

# Oral Health Status of American Indians & Alaska Natives



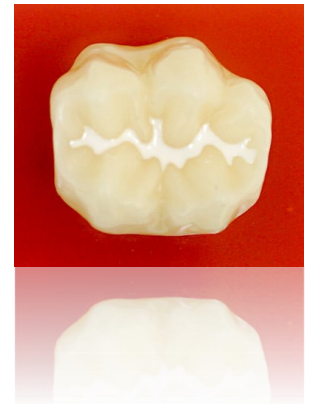
**6.2 million** dental services in 2019

**525 thousand** American Indian/Alaska Native dental patients in 2019

**20% increase** in access to dental care since 2000

**1 in 3**

American Indian/Alaska Native children get protective fluoride



**5% fewer children** that have EVER had cavities

**10% fewer adults** with gum disease

**20% fewer children** with unfilled cavities

Despite this success, American Indians and Alaska Native children and adults continue to suffer disproportionately from dental disease compared to the rest of the U.S.:

- ⇒ 3-5 times as many cavities across all ages
- ⇒ Twice as much gum disease in adults

