Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage Checker

A brief tutorial

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Overview of Tools

Rubric for Assessing Extensiveness of State Medicaid Adult Dental Benefits (Rubric)

A survey tool that defines an extensive Medicaid adult dental benefit *and* assesses the extensiveness of existing coverage within each state.

Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage Checker

An interactive tool that displays state-by-state results of the Rubric.

The results represent a snapshot in time and are reflective of coverage offered by each state.

The Coverage Checker currently displays information from the 2020, 2022, and 2023 Rubric.

These tools were developed in partnership with the American Dental Association Health Policy Institute (ADA HPI), Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS), CareQuest Institute for Oral Health, and an advisory committee of experts in oral health care and state policy.

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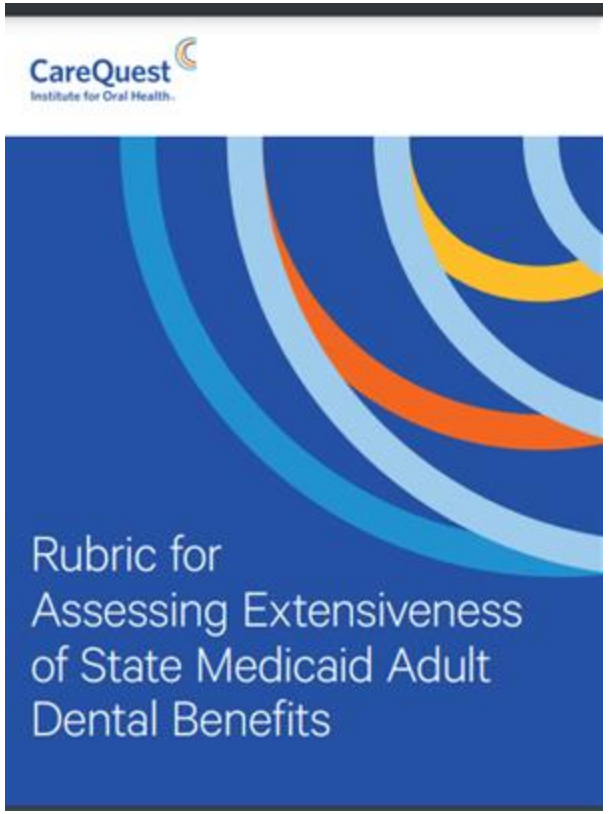
The Rubric

What it is:

- A survey to be completed by state Medicaid dental directors and/or staff.

What it does:

- Defines an extensive Medicaid adult dental benefit.
- Assesses the extensiveness of existing coverage within each state's Medicaid program.



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Definition of an Extensive Medicaid Adult Dental Benefit

An extensive dental benefit is one that provides coverage for a range of dental procedures considered adequate for the prevention of disease and promotion of oral health; the restoration of oral structures to health and function; and the treatment of emergency/urgent conditions for the largest group of Categorically Needy Medicaid adult beneficiaries ages 21-64 covered by the state's Medicaid program.

To meet this definition, states must:

- cover specific procedures and services, including allowed frequency, in eight specific service categories; and
- have an annual benefit maximum greater than or equal to $1,000.

Service Categories:

Annual benefit maximum
Diagnostic services
Preventive services
Restorative services
Endodontic services
Periodontal services
Prosthodontic services
Extraction services

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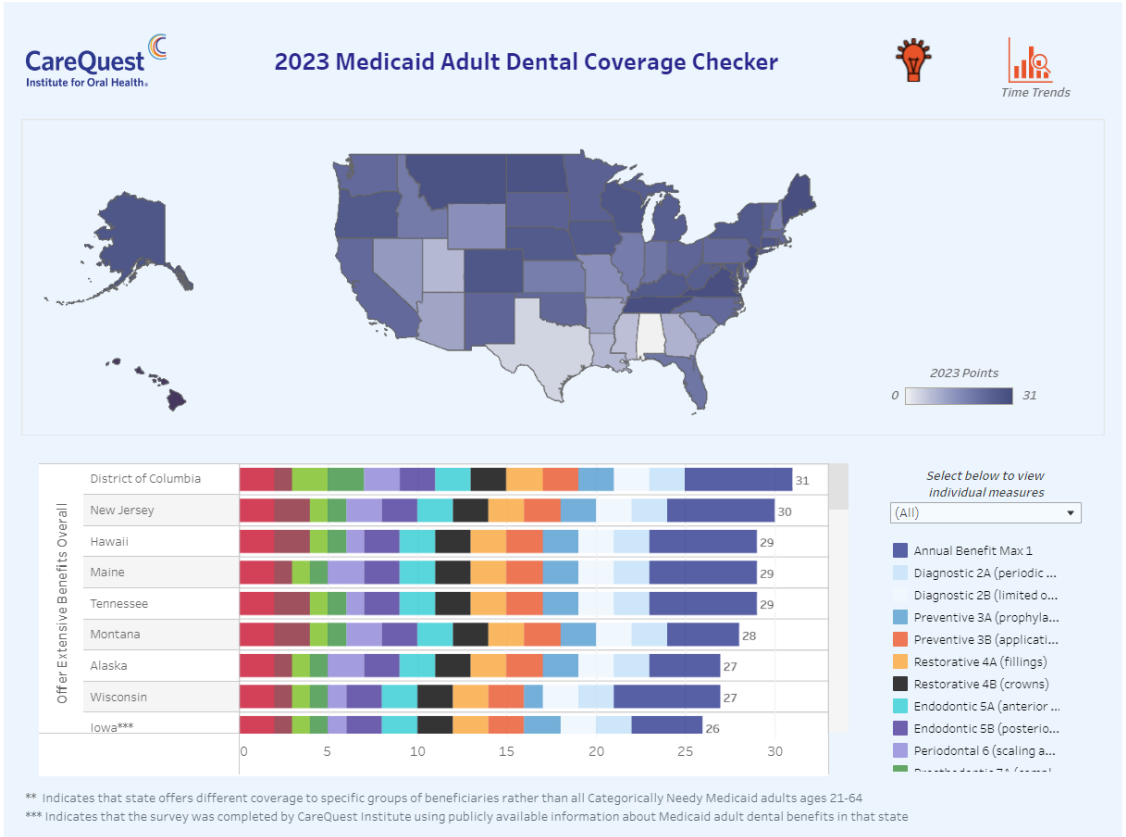
The Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage Checker

