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DENTAL THERAPISTS: GOOD FOR NEW MEXICO’S HEALTH. GOOD FOR OUR ECONOMY.

Dental therapists benefit the local economy.

In 2011, 19 dental therapists in Alaska created 76 full time jobs.¹ 

Those same therapists generated $9 million worth of economic activity. Most of this money was spent in rural communities. 

Dental therapists earn good, livable-wage salaries in their communities, starting at $60,000 a year. 

Creating jobs & positive economic impact in our local communities. 

Dental therapists benefit their employers.

Dental therapists are cost effective - for every dollar they generate in revenue it costs less than 30 cents to employ them.² 

In Minnesota, employing dental therapists for $45 an hour compared to dentists at $75 an hour lets practices expand services despite low Medicaid reimbursement rates.³ 

Dental therapists enable their employers to serve more Medicaid & uninsured patients: the cost savings from employing a dental therapist can offset low reimbursement rates and sliding scale fee models. 

Helping dental practices grow by helping them serve more underserved patients and generate more revenue. 


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