



Value of Podiatry: Importance of Foot and Ankle Care in Vermont

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Shared Goals

Improvements in Health Outcomes

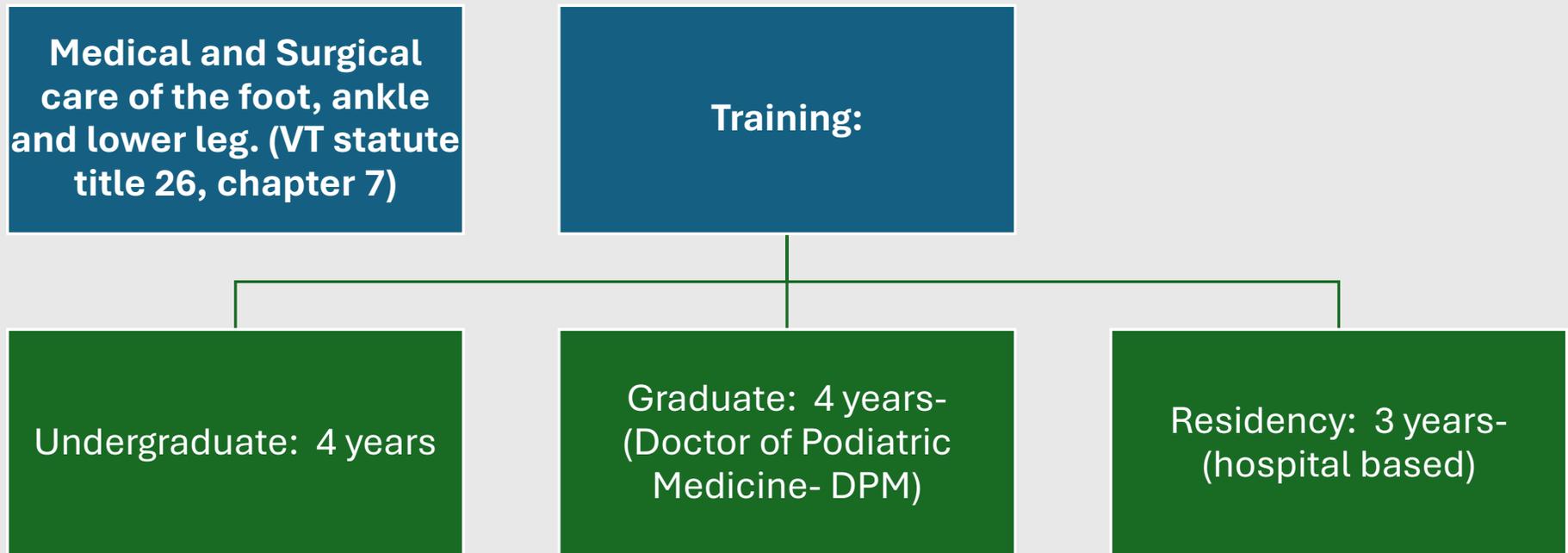
Quality of Care

Regional Access to Services

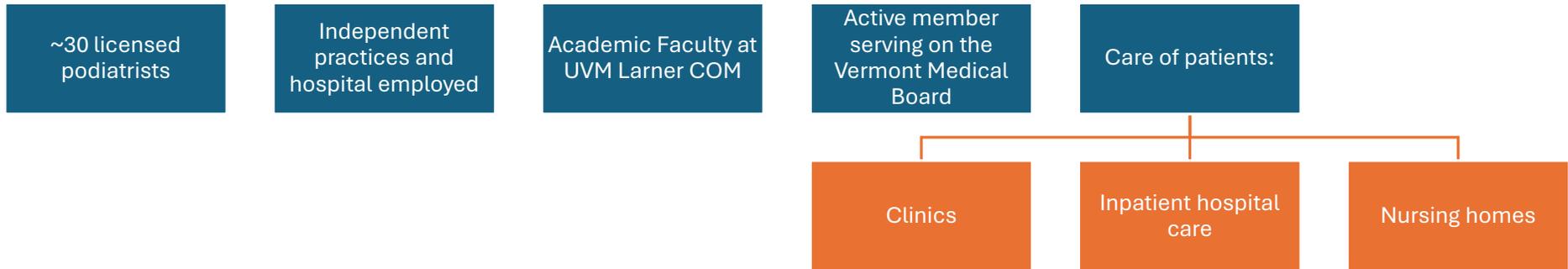
Improve Care Coordination

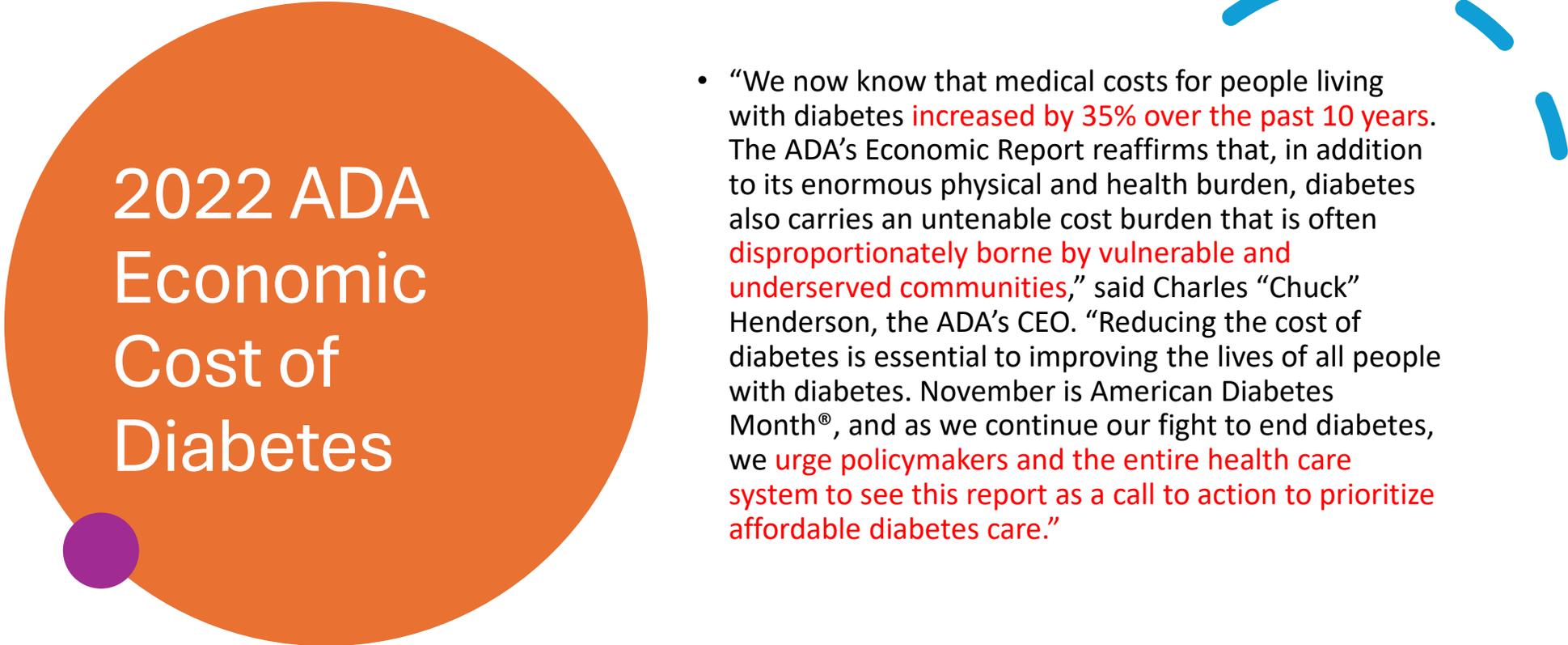
Control Costs in Delivery of Quality Care

What is Podiatry?



Podiatry in Vermont





2022 ADA Economic Cost of Diabetes

- “We now know that medical costs for people living with diabetes **increased by 35% over the past 10 years**. The ADA’s Economic Report reaffirms that, in addition to its enormous physical and health burden, diabetes also carries an untenable cost burden that is often **disproportionately borne by vulnerable and underserved communities**,” said Charles “Chuck” Henderson, the ADA’s CEO. “Reducing the cost of diabetes is essential to improving the lives of all people with diabetes. November is American Diabetes Month[®], and as we continue our fight to end diabetes, we **urge policymakers and the entire health care system to see this report as a call to action to prioritize affordable diabetes care.**”



Diabetic Limb Salvage

- Neuropathy, vascular disease and foot deformity
 - Ulceration
 - Infection
 - Hospitalization
 - Risk of amputation
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- Team approach with primary care physicians, hospitalists and other medical specialists

