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The health care system could save up to

**\$100M**

each year if dental offices performed  
screenings for **diabetes, high  
blood pressure, and high cholesterol**

**Medical-dental Integration** between **oral health**  
and **chronic disease prevention programs** benefits  
patients and saves money.

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School sealant programs could  
save up to

**\$300M**

by providing sealants to  
**low-income children**

Programs that deliver sealants to children  
at high risk for tooth decay save money.  
Each tooth sealed saves **more than \$11**  
in dental treatment costs.

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Providing **optimally fluoridated water** to U.S. communities for one year saves

**\$6.5B**

in dental treatment costs and offers an average **return on investment** of **\$20** for every **\$1** spent

On average, communities with water fluoridation experience **25% fewer** cavities, saving **\$32 per person annually** by avoiding dental treatment costs and leading to fewer missed work and school days.