

**135.15 Oral and health delivery systems.**

The department shall be responsible for all of the following:

1. Providing population-based oral health services, including public health training, improvement of dental support systems for families, technical assistance, awareness-building activities, and educational services, at the state and local level to assist Iowans in maintaining optimal oral health throughout all stages of life.

2. Performing infrastructure building and enabling services through the administration of state and federal grant programs targeting access improvement, prevention, and local oral health programs utilizing maternal and child health programs, Medicaid, and other new or existing programs.

3. Leveraging federal, state, and local resources for programs under the purview of the department.

4. Facilitating ongoing strategic planning and application of evidence-based research in oral health care policy development that improves oral health care access and the overall oral health of all Iowans.

5. Developing and implementing an ongoing oral health surveillance system for the evaluation and monitoring of the oral health status of children and other underserved populations.

6. Facilitating the provision of oral health services through dental homes. For the purposes of [this section](#), “*dental home*” means a network of individualized care based on risk assessment, which includes oral health education, dental screenings, preventive services, diagnostic services, treatment services, and emergency services.

[2007 Acts, ch 159, §14](#); [2017 Acts, ch 148, §4](#); [2018 Acts, ch 1165, §110](#); [2021 Acts, ch 76, §29](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §128](#)

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