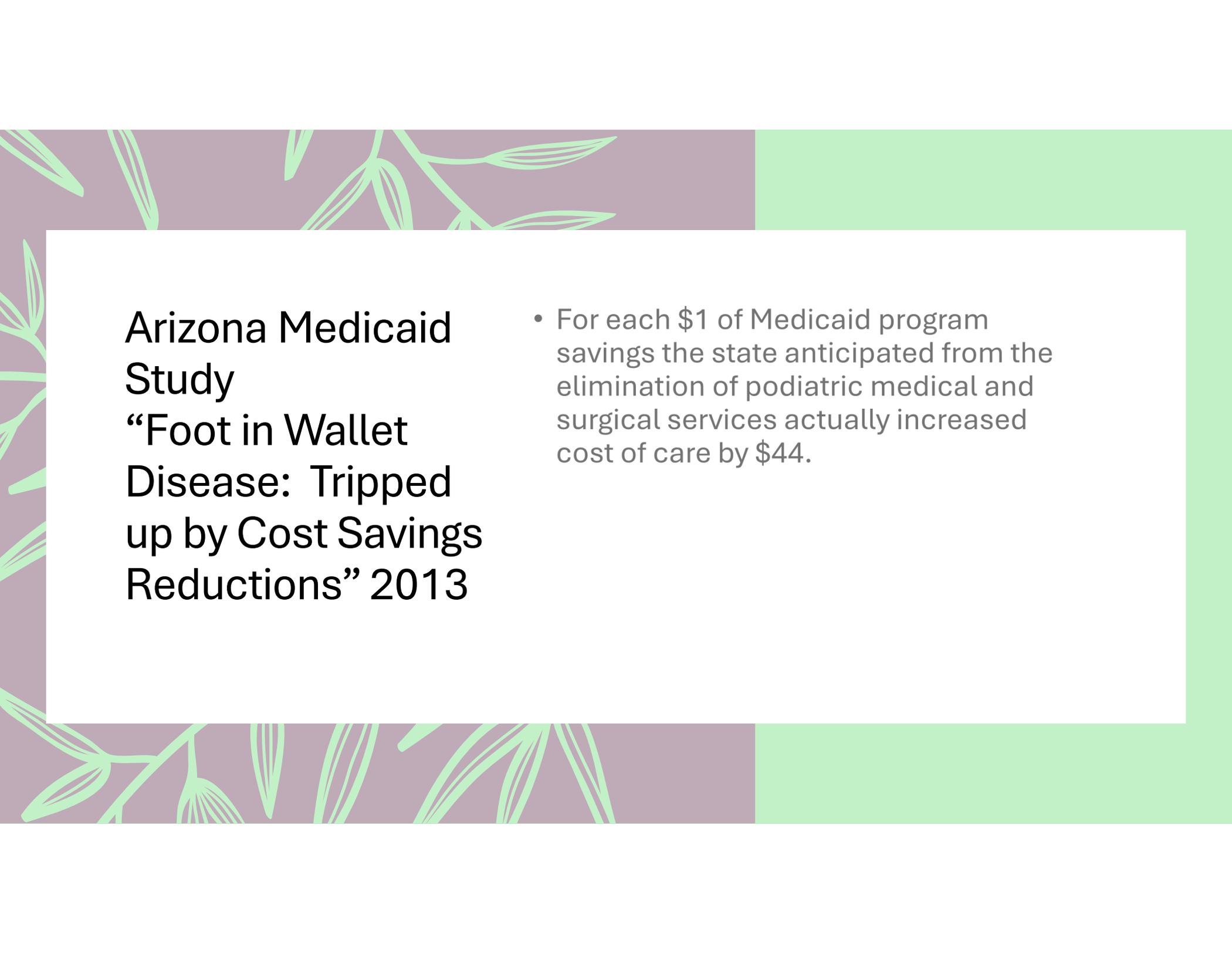
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Reuter's Study

Duke University Study

Arizona Medicaid Study

California Medi-Cal Study



Arizona Medicaid Study “Foot in Wallet Disease: Tripped up by Cost Savings Reductions” 2013

- For each \$1 of Medicaid program savings the state anticipated from the elimination of podiatric medical and surgical services actually increased cost of care by \$44.

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Assist with input:

Green Mountain Care Board

- Health Resource Allocation Plan

Agency on Human Services

- Office of Health Care Reform

Statewide Health Care Delivery Plan