What it is:

- An interactive tool that displays state-by-state results of the Rubric

The results represent a snapshot in time and are reflective of coverage offered by each state at the time of completion.

The results display benefits on a continuum from no benefits to extensive.



Visit the 2023 Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage Checker

Be sure to explore the entire page for even more resources!

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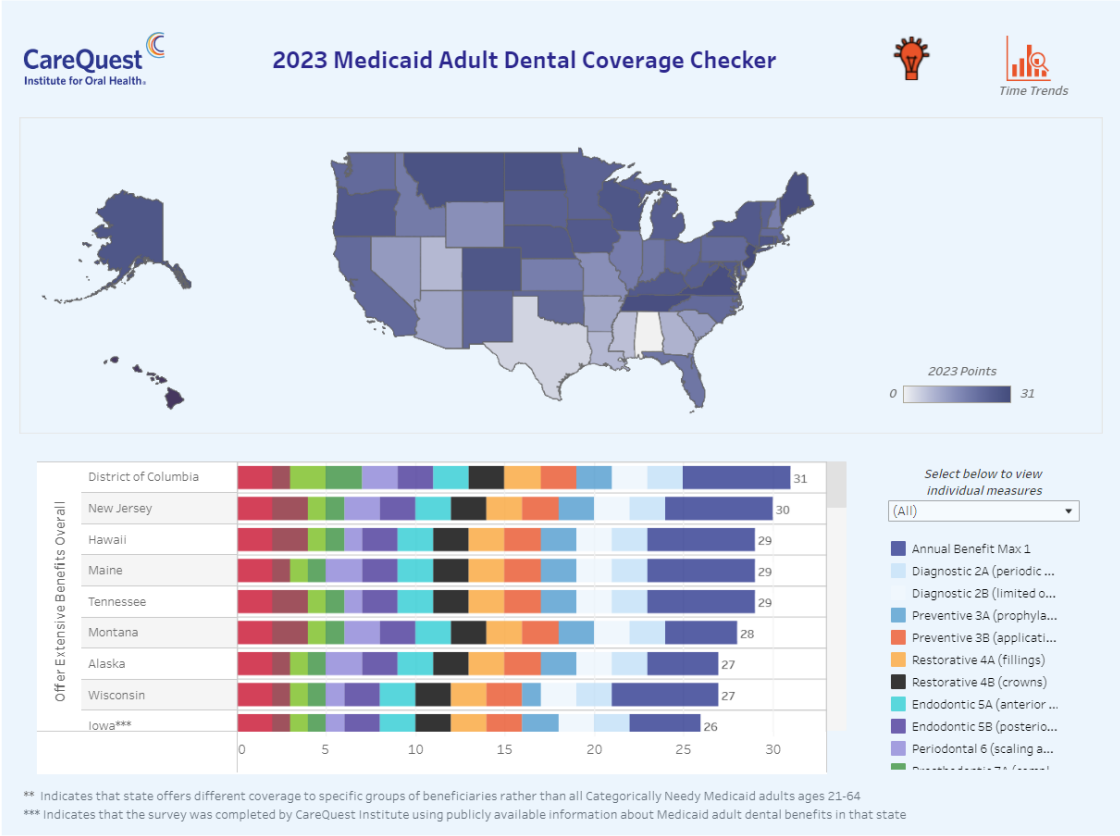
The Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage Checker

The Coverage Checker contains three sections:

- Map with responses by survey question
- Benefits continuum with points received by measure by state
- Time trends (2020, 2022, 2023)



