

DENTAL THERAPISTS ARE COST-EFFECTIVE PROVIDERS THAT WORK

Dental therapists are both economically viable as well as job creators and revenue generators for their practices and their communities.

ALASKA DENTAL THERAPY FINDINGS



The Dental Therapist program generates **76 full-time jobs** per year with a net economic effect of \$9.7 M.



Aggregate patient savings amount to **\$40,000.00** per year per dental therapist.



Dental therapists bring in **\$150,000.00 to \$250,000.00** more than they cost to employ them and their dental assistant.

Source: Dental Utilization for Communities Served by Dental Therapists in Alaska's Yukon Kuskokwim Delta: Findings from an Observational Quantitative Study, August 11, 2017

Studies have repeatedly shown that dental therapists **increase access** and are **cost-effective providers**. Data also shows high levels of patient satisfaction metrics from those treated by dental therapists.

Dental therapists are currently practicing in four states – Alaska, Minnesota, Oregon and Washington – and authorized in eight additional states with a number of other states exploring dental therapy.

More than **50 countries** allow dental therapists to provide routine preventive and restorative care.