

Volunteer Dental Program

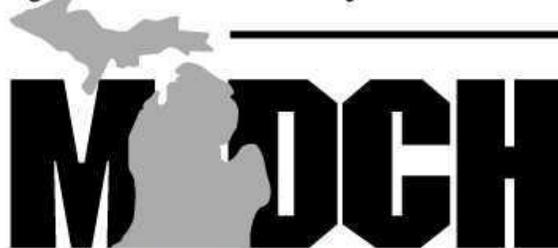
(FY2012 Appropriation Bill - Public Act 63 of 2011)

December 1, 2011

Section 1109: (1) From the amounts appropriated in part 1 for dental programs, funds shall be allocated to the Michigan dental association for the administration of a volunteer dental program that provides dental services to the uninsured.

(2) Not later than December 1 of the current fiscal year, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on community health and the senate and house standing committees on health policy the number of individual patients treated, number of procedures performed, and approximate total market value of those procedures from the immediately preceding fiscal year.

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**Donated Dental Services (DDS) Program
Legislative Report**

Reporting Period: October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011

Report Addressing: Section 1109(2) of PA 63 (2011)

Overview of FY 2010/2011 Achievements		
	FY 2010	FY 2011
Number of patients treated:	425	491
Number of dental procedures provided:	4,447	4,882
Number of volunteer dentists:	868	852
Number of dentists involved with patients treated:	378	436
Value of donated services by dentists:	\$1,051,347	\$1,258,521
Number of volunteer dental laboratories:	217	228
Value of donated laboratory services:	\$124,218	\$123,395
Value of donated treatment:	\$1,175,565	\$1,381,916

This program is 16 years old. The funds provide for the administration of the program, which matches dentists who are willing to donate services to persons in specific target groups (identified below) needing extensive dental care. The department contracts with the Michigan Dental Association, which subcontracts with the Dental Lifeline Network, Denver, Colorado. The funding to the Dental Lifeline Network –Michigan supports costs for two employees to administer and operate the program, some lab fees and recognition plaques for the dentists.

The populations for whom dental services are provided are the following:

- Persons who are physically and/or mentally impaired
- Persons with sensory impairments
- Persons who are medically compromised
- Elderly persons

MICHIGAN DONATED DENTAL SERVICES (DDS) PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT FOR FY 2011

In compliance with section 1109(2) of PA 63 of 2011, the Michigan Oral Health Program is providing the following report on the Michigan Donated Dental Services Program.

Background

This program aims to treat patients who are disabled and elderly with seriously-neglected dental problems. As a result of their ages or disabilities, many cannot work and depend on public assistance for their health care. Medicare, however, does not provide dental benefits and Michigan's Medicaid program limits eligibility, procedures and the frequency of procedures it covers for adult recipients. Moreover, many dentists do not accept Medicaid.

To help some of these individuals, the Michigan Dental Association (MDA) and the Dental Lifeline Network (formerly the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped) launched the statewide Michigan Donated Dental Services (DDS) project in 1995. This program is similar to others developed by the Dental Lifeline Network in 39 other states. The Michigan Dental Association is also a major partner in the Michigan effort and donates office space as well as many other support services.

Accomplishments

This fiscal year's goal was to provide \$1,385,000 worth of treatment for 505 disabled, aged, or medically compromised individuals statewide. By the end of the September 30th fiscal year, 491 individuals had received care worth \$1,381,916. Although the goal was not met, an additional 328 individuals had been referred to dentists and had not yet completed their dental treatment at year's end. While fewer people were helped than planned, each person who finished treatment received an average of \$2,814 worth of dental treatment.

The 491 individuals who completed treatment required 4,882 dental procedures, or an average of 9.94 procedures per person. This may be a reflection of the complicated dental problems that many of the individuals treated present with and the length of time required to complete the cases and why fewer people than anticipated completed their care during the fiscal year.

A second goal was to generate \$120,000 worth of donated laboratory fabrications from the 228 labs that volunteer. Labs donated \$123,395 worth of fabrications by the end of the fiscal year, exceeding this goal by approximately 3 percent and another indication of the extensive needs of many of the individuals.

Financial

Though the dentists and many of the labs donate their services, the funding is used to provide administrative support for their volunteer efforts: the Volunteer DDS Coordinators, telephone, postage and other program costs and to pay some of the laboratory bills when we cannot find volunteers. **The ratio of donated treatment per dollar of operating costs is \$9.72**

Staffing

Services are managed by two coordinators, who act as liaisons between patients, referring organizations, dentists and labs. The coordinators manage the services from offices donated by the Michigan Dental Association.

