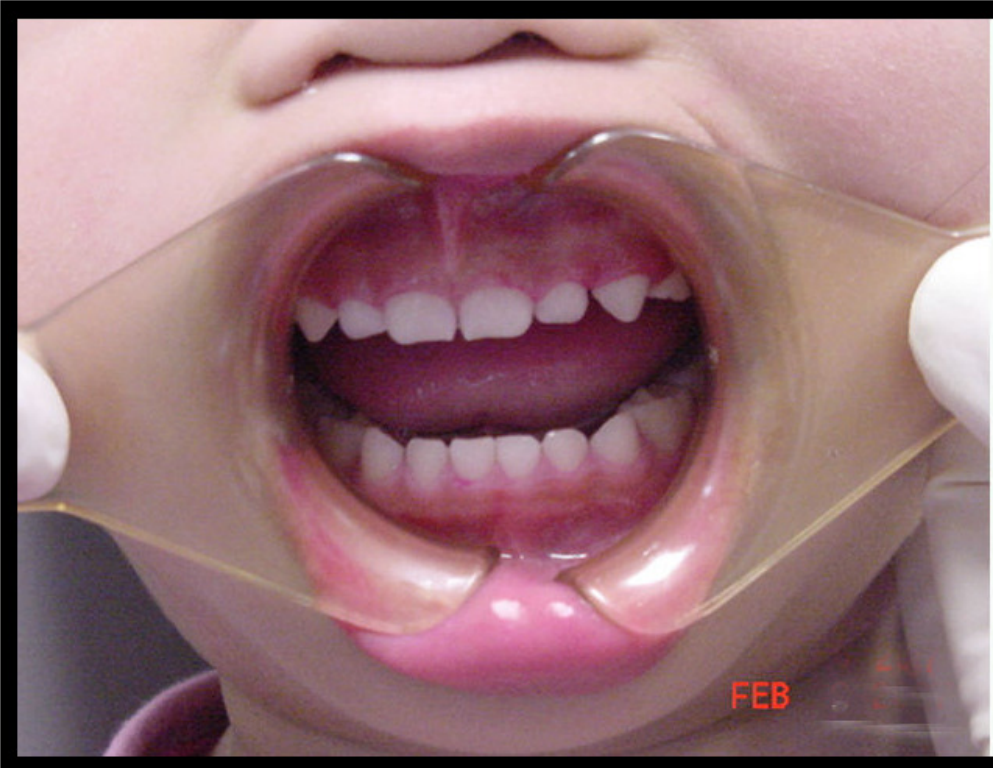


2004 Hospital Charges for Severe Cavities



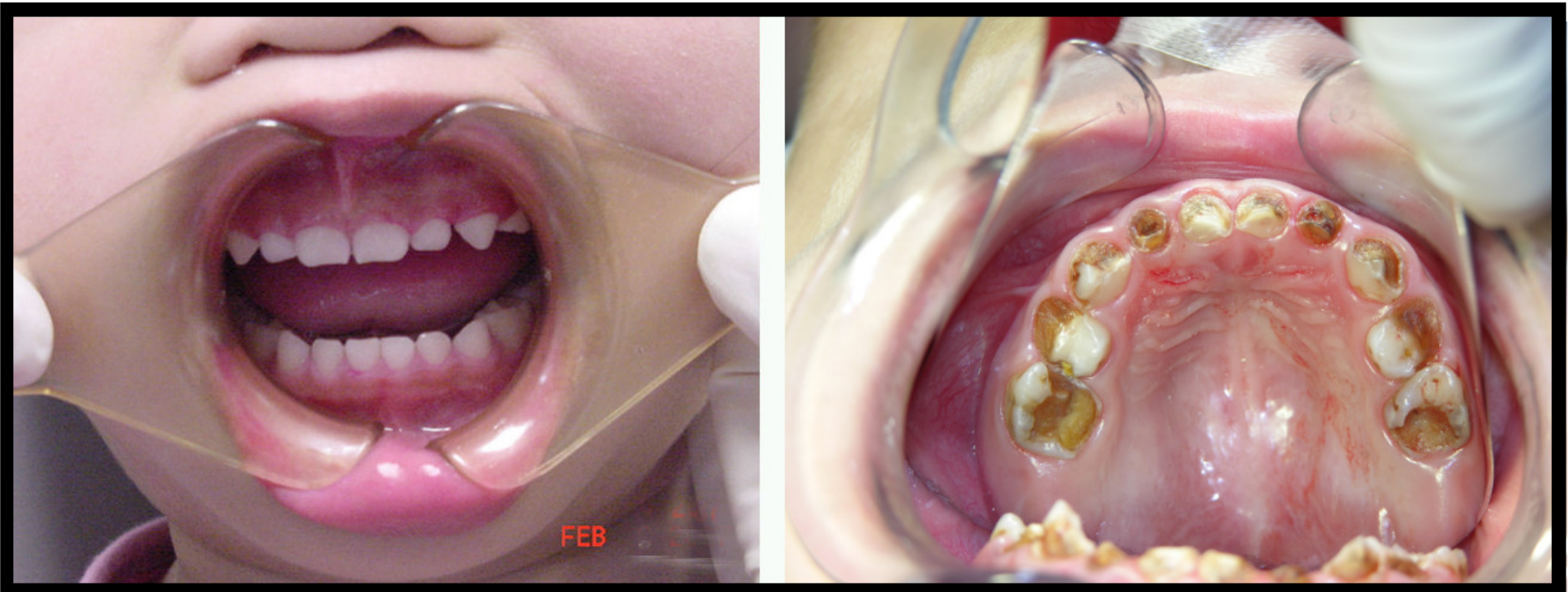
The Dalles

\$47,561

Hood River (no F⁻)

\$159,613

Severe Cavities in Head Start Kids



The Dalles

0%

***p=.01 (highly statistically significant)**

Hood River (no F⁻)

9%*

Water fluoridation and costs of Medicaid treatment for dental decay--Louisiana, 1995-1996.

Children without fluoridated water were three times more likely to need hospital operations. The cost of dental treatment per child was twice as high.



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