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Member Newsletter



Coalition News

Safety Net Organizations and Michigan Economy Coalition Brings Oral Health Perspective to Discussion

On Dec. 7, Board Chair Patti Ulrich and Executive Director Karlene Ketola met with the Michigan Department of Community Health and other provider organizations to discuss how Michigan's economy has impacted safety net providers. MOHC was the only organization which specifically represents oral health so it was a great opportunity to reinforce the relationship between oral health and overall health. Remarks from MOHC representatives included the elimination of the Medicaid adult dental benefit; the economy's impact on patients, providers and employees, as well as a call to gain data.

National Audience for MOHC Webinar MI, FL, WI, KS Providers Learn About Autism

As you know, providing oral care to people with autism requires adaptation of the skills you use every day. Last Friday, MOHC hosted the webinar "Treating Patients with Autism: Awareness, Communication and Legal Strategies." Through our outreach with other state oral health coalitions, participants from Wisconsin, Kansas and Florida joined Michigan in taking the course. Thank you to all those who participated! To order a copy of the program on CD, please see [Order Form](#).

Coalition Education Calendar Opportunities to Learn, Network and Earn CEs

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition offers monthly opportunities for members to learn, network and earn CEs. Mark your calendar for our next course scheduled Jan. 15 from 10 to 11 a.m. via webinar. The topic is Infection Control with faculty Noel Brandon-Kelsch. Participate from the comfort of your office or gather your team in a conference room--no travel required!

Upcoming Education Events

Time for an Infection Control Check Up?
January 15, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Webinar | [Register Now](#)

December 10, 2009

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Upcoming Events

January 15, 2010
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Time for an Infection
Control Check-Up?
Webinar

February 5, 2010
10 to 11 a.m.
Inflammatory
Diseases Webinar

June 10-11, 2010
Annual Conference
Downtown Lansing

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Inflammatory Diseases: "It's Not Just Perio Anymore!"
 February 5, 10 to 11 a.m.
 Webinar | [Register Now](#)

2010 Conference
 June 10-11
 Radisson Hotel, Downtown Lansing

Do you have an idea for an upcoming course or an interest in teaching?
 Would your organization like to collaborate with MOHC, then contact
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"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.



State News

Michigan to Become 38th State to Ban Smoking Governor Granholm Expected to Sign Legislation

Following passage of legislation by the House and Senate today, Michigan is poised to become the 38th state to ban smoking in public places effective May 1, 2010. Governor Granholm has indicated she will sign the bill. The bill that passed the Senate makes exemptions for the floors of three Detroit casinos, cigar bars, specialty tobacco shops and home offices.

Provider Updates from CHAMPS Pay Cycle Calendar and CHAMPS Maintenance

Michigan Department of Community Health posted the following two CHAMPS [updates](#).

December 9, 2009:

[CHAMPS Maintenance Scheduled](#)

Between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009, the CHAMPS system is scheduled for routine maintenance. The system will be unavailable until the maintenance operations have been completed.



November 25, 2009:

[MDCH Pay Cycle Calendar](#)

MDCH recommends that claims be submitted at least 24 hours prior to the weekly pay-cycle cut-off for any mode of claim submission. Any claims submitted within 12 hours prior to a deadline may be subject to delay in

the event of excessive system traffic. These cut-off dates and times for claim submission are subject to change and may be modified by MDCH at any time without prior notification.

Michigan Board of Dentistry

Governor Granholm Announces Recent Appointments

Governor Jennifer Granholm has announced the following recent appointments and reappointments to the [Michigan Board of Dentistry](#).

John A. Molinari, Ph.D. of Northville, professor with the Department of Biomedical Sciences for the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry, is appointed to represent the general public for a term expiring June 30, 2013. He succeeds Faiz Khan whose term has expired.

William D. Wright, D.D.S. of Lansing, retired dentist, is appointed to represent dentists for a term expiring June 30, 2013. He succeeds Charles Marinelli whose term has expired.

Lawrence M. Haber, D.D.S. of Commerce Township, adjunct clinical associate professor with the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry, is reappointed to represent dentists for a term expiring June 30, 2013.

Joanne A. Hodder of Grand Rapids, on-call dental hygienist, is reappointed to represent dental hygienists for a term expiring June 30, 2013.

The Michigan Board of Dentistry is responsible for the licensure and examination of persons prior to their entry into the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, or dental assisting in Michigan and for the certification of dental specialists.

MDCH Expands H1N1 Vaccine to All Residents

December 14 Begins New Wave of Vaccinations

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) in partnership with the 45 local health departments is entering the next phase of its distribution strategy and will expand H1N1 influenza vaccine to all Michigan residents by Monday, Dec. 14. While all residents will be eligible for vaccine, health officials continue to strongly encourage the previous target group including pregnant women, people who live with or care for children less than 6 months of age, all people 6 months to 24 years, and people 25 to 64 years with chronic medical conditions to get vaccinated.

National News

2009 Oral Health Atlas

Mapping a Neglected Global Health Issue

The 2009 Atlas of Oral Health puts the facts about oral health on the table, highlights the extent of the problems worldwide and suggests realistic individual and population-wide solutions. The unique combination of short texts, maps, charts and graphics presents complex statistics and facts in an intuitive, easy to understand visual format, complemented by extensive tables of global oral health data and a reference section. The Atlas is a valuable resource for dental practitioners, public health experts, policy

makers, and anyone interested in oral health. [See Oral Health Atlas.](#)

A New Front in War on Cavities

[Wall Street Journal Article on Tooth Decay](#)

Cavities have made a dismaying comeback in children in recent years, and the search is on among scientists to find new ways to fight tooth decay.

The prevalence of cavities in children aged 2 to 5 decreased steadily through the 1970s and 1980s, thanks largely to the expansion of water fluoridation and to advances in treatment and prevention, dental experts say. The trend appeared to hit a low around the mid-1990s, when about 24% of young children had cavities, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But tooth decay then began heading higher. A CDC survey found that 28% of small children—a significant increase, according to the agency—had cavities in the five years ended 2004, the latest data available. The reasons for the increase aren't entirely clear. But dental experts suggest it may be due to children drinking more bottled water that doesn't contain fluoride, and to changes in dietary habits. [See Complete Article.](#)

School-Based Dental Sealants Programs

[Updated Recommendations Available](#)

Recommendations designed to provide additional guidance to school-based dental sealant programs have been published in the November issue of the Journal of the American Dental Association. The [updated recommendations](#), "Preventing Dental Caries Through School-based Sealant Programs: Updated Recommendations and Reviews of Evidence," were developed by a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-supported work group of experts in the fields of caries prevention and treatment, oral epidemiology, and evidence-based reviews, as well as representatives of dental professional organizations.

P&G and University of North Carolina Study

[Examining Gingivitis at a Molecular Level](#)

Gingivitis, which may affect more than one-half of the U.S. adult population, is a condition commonly attributed to lapses in simple oral hygiene habits. However, a [new study](#) shows that development and reversal of gingivitis at the molecular level is apparently much more complicated than its causes might indicate.

Research conducted jointly by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Procter & Gamble (P&G) Oral Care has found that more than 9,000 genes - nearly 30 percent of the genes found in the human body - are expressed differently during the onset and healing process associated with gingivitis. Results of the study were published in the December 2009 edition of the Journal of Periodontology. This study is the first to successfully identify gene expression and biological pathways involved with the onset and healing process of gingivitis.

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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