

BCBS Members Filing Dental Services Claims (2013)	
<b>State Comparison</b>	
Alabama	39.68
United States	N.A.
<b>Historic Trend</b>	
	N.A.
<b>Public Health Area</b>	
1	34.65
2	44.77
3	33.82
4	35.69
5	36.49
6	39.60
7	38.29
8	48.37
9	38.87
10	36.64
11	41.58
<b>Rurality</b>	
Rural counties	36.90
Urban counties	41.20
<b>Age</b>	
Under 18	45.61
18 - 24	31.05
25 - 34	28.70
35 - 44	32.93
45 - 54	37.41
55 - 64	45.53
65 and over	97.73
<b>Gender</b>	
	N.A.
<b>Race</b>	
	N.A.
<b>Ethnicity</b>	
	N.A.
<b>Income</b>	
	N.A.
<b>Education</b>	
	N.A.

### BCBS Members Filing Dental Services Claims<sup>52</sup>

- Adults 65 years and older have significantly higher utilization of dental services than other age groups with 97.7 percent having seen a dentist within the past year. A probable explanation for this phenomenon is that neither Medicaid nor Medicare provides dental services to adults.
- BCBS patients in urban counties had better utilization of dental services than patients in rural counties (41.2 versus 36.9).
- PHA 8 had the highest percentage of patients using dental services with 48.4 percent.
- Bullock County had the lowest percentage of patients using dental services with only 23.1 percent.
- Autauga County had the best percentage of patients using dental services with 56.5 percent.
- Besides Autauga County, only three other counties in Alabama had more than 50 percent utilization of dental services among BCBS patients—Elmore County, Madison County, and Montgomery County.
- Three counties (Coosa, Lowndes, and Greene) do not have full-time dentists.

