



**Rowan County Health Department**  
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## **Memo**

To: Rowan County Board of Commissioners  
From: Alyssa Harris, Public Health Director  
Samantha Welton, Public Health Dentist/Dental Supervisor  
Date: January 12, 2022  
Re: Rowan County Health Department - Updated Dental Fee Schedule

### **Situation:**

The Rowan County Health Department's Smile Center is proposing a change in its current dental fee schedule by increasing all fees by 5%.

### **Background:**

Each year, the Rowan County Health Department assesses fees associated with services, completes a cost analysis, and proposes a fee schedule to match any changes in costs. When reviewing costs for dental services and materials, increases ranged from 115% - 25%, likely due to supply chain issues related to COVID-19 and inflation. The adjustments to the Smile Center's fee schedule are a proposed 5% increase added to all dental procedures for Medicaid, HealthChoice and private carriers to help offset the increased costs caused by the COVID19 pandemic.

### **Assessment:**

The Smile Center will apply a 5% increase to all dental fees on the current fee schedule (see attached dental fee schedule). The current fee schedule reflects the cost of providing the service while maintaining accessibility through our Sliding Scale Fee Policy which is based on family income.

### **Recommendations:**

The Rowan County Health Department respectfully requests Board of Commissioner's approval of the updated dental fee schedule. The Rowan County Board of Health approved the fee schedule at the meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2022.