



Miles of Smiles

Connecting Communities to Dental Care

Regional access to dental care has reached a critical point—the closure of several clinics and workforce shortages have created a true dental desert. There are just a handful of dental providers in the Network’s 7,900 square foot service region that accept at least some Medicaid plans, including the Network’s only existing dental services location in Warrensburg, which accepts all patients regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.

Hudson Headwaters’ dental practice is at full capacity with 10 operatories, open Monday through Friday. The practice serves 3,500+ patients and still, its waitlist exceeds 5,000 individuals. More than 40% of the Network’s current dental patients travel more than 30 minutes each way and nearly 10% travel more than 60 minutes.

Hudson Headwaters has launched the **Miles of Smiles Fundraising Campaign** to leverage early public investment and ensure the Network’s plans to address the region’s dental needs are successful. Donations, additional government grants and 340B savings (learn more at HHHN.org/340B), are all anticipated to help support the estimated \$12-15 million needed.

The most vulnerable community members, including children and the elderly, are disproportionately affected by the lack of dental access. Data from the NYS Department of Health and CDC highlight how unmet needs impact individuals and communities:

- Only **24% of Medicaid enrollees** statewide receive an annual preventive dental visit—with even lower rates in the North Country.
- Untreated oral disease results in **34 million hours** of missed school and **\$46 billion** in lost productivity nationwide each year.



Addressing our Region's Miles of Service Gaps in Dental Care

Hudson Headwaters is advancing a multi-site strategy to expand accessible dental care throughout its service region. By adding new sites in Moreau and Ticonderoga and enhancing capacity at the existing dental facility in Warrensburg, the Network will create an integrated dental care system to help to close severe gaps in access.

CURRENT PLANS

- Renovate the former Moreau Family Health building to serve as a southern anchor for regional dental access. *Moreau Family Dental* **M** is anticipated to open in mid 2027 and serve approximately 4,500 patients.
- Add a dental suite to the Ticonderoga Health Center on the UVM Elizabethtown Hospital Ticonderoga campus. *Dental services at Ticonderoga Health Center* **T** are anticipated to open in late 2027 and serve approximately 1,550 patients.
- Enhance access in Warrensburg and reopen as *Warrensburg Family Dental* **W**. *Exact timing and plans will depend on the resources secured.*
 - The new sites in Moreau and Ticonderoga will absorb current patients during the Warrensburg practice's capital improvements.
- Attract and retain dentists and support the additional capacity by expanding recruitment and training partnerships and other pipeline programs.

DENTAL CLINICS THAT ACCEPT MEDICAID

- Non-HHNN dental clinic that accepts at least some Medicaid plans (Source: NYS DOH website)
- M** Moreau Family Dental
(anticipated to open in mid 2027)
- T** Dental services at Ticonderoga Health Center
(anticipated to open in late 2027)
- W** Warrensburg Family Dental
(exact timing and plans TBD)



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