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Member Newsletter



Coalition News

2009-10 Call for Volunteers

Coalition Needs You; Sign Up by November 18

Now is the time that opportunity is knocking! The Michigan Oral Health Coalition is currently seeking volunteers for these 2009-10 Workgroups and Committees:

- CDC Grant Workgroup
- Legislative Workgroup
- Continuing Education Workgroup
- Membership Committee
- Governance and Nominating Committee

Now is your chance to get involved in creating professional development opportunities, serve your profession and play a vital role in growing the Coalition. As a reminder, the deadline to volunteer is Nov. 18. To volunteer, click [here](#).

CHAMPS Webinar Scheduled November 16

Registrations Still Being Accepted

With Medicaid's recent switch to CHAMPS, many dental providers are experiencing issues related to claims, prior authorization and eligibility. The Coalition and Michigan Department of Community Health invite you and your staff to participate in a CHAMPS webinar. Join us this Monday, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for "Medicaid Billing and CHAMPS." Click [here](#) to register!

Strategies for Treating Patients with Autism

December 4 Webinar on Communication, Legal Issues

Providing oral care to people with autism requires adaptation of the skills you use every day. In fact, most people with mild or moderate forms of autism can be treated successfully in the general practice setting. Join us Dec. 4 for strategies to treat your patient with autism spectrum disorders. Registration Fee: \$40. To register, e-mail Karlene Ketola, executive director at kketola@mohc.org.

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Upcoming Events

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, 2010
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Time for an Infection Control Check-Up? Webinar

June 10-11, 2010
Annual Conference
Downtown Lansing

"What Oral Health Providers Need to Know" Coalition Releases Free Booklets on Abuse and Neglect

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition with funding from Verizon Wireless has released its three "What Oral Health Providers Need to Know" booklets. A professional collaboration of member policy 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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State News

University of Michigan Dental Health Day Event Scheduled November 14 in Ann Arbor

This weekend, U-M School of Dentistry students and faculty will provide free oral examinations, oral cancer screenings, oral hygiene education, and selected x-rays to participants ages 16 and older. Treatments such as cleanings and fillings will not be provided. This clinic is limited to the first 150 participants. For more information, contact the School of Dentistry 734.763.6933 or by e-mail at dentalhealthday@umich.edu.

Billers "B" Aware Updates

MDCH Website Addresses Current CHAMPS Issues

Did you know that the Michigan Department of Community Health website features a Biller "B" Aware section. Visit [Biller "B" Aware](#) and read the latest issues/resolutions pertaining to CHAMPS. The most recent issue, related to Admittance Advices, was posted last Thursday.

Nov. 5, 2009: "The CHAMPS generated paper remittance advices (RA) can be found in the "Archived Documents" link located on the Provider Portal page or "My Inbox" subsystem. Only those users with the profile of CHAMPS Full Access or CHAMPS Limited Access will have the ability to view this information. Paper RAs will be stored in CHAMPS for approximately three months. These documents are available to print or save for your records. In addition, MDCH was aware of missing RAs from remittance advice date 10/07/2009, this issue has been resolved. If providers feel they are missing a RA within this link, please contact provider support at providersupport@michigan.gov or 800.292.2550.

Grand Rapids Launches "Take Back the Tap" Fluoride a Major Benefit in Drinking Water

Grand Rapids city officials are launching a "Take Back the Tap" promotion to reduce the use of bottled water. Noting Grand Rapids' status as the first city in the world to fluoridate its water, city officials hope to be the first municipality to embrace the movement in Michigan.

There are many reasons to "Take Back the Tap," here are just a few:

1. Tap water contains fluoride and is tested more rigorously than bottled

water. Many bottled water companies fill their bottles with filtered tap water.

2. Plastic water bottle production in the U.S. consumes more than 17 million gallons of oil, enough for 1 million cars.
3. About 86 percent of plastic water bottles end up in a landfill instead of a recycling bin.
4. Bottled water costs about between 89 cents to \$8.26 per gallon; tap water cost about 1/3 of a penny per gallon.

Source: [Grand Rapids Press](#), October 16, 2009

"OBGYN 101 for Dental Professionals" Webcast

Join Us November 19 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Michigan Oral Health Coalition, in collaboration with the New York State Task Force on Special Needs Dentistry and the Michigan Department of Community Health, will present "OBGYN 101 for Dental Professionals: Management of Pregnant Women." This FREE webcast is scheduled Nov. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. and offers two CE credits. For more information, please contact Jill Moore at 517.373.4943.

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National News

A Public Health Insurance Plan?

Policy Brief Outlines House-Approved Bill

Today, a [policy brief](#) from Health Affairs and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation was released. The brief examines the public health insurance plan included in health care legislation passed last weekend by the U.S. House of Representatives. The paper lays out the details of the plan, including who could enroll, who could receive subsidies to buy coverage, and the anticipated impact on health insurance premiums, and explores the key arguments for and against the public plan.

Census Translates into Federal Funding

The Importance of Being Counted in 2010

U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce Dennis F. Hightower and Lieutenant Governor John D. Cherry, Jr. have kicked off Michigan's 2010 census campaign, "It's in Our Hands, Michigan." "It is vitally important that all residents get counted in the 2010 census," Cherry said. "Being counted translates to \$1,000 every year for our roads, schools, health care, housing and poverty relief."

2010 Michigan Census Impact

1. In Michigan, for every person NOT counted, our state loses \$10,000 (\$40,000 for a family of four) to other states over the course of 10 years.
2. The census also determines reapportionment and redistricting of congressional, state and local representation.
3. It is estimated that 24,000 people will be hired at a pay range of \$11.25 to \$19.50 per hour.
4. Michigan would not have lost a congressional seat after the 2000 census if its snowbirds had been counted in the right place.

5. Because so many of Michigan's snowbirds were counted in the wrong place by the 2000 census, roughly \$200 million of federal funds are spent in other states each year instead of in Michigan, which adds up to \$2 billion over the course of a decade.

For more information on the 2010 Michigan census, please visit www.michigan.gov/census2010.

"Better Health at Lower Cost" New Report Focuses on Childhood Tooth Decay

The National Oral Health Policy Center at Children's Dental Health Project has published its inaugural issue of TrendNotes. The publication focuses on preventing and managing childhood tooth decay-its importance, what the evidence shows works, and why policy makers might want to realign policies and programs to be more consistent with this goal. [See Complete Report](#).

FTC Red Flags Rules Compliance Deadline Pushed to June 2010

Businesses that extend credit are required by this rule to implement a written identity theft prevention program. The compliance deadline for small businesses was extended from Nov. 1, 2009 to June 1, 2010. To read the complete announcement, click [here](#).

"Beyond California: States in Fiscal Peril" Michigan Among Top 10 Troubled States

A [report](#) released yesterday by the Pew Center on the States shows that some of the same pressures that have pushed California toward economic disaster are wreaking havoc in a number of other states, with potentially damaging consequences for the entire country. Michigan along with Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Nevada, New Jersey, Oregon, Rhode Island and Wisconsin join California as the 10 most troubled states, according to Pew's analysis, "Beyond California: States in Fiscal Peril."

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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