Member Newsletter **October 7, 2010**

Coalition News

Medicaid Adult Dental Restored in FY2011

Next Steps Include Implementation, Continued Advocacy

Thank you Coalition members for all your letters, calls and visits with legislators over the past 15 months. Your voice has been heard! With the help of $650 million in one-time federal stimulus dollars and Governor Granholm's signature, optional services which include dental have been restored within the Michigan Department of Community Health's 2010-11 budget. We celebrate this victory for Michigan's most vulnerable, but are realistic in our need for continued advocacy. 2011 will be a challenging year with a new Administration, many new legislators in Lansing as well as a continued decline in state revenues.

Implementation: CHAMPS and Claims Process
On Oct. 5, Medicaid issued Provider Bulletin 10-47. The Bulletin provides guidance on procedure codes and co-pays. Of major interest to providers is the claims submission process. MDCH is currently making system edits and asks providers to hold these claims and submit them after Nov. 1. Claims for reinstated services will continue to reject as non-covered until system changes are implemented on Nov. 1, 2010. See FY2011 Procedure Codes and Fees.

Continued Advocacy
The Coalition thanks bill sponsor Senator Roger Kahn (R-Saginaw Township) and legislative leaders Rep. Gary McDowell (D-Rudyard) and Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland), as well as those lawmakers who voted in favor of SB 1152. Letters to the Editor have been sent thanking these legislators for their supprt. 2011 expects to be a volatile year with no help from federal stimuls dollars. If you'd like to join the Coalition's Legislative Workgroup, please e-mail Executive Director Karlene Ketola at kketola@mohc.org.

New Program Year Kicks Off

Membership Renewals Still in Progress!

The membership renewal process is well underway for the Coalition. As always, you may pay your dues by check or credit card. As we look ahead, we hope you will continue your involvement in the Coalition. It will be an exciting, and challenging year as we fight to maintain the adult dental benefit and begin to implement the new State Oral Health Plan. If

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Upcoming Oral Health Events

Coalition Outreach Beyond Michigan

Hispanic Dental Association
18th Annual Meeting & Symposium
October 28 - 30, Chicago
Executive Director Karlene Ketola will serve on the "Improving Oral Health Access to Services for Hispanics through Workforce Diversity" panel.

American Dental Association
Oral Health of Vulnerable Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities
November 18, Washington, DC
The Coalition has invited representatives from the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging and Michigan Disability Rights Coalition to attend with Executive Director Karlene Ketola. The intent is to develop a real approach to access for these populations. Dr. Elisa Ghezzi, Coalition for Oral Health for the Aging, will also be participating.

Save the Date!
Coalition Member Fall Meeting
November 12 | 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Lansing

Welcome New Members!

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition is proud to welcome the following new members to the Coalition. We thank them for joining with other oral health advocates across Michigan to improve access and health.

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2010 Member Survey

Thank You for Sharing Your Opinions!

According to the 2010 Member Survey, access to care is the biggest

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challenge facing oral health in Michigan. Thank you to those who completed the survey. Congratulations to member Angela Emge from the Michigan Center for Rural Health. Angela is the lucky winner of a $25 Barnes & Noble gift card for completing the survey!

State News

Michigan Board of Dentistry
Coalition Congratulates New Leadership

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition congratulates Craig Spencer, DDS (East Lansing) and JoAnne Hodder, RDH, BS (Grand Rapids) for being selected as the Michigan Board of Dentistry's Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. The Board's next meeting is Oct. 14 (10 a.m. to 12 p.m.) and is open to the public. For more information, click here.

Delta Dental Foundation Grant Supports
Community Water Fluoridation; Request for Proposals

The Delta Dental Foundation recently awarded the Michigan Department of Community Health with a $60,000 grant. The grant will help provide new fluoridation equipment to communities without systems in place, as well as replacement equipment to promote continuation of fluoridation programs already established across Michigan. The Request for Proposals has been issued. For more information, contact Susan Deming RDH, RDA, BS with the Michigan Department of Community Health at demings@michigan.gov or 517.373.3624.

National News

October is National Dental Hygiene Month
"Healthy Habits are Easier than You Think"

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 theme, "Healthy Habits are Easier than You Think," focuses on maintaining optimal oral health while leading a busy, active lifestyle. For more information, visit www.adha.org/ndhm/index.html.

Briefing on State Medicaid Programs
The Recession and Health Reform

Last Thursday, the Kaiser Family Foundation's Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured held a briefing to examine the challenges facing states as they continue to struggle with the lingering impacts of the recession and begin preparing to implement health reform.

Kaiser Reports Released at Briefing
Hoping for Economic Recovery, Preparing for Reform
Medicaid Enrollment in the 50 States
Health Reform and State Workforce Challenges

HHS Awards $130 Million to Boost Workforce
Grants for Health Workforce Training

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius has announced $130.8 million in grants to strengthen and expand the health professions workforce. Funding will target workforce development programs for pre- and post-doctoral training for dental residents; dental faculty; loan repayment for faculty who teach primary care dentistry; and training for practicing dentists, or other approved dental trainees in general, pediatric, and public health dentistry and dental hygiene programs. See more.

FDA to Once Again Discuss Silver Amalgams

Meeting Set for December 14-15

On Dec. 14-15, the Food & Drug Administration will hold a Dental Products Panel Meeting to once again discuss the classification of silver amalgams. This is an opportunity for dental professionals to testify. See full announcement for details.

Healthy Tomorrows for Children Grant Program

Proposals Due by October 15

The Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program, a program between the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau and American Academy of Pediatrics seeks proposals to support community-based child health projects. Federal grants of up to $50,000 per year for 5 years will be awarded. See more.

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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