Applications

During this fiscal year, we received 621 applications, and at the end of the fiscal year, 798 applications were pending which includes people who had applied this year as well as in past years that we have not yet been able to link with dentists.

Volunteers

Since DDS recruitment efforts were launched in the fall of 1995, the cadre of volunteer dentists total 852; 427 practice in the southeastern section of the state and another 425 in the rest of Michigan. In addition, 228 dental laboratories donate some of the fabrications needed by so many of the people treated.

More volunteers are still needed throughout the state, especially Detroit, Jackson, Howell, Lansing, Roseville, and Ypsilanti where we have many requests for help. Due to the number of requests and need for more volunteers, applications for Livingston County and the City of Detroit are closed. In addition, of the total 852 volunteer dentists, there are 238 dental specialists, leaving 614 dentists available for initial referrals. We are grateful for the involvement of the MDA leadership in recruiting new volunteer dentists. In the next fiscal year we are planning to intensify recruiting activities to encourage more dentists and labs to become involved.

Attachments

A Treatment by County report that depicts the number of individuals treated and the value of the treatment for the fiscal year is attached.

TREATMENT BY COUNTY 10/1/10 – 9/30/11

Cty #	County Name	Transactions	Treatment Value	Cty #	County Name	Transactions	Treatment Value	Cty #	County Name	Transactions	Treatment Value
01	Alcona	1	\$887	31	Houghton	0		61	Muskegon	11	\$22,798
02	Alger	0		32	Huron	0		62	Newaygo	0	
03	Allegan	6	\$17,329	33	Ingham	40	\$89,769	63	Oakland	86	\$172,229
04	Alpena	5	\$12,252	34	Ionia	0		64	Oceana	0	
05	Antrim	1	\$564	35	Iosco	2	\$3667	65	Ogemaw	3	\$14,520
06	Arenac	3	\$5094	36	Iron	0		66	Ontonagon	0	
07	Baraga	0		37	Isabella	7	\$12,580	67	Osceola	1	\$300
08	Barry	7	\$10,945	38	Jackson	13	\$33,182	68	Oscoda	0	
09	Bay	10	\$12,845	39	Kalamazoo	14	\$22,938	69	Otsego	1	\$3,800
10	Benzie	1	\$587	40	Kalkaska	0		70	Ottawa	14	\$19,775
11	Berrien	6	\$12,860	41	Kent	53	\$113,669	71	Presque Isle	0	
12	Branch	4	\$6434	42	Keweenaw	0		72	Roscommon	2	\$295
13	Calhoun	6	\$7509	43	Lake	1	\$334	73	Saginaw	5	\$9,304
14	Cass	4	\$6849	44	Lapeer	11	\$21,699	74	St. Clair	15	\$31,637
15	Charlevoix	2	\$4060	45	Leelanau	0		75	St. Joseph	5	\$3,831
16	Cheboygan	2	\$9,576	46	Lenawee	7	\$13,982	76	Sanilac	0	
17	Chippewa	0		47	Livingston	6	\$23,442	77	Schoolcraft	1	\$1,502
18	Clare	1	\$418	48	Luce	0		78	Shiawassee	7	\$7,715
19	Clinton	8	\$14,615	49	Mackinac	1	\$3,738	79	Tuscola	4	\$3,912
20	Crawford	0		50	Macomb	81	\$188,468	80	Van Buren	0	
21	Delta	5	\$14,062	51	Manistee	0		81	Washtenaw	19	\$34,622
22	Dickinson	3	\$19,183	52	Marquette	0		82	Wayne	74	\$207,310
23	Eaton	6	\$7,302	53	Mason	3	\$14,568	83	Wexford	2	\$3,080
24	Emmet	0		54	Mecosta	8	\$17,325		Unassigned		
25	Genesee	11	\$26,482	55	Menominee	1	\$3,698				
26	Gladwin	4	\$1,949	56	Midland	10	\$34,204				
27	Gogebic	0		57	Missaukee	1	\$3,828				
28	Grand Traverse	10	\$23,767	58	Monroe	2	\$11,620		Total Patients Treated	491	
29	Gratiot	1	\$971	59	Montcalm	0			Total Treatment Value: \$1,381,916		
30	Hillsdale	8	\$15,500	60	Montmorency	0					