## **Alaska's Dental Therapists**

- 35 dental therapists increased access to care for over 40,000 Alaska Natives
- Providing routine and preventive care in 19 rural communities
- Provide culturally competent care
- Produce high patient satisfaction rates
- Reduce amount of emergency care
- Increase preventive care
- Create jobs and generate economic impact
  - Created 76 full time jobs per year with total personal income of \$4.4 million
  - Net economic effect of program is \$9.7 million



## Who are dental therapists treating?



IN ALASKA, dental therapists have been able to expand care to **40,000** people who didn't have access before, including rural and tribal populations.

**IN MINNESOTA**, dental therapists have been able to expand access to care to those most in need.

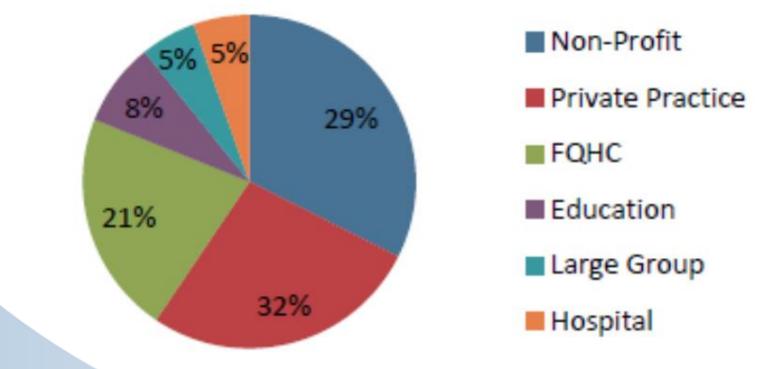
**78%** of patients were publicly insured.

67% of patients were under 21.



## **Minnesota Dental Therapists**

- 42 licensed Dental Therapists (DTs)
- DTs practicing in a variety of settings and increasing access to care





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