

## Indian Health Service (IHS) Division of Oral Health

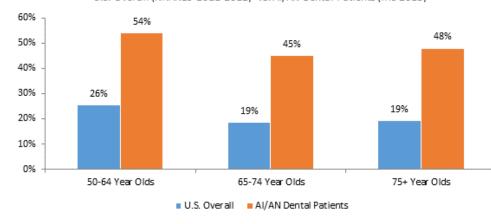
FY 2021 Elder Care Oral Health Initiative
Overview

## What are we doing?

We are focusing our efforts in FY 2021 on AI/ AN elders aged 55 and over:

- ⇒ **National survey** of 55+ AI/AN year-olds
- ⇒ Oral HPDP funding initiative of up to 25 projects!
- ⇒ Continuing dental education focused on this age group

Figure 1: Percent of Adults with Untreated Dental Caries by Age Group U.S. Overall (NHANES 2011-2012)<sup>1</sup> vs. Al/AN Dental Patients (IHS 2015)



## Why are we doing it?

## What is our goal?

Overall goal: Reduce untreated tooth decay in older AI/AN adults (55+) in FY 2021.

Process Objectives:

- ⇒ Increase access to care in 55+ year-old AI/ AN elders
- ⇒ Increase the percentage of 55+ year-old AI/AN patients with 20 or more teeth

We learn from them. We are inspired by them. We celebrate with them. Let us now provide support for them through improving their oral health!