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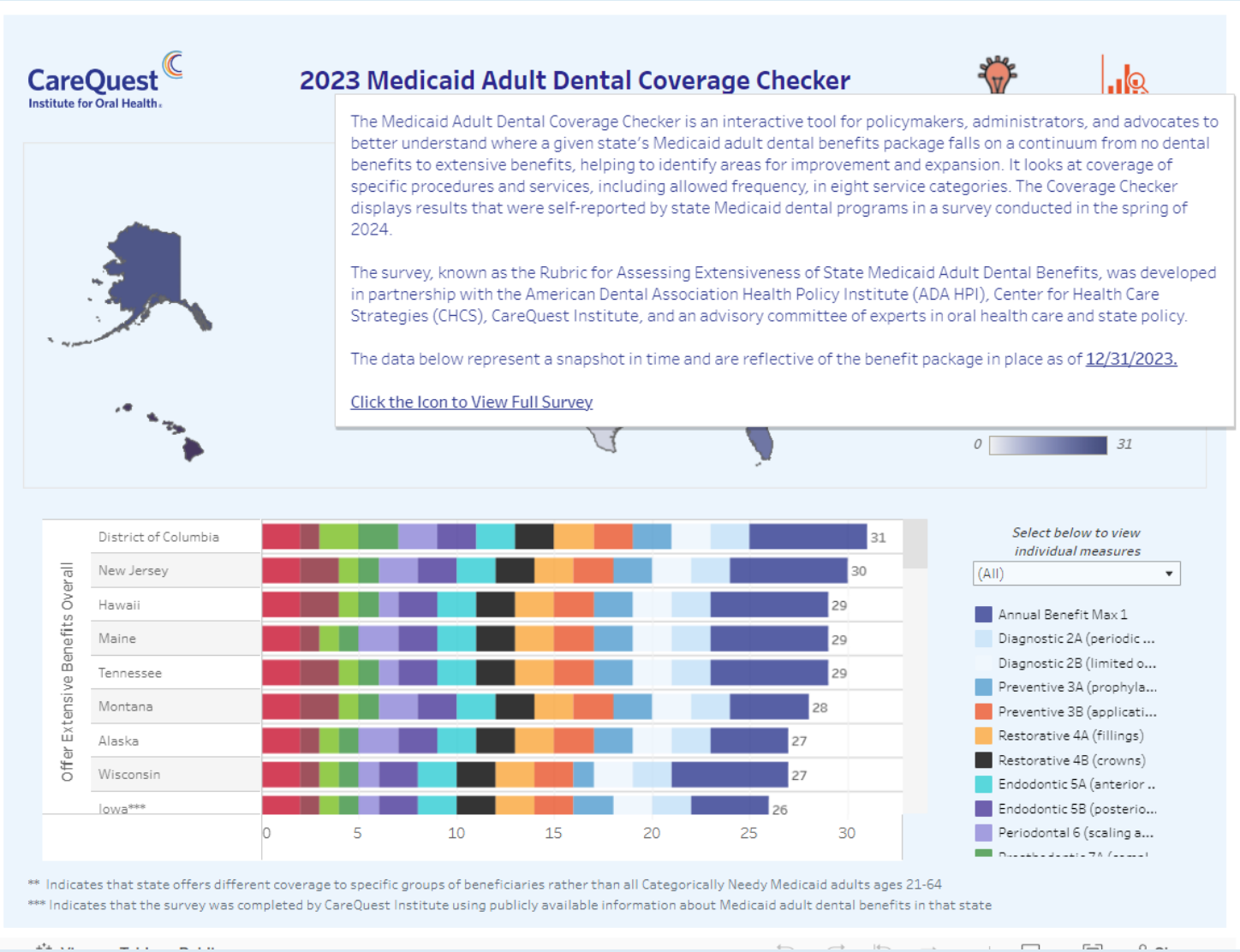
Tutorial on using the Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage Checker



Hover over the *Lightbulb* icon and the following informational 'Tool Tip' will pop up

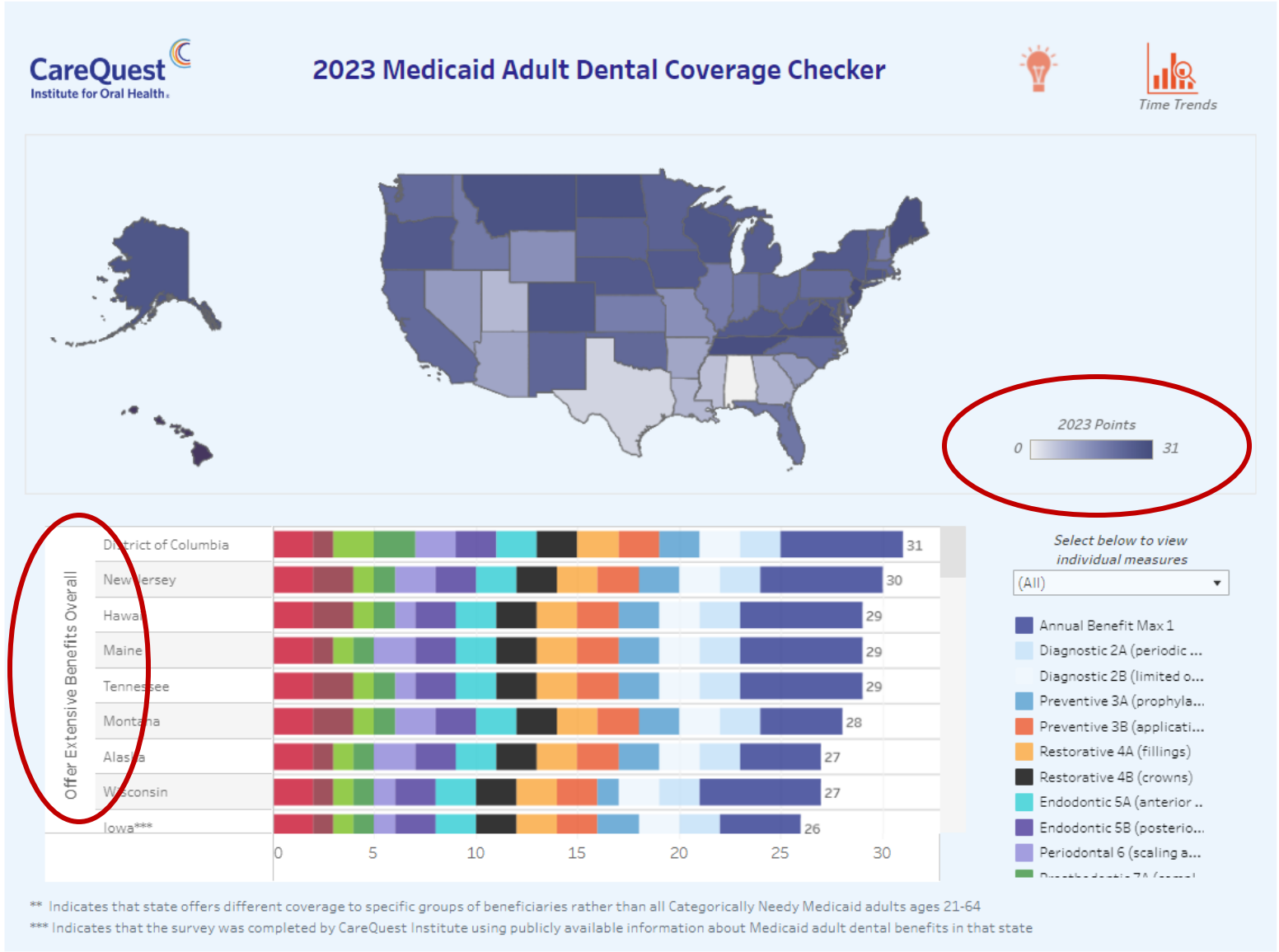
Click on the *Lightbulb* icon and the 2023 Rubric survey and user guide will open

