HEALTHY MOUTHS, HEALTHY BODIES BOTH ARE NEEDED TO AGE IN PLACE

THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2015
promotes aging in place by connecting millions of older adults to much needed community social services such as...

Nearly **90 percent** of older adults want to stay in their own homes as they age, often referred to as “Aging in Place.”¹

FOR THE FIRST TIME
a small provision allows the aging network to use funds they receive for disease prevention and health promotion activities to conduct oral health screenings at no added cost.

ORAL HEALTH SCREENINGS!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

TAKE ACTION:
Ensure older adults receive the services they need to age healthy & independently in their homes.

For more info please visit oralhealthamerica.org/take-action

Ask Congress to support S.192 TODAY!

WHY ORAL HEALTH?

Oral health screenings are used to identify signs of disease, reveal general health status and recommend further dental or medical care. For this reason, preventive oral healthcare can significantly impact overall health and cost.

For example, in 2010 alone between ***$867 million - $2.1 billion*** was spent on emergency dental procedures.²

When compared to care delivered in a dentist’s office, hospital treatments are nearly **10 TIMES** more expensive than the routine care that could have prevented the emergency.³

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