

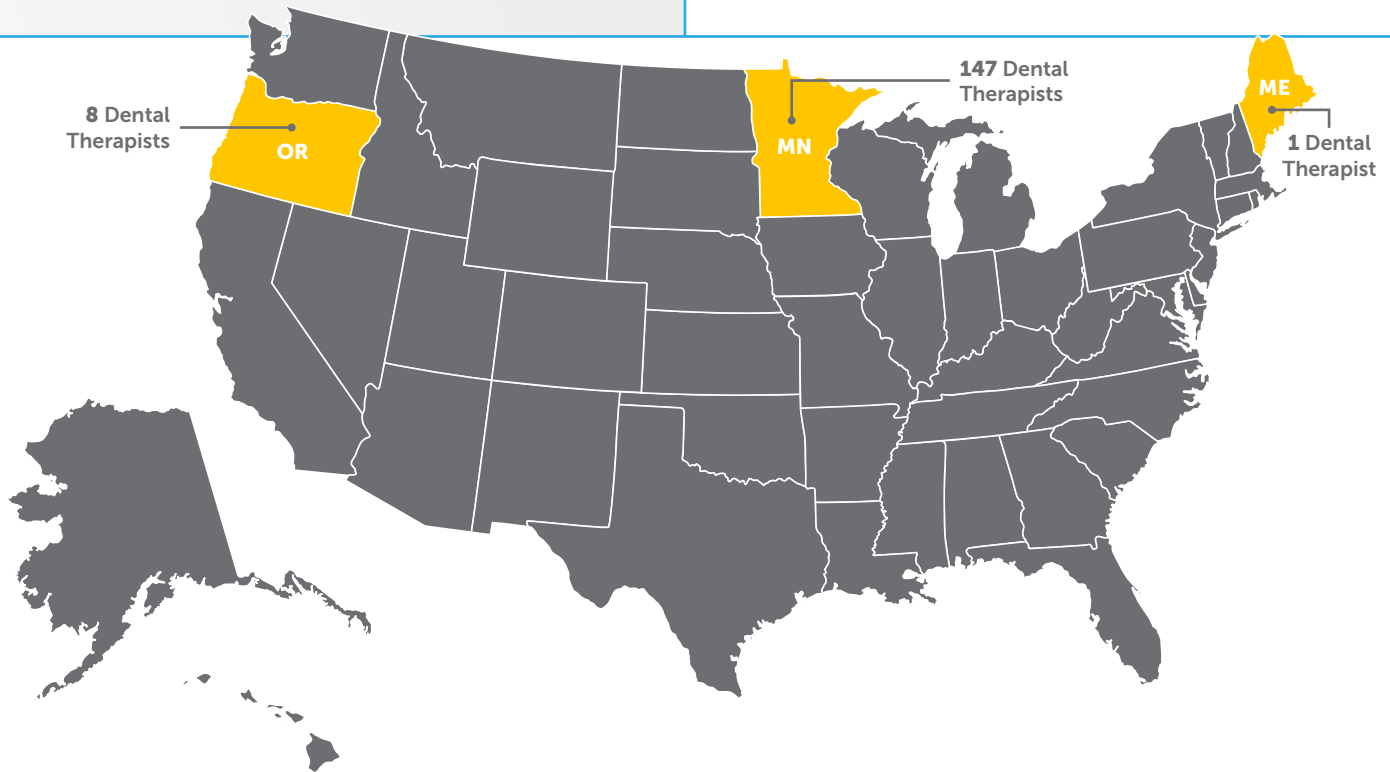
Dental Therapy is **NOT** a Proven or Effective Solution

THE CLAIM:

Dental therapy has been proven to work in a dozen other states.

THE REALITY:

While 14 states have passed dental therapy legislation, **only three states** have practitioners.



- Over 90% of dental therapists are practicing in Minnesota. There are only eight licensed dental therapists in Oregon and one in Maine.
- As of 2021, only seven dental therapists practicing in Minnesota were working in Census-designated rural areas. Most dental therapists are working in urban areas, and many are working part time.
- The dozen other states have been unable to establish a program with licensed dental therapists practicing statewide, years after passing dental therapy legislation.
- Since 2009, fewer than 10 dental therapists have been added to the national dental therapy workforce per year on average.

Florida needs comprehensive, ready-to-implement solutions to help Florida's 14,000+ dentists and 30,000+ dental team members serve our rural and underserved communities with the highest standard of care.

Visit dentalhealthfl.org to learn more about how we can get Floridians the care they deserve **NOW**. For additional information, please contact Joe Anne Hart at jahart@floridadental.org or 850-224-1089.