Time Trends

Click on the *Time Trends* icon and you will be taken to a new screen with data from 2020, 2022, and 2023

*** Indicates that state offers different coverage to specific groups of beneficiaries rather than all Categorically Needy Medicaid adults ages 21-64.*

**** Indicates that the survey was completed by CareQuest Institute using publicly available information about Medicaid adult dental benefits in that state.*



Section One:

Map with responses by survey question

- This is the initial screen you will see when you visit the Coverage Checker.
- Use the drop-down menu on the right side of the screen to click on a specific survey question/measure. The map will change to reflect that specific question/measure.

Please note: A state's Medicaid adult dental benefits program is considered 'Extensive' if it receives a total of 19 points or greater, does not receive a '0' in any question/measure, and receives a '4' or '6' in Question 1 (Annual Benefit Max).

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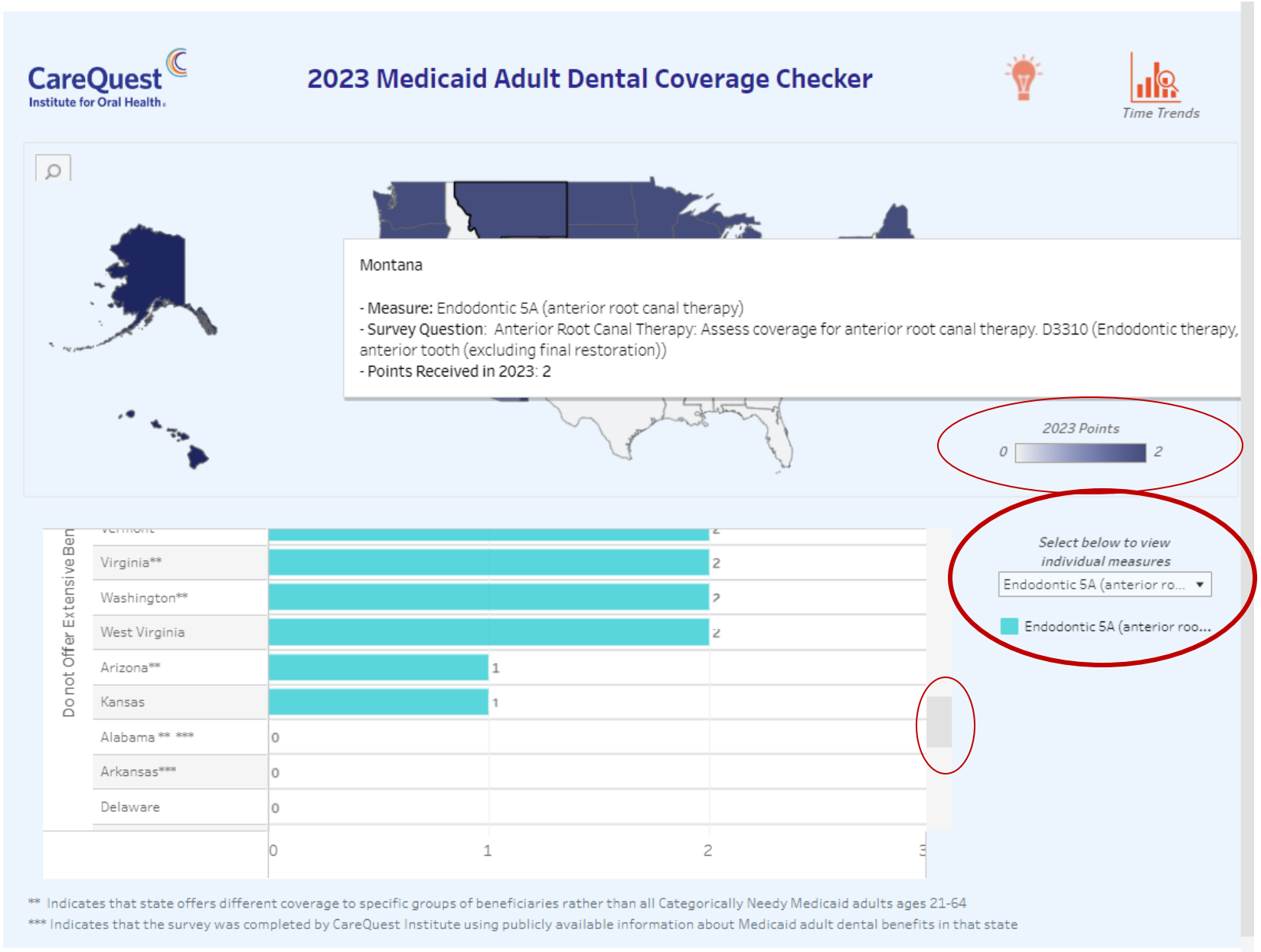
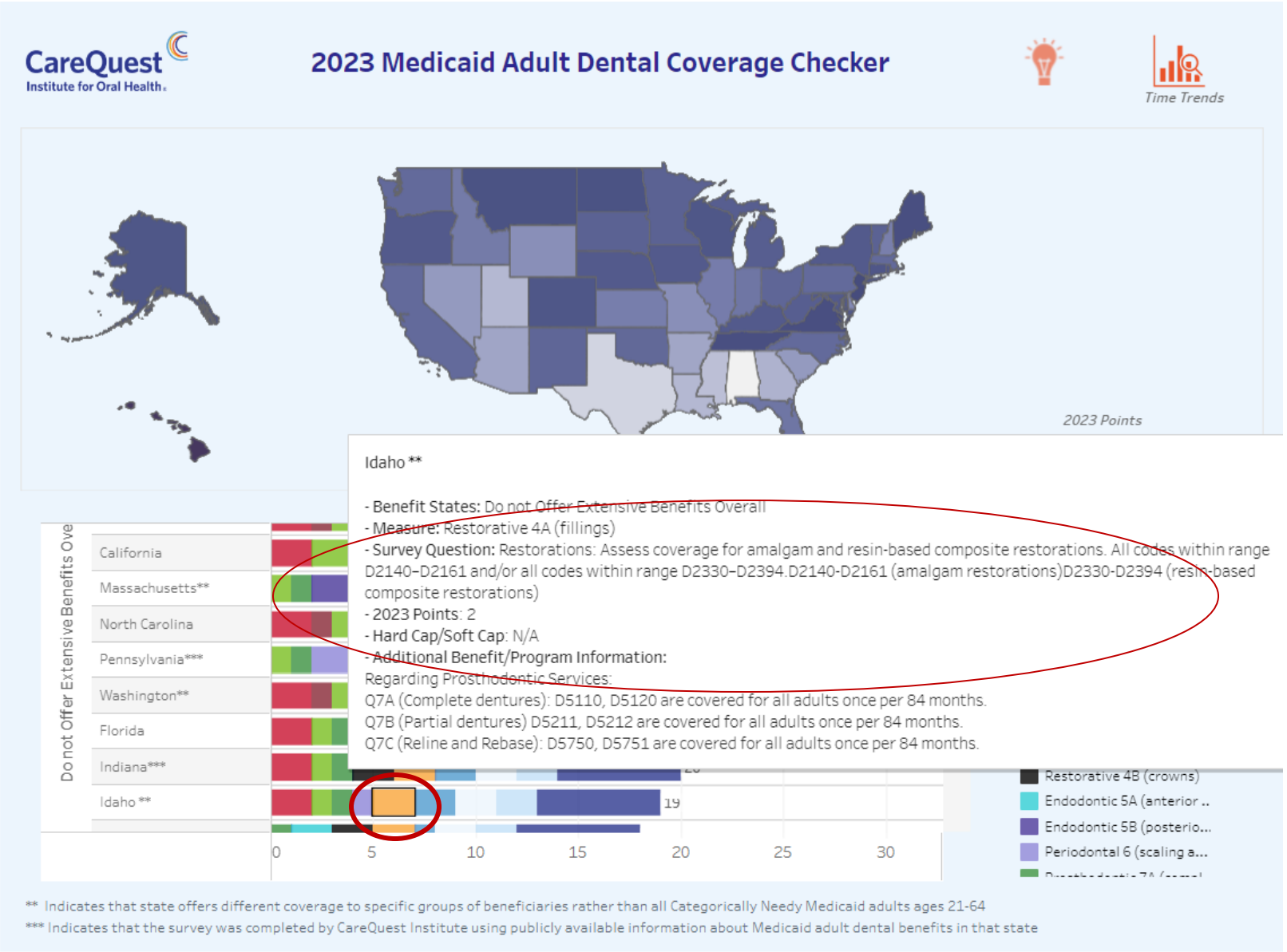


Section One:

Map with responses by survey question *(cont'd)*

- Use the drop-down menu on the right side of the screen to click on a specific survey question/ measure. The map will change to reflect that specific question/measure.
- Hover over any state on the map to see the total points they received in that measure in 2023.
- The *2023 Points* bar indicates the maximum number of points a state can receive in this specific question/measure.
- You can also view state responses to the question/ measure by using the scroll bar in the continuum section.



