



FY 2022-2023 Budget Priorities

Adult Dental Medicaid Investment and Reform

The MDA supports a significant increase in the investment in the adult Medicaid fee-for-service dental program based on the following principals to ensure equitable access for Michigan's adult Medicaid recipients:

- Ease of administration for patients and providers
- Patients to be issued private insurance cards
- Allow dentists who are non-participating with the insurance administrator to participate with the government program
- Reimbursement rate at 60% of UCR or more
- Adequate provider network
- Have a plan to increase utilization, and
- Have a plan to decrease patient no-show rate
- Access to data and reports on a timely basis.

Increased Medicaid Reimbursement for Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Centers Facilities Fees and Anesthesiologists Providing General Anesthesia for Dental Cases

There is currently a backlog of approximately 10,000 Michigan dental patients who meet the appropriate established medical criteria to receive dental treatment under general anesthesia but are unable to access that care due in part to extremely low reimbursement for facility fees and anesthesiologist fees. While the current backlog is due in part to the need for hospitals to pause non-life-threatening operating room cases during the Covid-19 pandemic, approximately 5,000 cases, annually, require this level of care due to a patient's severe dental disease and very young age, health condition or disability. The MDA supports increasing reimbursement from approximately \$200 per case for each fee to \$2,300 per case to ensure parity with the cost of providing care and to incentivize facilities and anesthesiologists to accept these cases.

Increased Investment in the Michigan Donated Dental Services (DDS) Program

This program provides fully donated extensive dental treatment to those who are elderly or who have a permanent disability or chronic illness and are unable to access treatment through any other program. An annual \$150,000 MDHHS grant funds two full-time caseworkers who match eligible patients with volunteer dentists and volunteer dental labs. Nearly \$1 million in donated care is provided annually. The MDA is seeking an additional \$50,000 for a total grant of \$200,000 to support staff and provide outreach to reach eligible marginalized populations.