1,210,864	6,083,319	2,753,061	1,126,260	248,278
Medicaid/Managed	846	1,864	486	148	3	Medicaid/Managed	828,860	2,278,855	673,989	185,926	2,390
Commercial	107	425	249	105	7	Commercial	104,468	570,327	321,135	152,027	5,080
Self-Pay/Uninsured	213	2,447	1,170	334	5	Self-Pay/Uninsured	226,750	2,733,235	1,289,973	372,089	9,413
Kidcare	7	1	1	0	0	Kidcare	11,584	1,384	810	-	-
Medicare/Managed	2	86	220	159	138	Medicare/Managed	967	102,076	256,649	227,225	231,013
All Other	36	322	198	146	1	All Other	38,235	397,442	210,505	188,993	382

Visits for Young Children for Preventable Conditions



Charges for Young Children for Preventable Conditions



Highest ED Dental ACS Visits by Zip Code

Zip Code	2011		2012	
	Visits	Charges	Visits	Charges
32209	843	672,992	960	936,946
32210	769	716,137	875	1,065,395
32244	603	727,324	803	1,062,228
32218	545	461,200	479	455,778
32208	512	462,013	536	566,785
32211	494	701,079	575	932,579
32205	450	389,785	451	446,597
32206	447	420,864	478	440,529
32207	405	483,059	457	681,473

Policy Indicators

Indicators to consider in shaping policies to increase the overall health of Floridians while decreasing costs to the state's healthcare system:

- High numbers of Medicaid patients visiting the ER for ACS dental problems suggest a lack of access to dentists or oral healthcare clinics accepting Medicaid for both preventative care and for treatment.
- ER visits during the regular work day and traditional business hours, combined with ACS diagnoses, suggest visits being made to the ER in lieu of a clinic or dental office.
- Rates of adult tooth decay are higher in older adults yet patients aged 20 to 34 years comprise the largest segment of ER visits, suggesting that lack of dental insurance or an inability to meet high co-pays is driving such visits.

¹ Source: Emergency Room Database, Florida Agency on Health Care Administration

² Ambulatory care sensitive dental conditions, i.e. "preventable condition," are based on the ICD-9 (International Classification of Diseases, 9th Edition) codes from the published work of Dr. John Billings http://wagner.nyu.edu/files/admissions/acs_codes.pdf.