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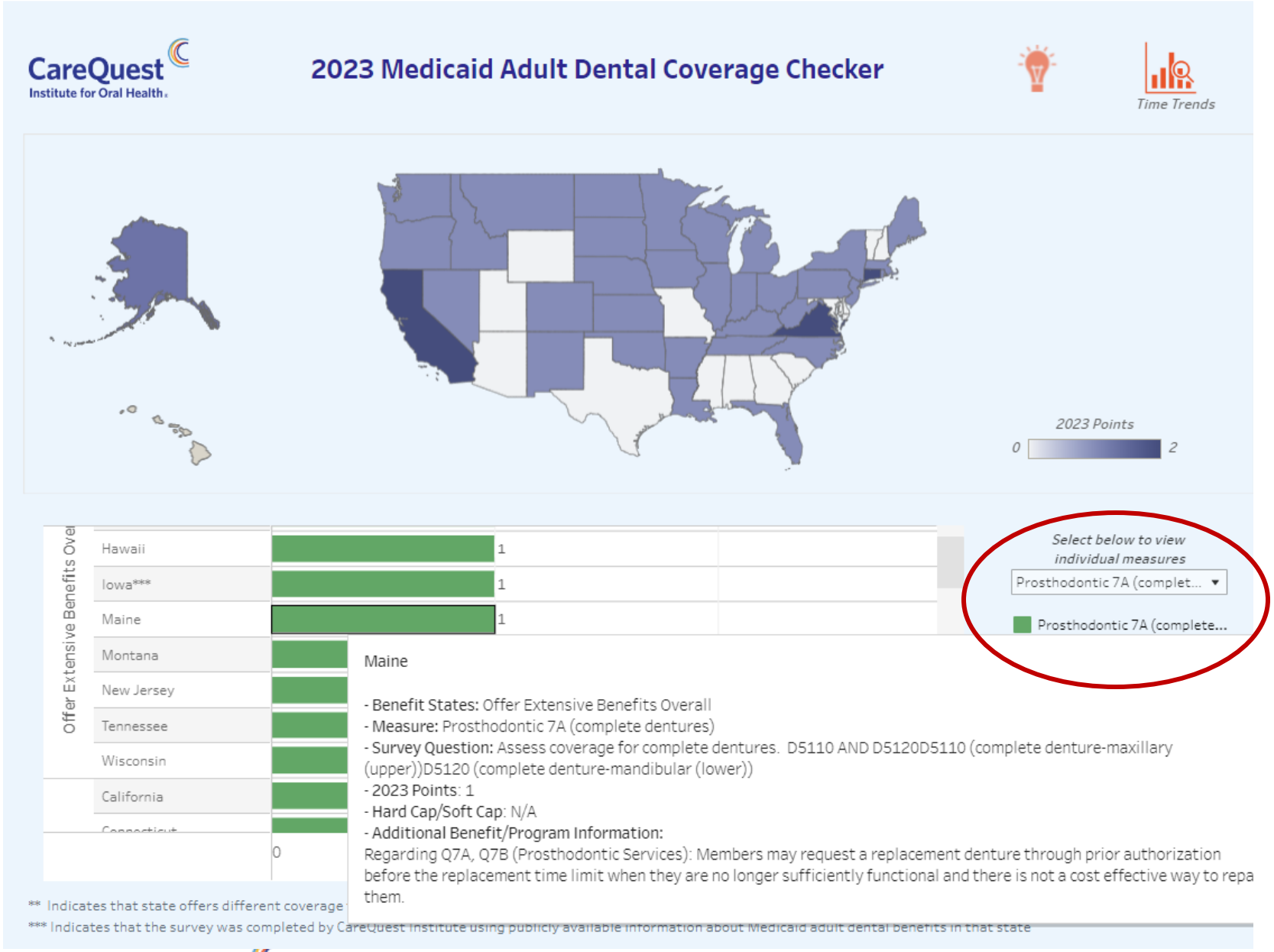
Section Two:

Benefits continuum

- Displays benefits on a continuum from extensive to no benefits.
- As you scroll down you will see that there is a section that identifies states that offer extensive benefits overall and states that do not offer extensive benefits overall.
- Hover over any of the color bars to see a state's response to that specific question/measure.
- If a state provided additional information about their state's adult dental benefit, it has been provided in the tool tip under *Additional Benefit/Program Information.*
- Use the drop-down menu to click on the specific survey question/ measure. The continuum will change to reflect that specific question/measure *(see next slide).*



Section Two:

Benefits continuum *(cont'd)*

- Use the drop-down menu on the right side of the screen to click on a specific survey question/ measure. The continuum will change to reflect that specific question/measure.
- Hover over any state to see the total points they received in that measure in 2023.
- You can also view state responses to the question/ measure by hovering over the state in the map above.

