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## Member Newsletter



## Coalition News

### MOHC Member Town Hall Meeting Still Time to Register for October 9 Event

You are cordially invited to attend the MOHC Member Town Hall Meeting scheduled Friday, Oct. 9, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Lansing. This is a perfect opportunity to connect with fellow oral health advocates, hear the latest news impacting the profession and help guide the Coalition's future activities. There is no fee to attend. Thank you to member Ingham County Health Department for hosting the event. To RSVP, please email Karlene Ketola, executive director at [kketola@mohc.org](mailto:kketola@mohc.org).

### Diabetes: Oral Care What's in There? Webinar November is Diabetes Awareness Month

Periodontal (gum) disease has been called the sixth complication of diabetes (in addition to eye, kidney, nerve, foot, and cardiovascular complications) because so many people with diabetes have it. Having high blood glucose raises the risk of developing periodontal disease, and periodontal disease tends to raise blood glucose levels. So clearly, making an effort to brush, floss, and have regular dental checkups is important when you have diabetes. Join us Nov. 6 (from 10 to 11 a.m.) to familiarize yourself with the techniques to treat a patient with diabetes. Although brushing and flossing are important, there are other ways to achieve oral cleanliness using insightful advances in dental materials.

November is American Diabetes Month. With nearly 24 million Americans living with diabetes; and an additional 57 million Americans at risk-- providers must familiarize themselves with the systemic and oral aspects of the disease. Diabetes is not merely a condition- it's an epidemic disease. [Register now.](#)

### "What Oral Health Providers Need to Know" Coalition Set to Release Free Booklets on Abuse and Neglect

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition with funding from Verizon Wireless is set to release its three "What Oral Health Providers Need to Know" booklets. A professional collaboration of member policy



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### Upcoming Events

October 2, 2009  
10 to 11 a.m.  
Osteonecrosis of the Jaw Webinar

October 9, 2009  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
MOHC Member Town Hall Meeting Lansing

November 6, 2009  
10 to 11 a.m.  
Diabetes: Oral Care What's In There? Webinar

November 16, 2009  
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Medicaid Billing and CHAMPS Update Webinar

December 4, 2009  
10 to 11 a.m.  
Oral Care and the Patient with Autism Webinar

January 15, 2009  
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Time for an Infection Control Check-Up? Webinar

specialists, social workers and hygienists created the booklets to educate oral health professionals on how to respond if they suspect abuse or neglect in a patient. To order copies of the "What Oral Health Providers Need to Know" about domestic violence, elder abuse and child abuse and neglect booklets, call 517.381.8000 today.

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## Cavity Free Kids© Curriculum

### Final Report Available

In 2008, the Michigan Oral Health Coalition partnered with Michigan Head Start-State Collaboration Office, Michigan Department of Community Health and Delta Dental of Michigan to provide free workshops to interested Head Start, WIC agency and daycare center staff. The workshops used the Cavity Free Kids© Curriculum, which included classroom lessons, hands-on demonstrations for classrooms, home visits, and parent activity nights. This August, a report was released detailing the successes and challenges with incorporating the Cavity Free Kids© Curriculum into classrooms. To read the full report, click [here](#).

## Department of Community Health News

### Update from the Tobacco Section

Did you know tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death in Michigan and a major risk factor in the development of oral cancer? In a ranking of preventive services for the U.S. population, the National Commission on Prevention Priorities rated smoking cessation services as one of the three most cost effective prevention services available. Oral health professionals have a wonderful opportunity to talk with their patients who use tobacco about their willingness to quit, and to educate them on the benefits of a healthier lifestyle without tobacco. Last fall, the Coalition teamed up with the Michigan Department of Community Health, Tobacco Section and Michigan Primary Care Association to offer a workshop on the relationship between tobacco and oral health. To learn more about the MDCH Tobacco Section, click [here](#) or contact Elaine Lyon at 517.241.1195.

## Coalition Kicks Off 2009-10 Education Calendar

### Opportunities to Learn, Network and Earn CEs

New for 2009! The Michigan Oral Health Coalition will offer monthly opportunities for members to learn, network and earn CEs. Mark your calendar for our first course scheduled tomorrow, Oct. 2 from 10 to 11 a.m. via webinar. The topic is Osteonecrosis of the Jaws (ONJ) with faculty Junu Ojha, B.D.S., M.S., Assistant Professor, University of Detroit Mercy, Department of Diagnostic Sciences. Participate from the comfort of your office or gather your team in a conference room--no travel required!

