25% of women do not see a dentist during pregnancy.

**ROADMAP TO IMPROVING ORAL HEALTH FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN**

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- 46% of pregnant women did not have their teeth cleaned in the year before or during pregnancy.
- Gum disease may contribute to preterm birth.
- 51% of Michigan children on Medicaid, ages 1-5 years, did not receive a dental visit in 2015.
- More than 1 in 4 third graders have untreated dental disease.
- 1 in 9 third graders have immediate dental care needs.

WHERE WE NEED TO GO

- Boost utilization and reimbursement of fluoride varnish
- Licensure of additional providers
- Expand the number of school-based services
- Increase providers for pregnant women and infants

ON THE RIGHT ROAD

- The Healthy Kids Dental program is now statewide
- School-based health centers can offer dental care
- Fluoridation & sealant programs focus on prevention

Moms: Dental visit during pregnancy
Baby: Dental Visit by age 1

Moms can pass the germs that cause cavities to their infant child.

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