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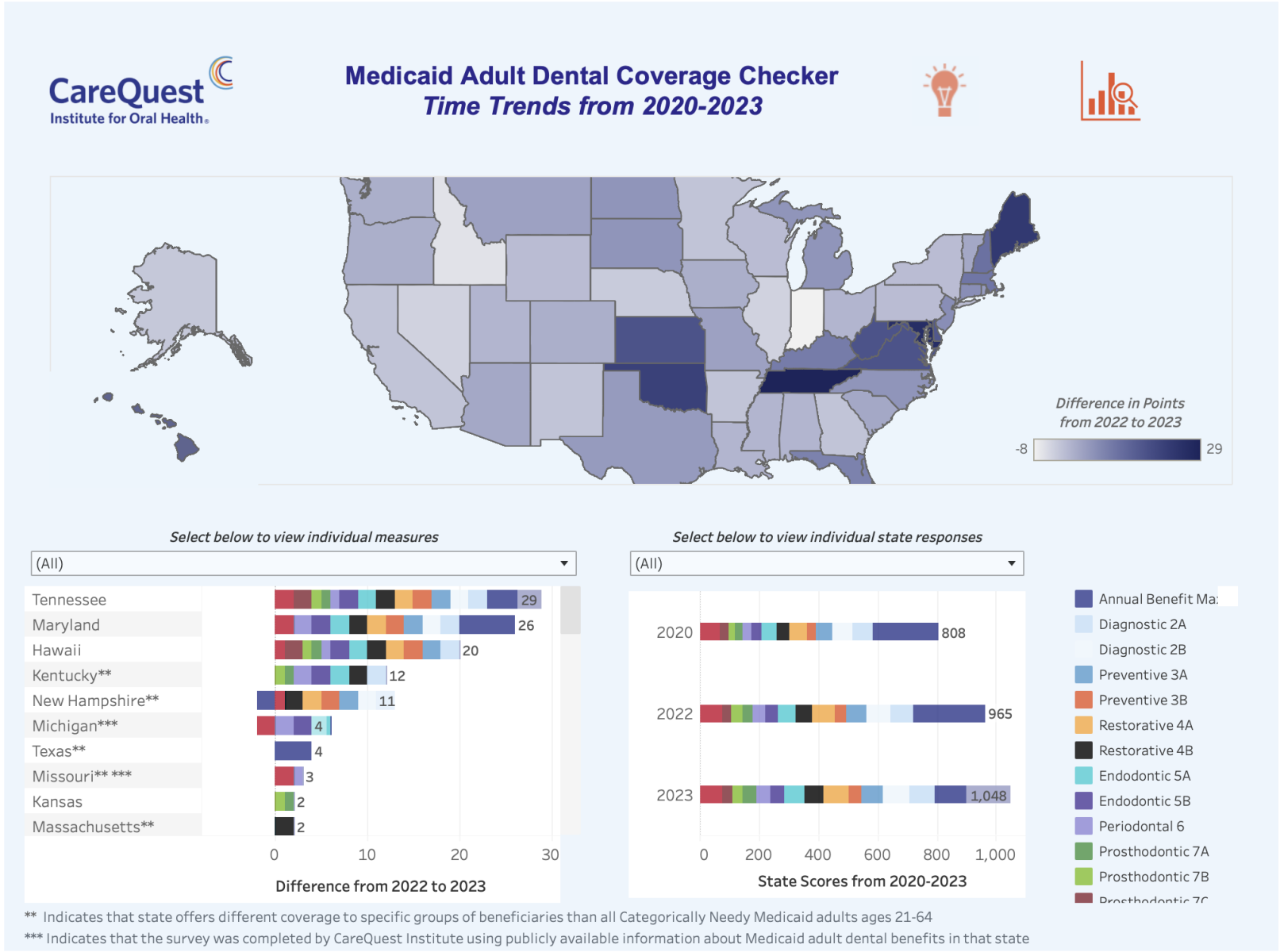
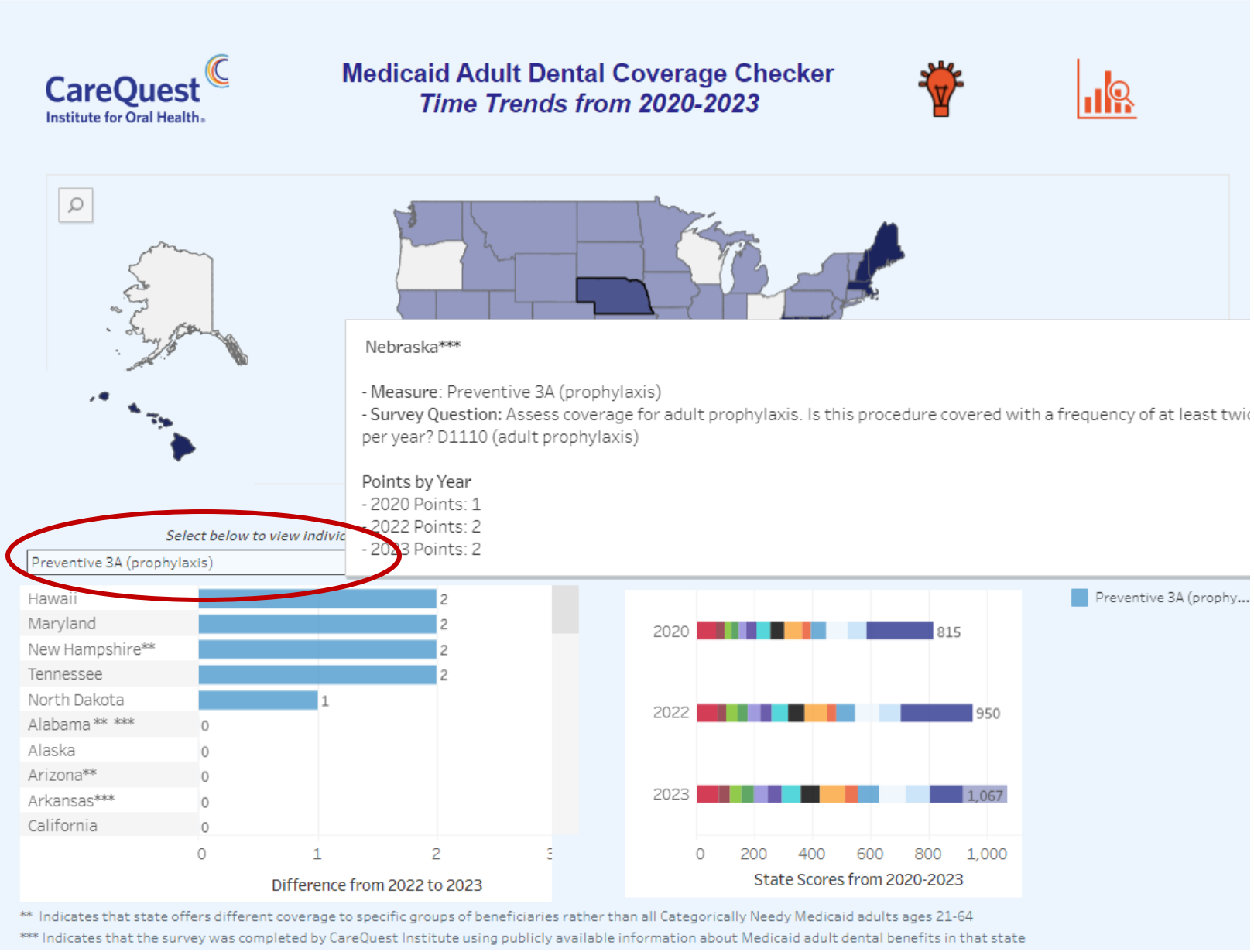


Section Three:

Time Trends

- This is the initial screen you will see when you click on the *Time Trends* icon.

