HEALTHY MOUTHS, HEALTHY BODIES
BOTH ARE NEEDED TO AGE IN PLACE

THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2015 promotes aging in place by connecting millions of older adults to much needed community social services such as...

- elder abuse protection
- caregivers
- transportation
- meals

Nearly 90 percent of older adults want to stay in their own homes as they age, often referred to as “Aging in Place.”¹

FOR THE FIRST TIME a small provision allows the aging network to use funds they receive for disease prevention and health promotion activities to conduct oral health screenings at no added cost.

ORAL HEALTH SCREENINGS!

WHY ORAL HEALTH?

Oral health screenings are used to identify signs of disease, reveal general health status and recommend further dental or medical care. For this reason, preventive oral healthcare can significantly impact overall health and cost.

For example, in 2010 alone between $867 million - $2.1 billion was spent on emergency dental procedures.²

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