

Volunteer Dental Program

(FY2013 Appropriation Bill - Public Act 200 of 2012)

December 1, 2012

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, 2011 to September 30, 2012

Report Addressing: Section 1109(2) of PA 200 (2012)

Overview of FY 2011/2012 Achievements		
	FY 2011	FY 2012
Number of patients treated:	491	505
Number of dental procedures provided:	4,882	5,238
Number of volunteer dentists:	852	842
Number of dentists involved with patients treated:	436	842
Value of donated services by dentists:	\$1,258,251	\$1,315,387
Number of volunteer dental laboratories:	228	238
Value of donated laboratory services:	\$123,395	\$157,168
Value of donated treatment:	\$1,381,916	\$1,472,555

This program is 17 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 2012

In compliance with section 1109(2) of PA 200 of 2012, the Michigan Department of Community Health, 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 beneficiaries. Moreover, some dentists do not accept Medicaid insurance.

To help 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 the major partner in the Michigan effort and donates office space as well as provides 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, 505 individuals had received care worth \$1,472,555. Not only was the goal met, an additional 338 individuals had been referred to dentists and had not yet completed their dental treatment at year's end. Each person who finished treatment received an average of \$2,916 worth of dental treatment.

The 505 individuals who completed treatment required 5238 dental procedures, or an average of 10.37 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.

A second goal was to generate \$124,000 worth of donated laboratory fabrications from the 238 labs that volunteer. Labs donated \$157,168 worth of fabrications by the end of the fiscal year, exceeding this goal by approximately 21 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 no volunteers can be found. **The ratio of donated treatment per dollar of operating costs is \$9.78.**

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 the current fiscal year, 492 applications were received, and at the end of the fiscal year, 219 applications were pending or waiting to be linked with volunteer dentists. Much attention was spent on decreasing the waiting list and it decreased from a high of 798 to the current 219.

Applications are being accepted in the following counties: Alcona, Alger, Allegan, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Barry, Bay, Benzie, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Crawford, Delta, Eaton, Emmet, Genesee, Hillsdale, Ingham, Iosco, Kalamazoo, Kalkaska, Kent, Leelanau, Mackinac, Manistee, Marquette, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Muskegon, Ogemaw, Otsego, Ottawa, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Saginaw, Sanilac, Schoolcraft, St. Joseph, Van Buren, Wayne and Wexford.

Volunteers

Since DDS recruitment efforts were launched in the fall of 1995, the cadre of volunteer dentists' total 842; 427 practice in the southeastern section of the state and another 415 in the rest of Michigan. This represents 19 percent of dentists who belong to the MDA compared to the average 17 percent of volunteer dentists in the 39 states with similar programs. Of the total 842 volunteer dentists, there are 249 dental specialists, leaving 593 dentists available for initial referrals. In addition, 238 dental laboratories donate some of the fabrications needed by so many of the people treated.

More volunteers are still needed throughout the state, especially the City of Detroit where there are many requests for help. The MDA leadership is involved in recruiting new volunteer dentists. In the next fiscal year, the MDCH and MDA 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 10/1/11 – 9/30/12

Cty #	County Name	Transactions	Treatment Value	Cty #	County Name	Transactions	Treatment Value	Cty #	County Name	Transactions	Treatment Value
01	Alcona			31	Houghton			61	Muskegon	7	\$19,360
02	Alger	1	\$5,345	32	Huron			62	Newaygo		
03	Allegan	5	\$11,741	33	Ingham	49	\$114,592	63	Oakland	89	\$176,268
04	Alpena	5	\$16,145	34	Ionia	8	\$18,060	64	Oceana		
05	Antrim	2	\$5,049	35	Iosco	1	\$2,474	65	Ogemaw	2	\$1,959
06	Arenac	3	\$7,670	36	Iron	1	2,764	66	Ontonagon		
07	Baraga	1	\$2,694	37	Isabella			67	Osceola	3	\$2,842
08	Barry	3	\$1,197	38	Jackson	14	\$33,191	68	Oscoda	1	\$3,419
09	Bay	12	\$17,841	39	Kalamazoo	10	\$24,082	69	Otsego	2	\$4,698
10	Benzie	3	\$2,873	40	Kalkaska	2	\$1,084	70	Ottawa	20	\$35,705
11	Berrien	10	\$10,401	41	Kent	61	\$146,828	71	Presque Isle		
12	Branch	4	\$4,867	42	Keweenaw			72	Roscommon	3	\$6,983
13	Calhoun	6	\$8,554	43	Lake			73	Saginaw	5	\$16,340
14	Cass	2	\$4,191	44	Lapeer	5	\$4,025	74	St. Clair	9	\$17,399
15	Charlevoix	4	\$5,488	45	Leelanau			75	St. Joseph	4	\$6,009
16	Cheboygan	2	\$6,875	46	Lenawee	10	\$23,467	76	Sanilac	2	\$3,197
17	Chippewa			47	Livingston	6	\$21,538	77	Schoolcraft	2	\$9,295
18	Clare			48	Luce			78	Shiawassee	6	\$16,553
19	Clinton	4	\$3,775	49	Mackinac			79	Tuscola	4	\$13,071
20	Crawford			50	Macomb	72	\$178,783	80	Van Buren	2	\$7,926
21	Delta	1	\$5,770	51	Manistee			81	Washtenaw	26	\$60,067
22	Dickinson	3	\$15,683	52	Marquette	5	\$6,690	82	Wayne	88	\$219,705
23	Eaton	6	\$11,599	53	Mason			83	Wexford		
24	Emmet	2	\$5,495	54	Mecosta	6	\$9,974		Unassigned		
25	Genesee	16	\$40,595	55	Menominee	1	\$110				
26	Gladwin	6	\$12,086	56	Midland	2	\$8,944				
27	Gogebic			57	Missaukee						
28	Grand Traverse	8	\$8,783	58	Monroe	2	\$4,525		Total # Treated	505	
29	Gratiot	4	\$13,299	59	Montcalm	5	\$11,051		Total Treatment Value: \$1,472,555		
30	Hillsdale	10	\$11,559	60	Montmorency						