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Do you have an idea for an upcoming course or an interest in teaching?  
Would your organization like to collaborate with MOHC, then contact  
Karlene Ketola, executive director at 517.381.8000.

## State News

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### FY 2010 Budget Battle Continues **Governor Signs Interim Budget**

Early this morning, Governor Jennifer Granholm signed a continuation budget which prevented a partial shutdown of state government. The legislation signed today will be in place until Oct. 31, 2009 or until the governor signs departmental appropriations bills, whichever comes first. While the governor has supported over \$1 billion in painful spending cuts to balance the budget, she has rejected Senate Republican cuts that eliminate college scholarships for over 50,000 Michigan students, slash funding for local police and fire services, and reduce funding critical to bringing new jobs to the state. The Coalition will continue to keep you updated on the FY 2010 budget.

### MDCH Makes Its Move to CHAMPS **Coalition Hosts Webinar on November 16**

Last month, Medicaid made its official switch to the Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System or "CHAMPS." Next week, Medicaid Provider Outreach will begin a series of CHAMPS "Go-Live" sessions. Dental Provider Sessions will be held in the Lansing area on Oct. 7 and 14. To register, click [here](#). On Nov. 16, the Michigan Oral Health Coalition will be hosting a webinar on Medicaid Billing and a CHAMPS Update.

#### **CHAMPS Update, Sept. 30, 2009**

*The following notice was posted to the Medicaid website regarding some claims being denied in error.*

"In accordance with the Executive Order 2009-22, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) eliminated certain covered service benefits for Medicaid beneficiaries age 21 and older, and implemented program/fee reductions effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2009. Currently claims that are affected by this Executive Order are denying incorrectly in CHAMPS. After the issue is resolved, MDCH will recycle all of the affected claims so that services are properly adjudicated. Please contact the Provider Inquiry at 1-800-292-2550 regarding cash flow concerns. For more information regarding the programs and services affected by Executive Order 2009-22, please refer

to MSA Bulletin 09-28."

## 2009 Community Mini-Grant Program **Delta Dental "Call for Applications"**

The Delta Dental Foundation is pleased to announce a "Call for Applications" for its 2009 Community Mini-Grant Program. A total of \$70,000 will be awarded to assist in addressing the oral health needs of children in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana. Community-based oral health programs in the tri-state area are encouraged to apply for grants up to \$5,000 for programs designed to improve oral health. Special consideration will be given to those applicants whose programs focus on improving the oral health of low-income children, however, all grant submissions will be considered. For further information, please refer to the [Community Mini-Grant Program Contribution Request](#) information sheet.

To be considered for the 2009 program, the Delta Dental Foundation must receive completed contribution request applications no later than Oct. 16, 2009. Grant recipients will be notified by the end of the year.

## MDCH Water Fluoridation Request for Proposal **Attention City, Township and Village Officials and Local Health Departments**

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Oral Health program is looking to promote community water fluoridation by offering to reimburse Michigan communities currently not fluoridating for fluoridation equipment purchases for the sole purpose to initiate community water fluoridation in their community. Approximately \$60,000 is available from a generous gift from Delta Dental of Michigan. For more information or to receive the RFP, contact [Susan Deming](#) with MDCH.

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### **National News**

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## 2009 Kaiser Study on Medicaid Released **Spending, Coverage and Policy in the Midst of a Recession**

According to a Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured study, the recession was the dominant driver of Medicaid spending and enrollment growth as well as changes in policy for state fiscal years 2009 and 2010. Rising unemployment, sharp declines in state revenues and higher demands for public programs including Medicaid left states with severe budget gaps. The impact of the temporary Medicaid fiscal relief provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) proved to be critical in helping states balance their budgets and protect their Medicaid programs, but states still felt pressure to control Medicaid spending growth. To see the full report, visit <http://www.kff.org/medicaid/upload/7985.pdf>.

## October is National Dental Hygiene Month **A Healthy Smile Lasts a Lifetime**

The American Dental Hygienists' Association encourages dental hygienists, other dental professionals and supporters across the country to get involved with "National Dental Hygiene Month" this October. The month is designed to increase public awareness of the oral health-total health connection and the importance of educating the entire family on

situations which impact their oral health. It is imperative to start early with a daily oral care routine to help prevent cavities and periodontal disease. NDHM is the perfect time to spread that message even more-while celebrating the profession of dental hygiene! [ADHA Online](#)

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition's mission is to improve oral health in Michigan by focusing on prevention, health promotion, oral health data, access and the link between oral health and overall health.

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