- Hover over any state on the map to see the total points they received in 2020, 2022, and 2023 *(see next slide)*.
- Use the drop-down box in the *View Individual Measures* feature in the lower left of the screen and hover over the map to see the total points a state received for that question/measure in 2020, 2022, and 2023 *(see next slide)*.
- Use the drop-down box in the *View Individual State Responses* feature in the lower right of to see how a state's point totals have changed between 2020, 2022, and 2023 *(see slide 14)*.



Section Three:

Time Trends *(cont'd)*

- Hover over any state on the map to see the total points they received in that question/ measure in 2020, 2022, and 2023.
- Use the drop-down box in the *View Individual Measures feature* to select a specific question/measure.
- Use the scroll down bar in the *View Individual Measures* feature to see how state responses to a specific question/ measure have changed from 2022 to 2023.

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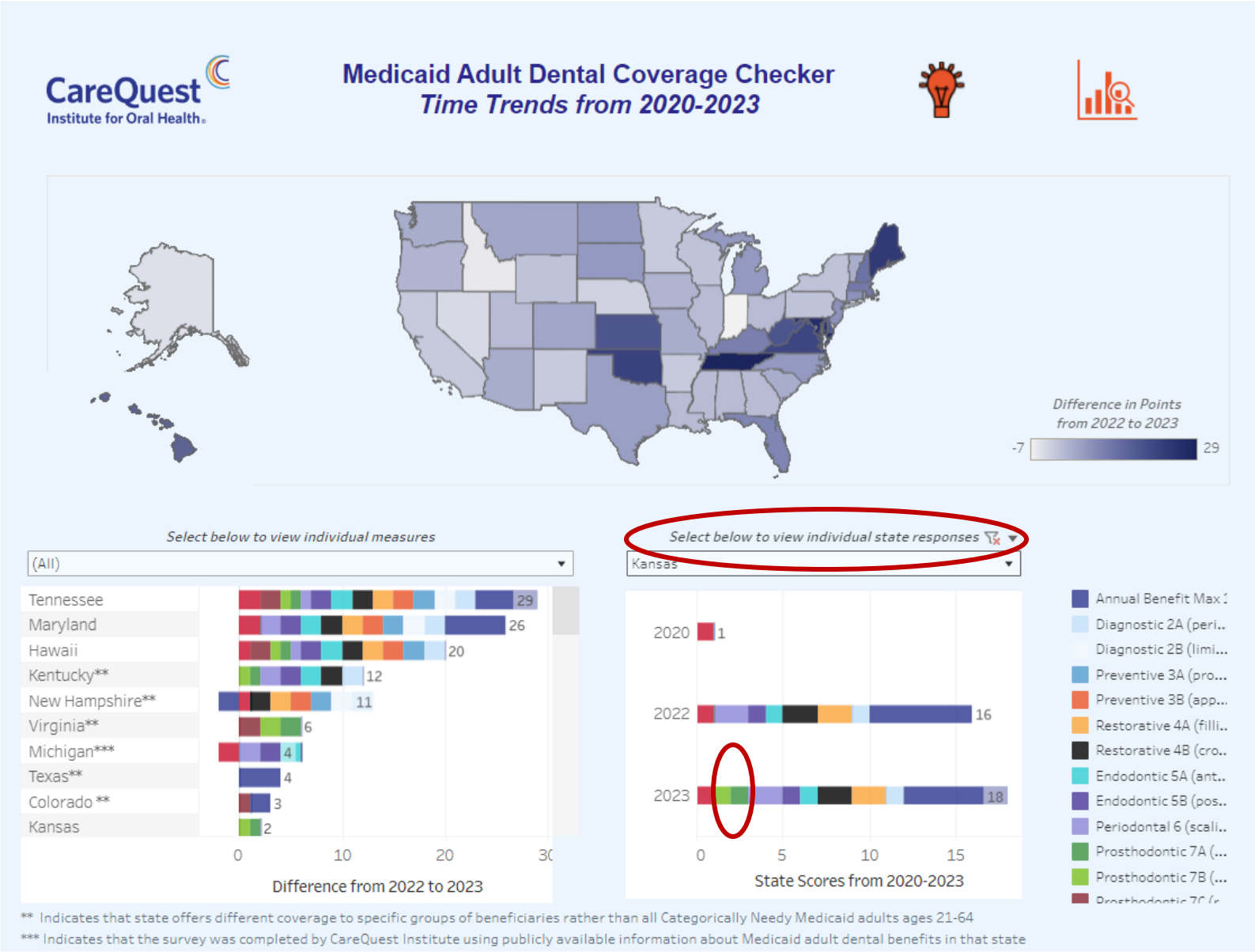

Section Three:

Time Trends *(cont'd)*

- Use the drop-down box in the *View Individual State Responses* feature to see how a state's point totals have changed between 2020, 2022, and 2023.
- Hover over any of the color bars to see a state's response to that specific question/measure in that year.

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Additional Resources

Medicaid Adult Dental Benefits Are On the Move in 2024

Medicaid Adult Dental Benefits Offered to Specific Beneficiary Groups as of December 2022 ***New 2023 Report Coming Soon!***

Medicaid Adult Dental Benefits: A Progress Report and a Look to the Future

‘More People Have Access to Oral Health Services’: How West Virginia is Using the Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage Checker

Dr. Donna Balaski on Strengthening Medicaid Adult Dental Benefits

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