

# Volunteer Dental Program

(FY2011 Appropriation Bill - Public Act 187 of 2010)

**December 1, 2010**

**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, 2009 to September 30, 2010

Report Addressing: Section 1109(2) of PA 187 (2010)

Overview of FY 2009/2010 Achievements		
	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>
Number of patients receiving completed dental care:	<b>425</b>	<b>385</b>
Number of dental procedures provided:	<b>4,447</b>	<b>5,737</b>
Number of volunteer dentists:	<b>868</b>	<b>865</b>
Number of dentists involved with patients treated:	<b>378</b>	<b>348</b>
Value of donated services by dentists:	<b>\$1,051,347</b>	<b>\$961,669</b>
Number of volunteer dental laboratories:	<b>217</b>	<b>202</b>
Value of donated laboratory services:	<b>\$124,218</b>	<b>\$97,828</b>
Value of donated treatment:	<b>\$1,175,565</b>	<b>\$1,059,497</b>

This program is 15 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 National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped in Denver, Colorado. The funding to the National Foundation supports employee costs 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 2010**

In compliance with section 1109(2) of PA 187 of 2010, 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 National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped (NFDH) launched the statewide Michigan Donated Dental Services (DDS) project in 1995. This program is similar to others developed by NFDH in 37 other states. Delta Dental Plan of Michigan 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 \$1,300,000 worth of treatment for 430 disabled, aged, or medically compromised individuals statewide. By the end of the September 30<sup>th</sup> fiscal year, the 425 people had received care worth \$1,175,565. Although the goal was not met, an additional 294 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 \$2,766 worth of dental treatment.

The 425 individuals who completed treatment required 4,447 dental procedures, or an average of 10.5 procedures per person. These more complicated cases take longer to complete and is why fewer people than anticipated completed their care during the fiscal year.

A second goal was to generate \$110,000 worth of donated laboratory fabrications from some of the 217 labs that volunteer. Labs donated \$124,218 worth of fabrications by the end of the fiscal year, exceeding this goal by 13 percent and another indication of the extensive needs of many of the patients.

### **Financial**

Though the dentists and many of the labs donate their services, funding is used to support their volunteer efforts: for the DDS Coordinator, 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 \$7.63**

### **Staffing**

Services are managed by two DDS 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 779 applications, and at the end of the fiscal year, 868 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 has grown to 868; 442 practice in the southeastern section of the state and another 426 in the rest of Michigan. In addition, 217 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. In addition, of the total 868 volunteer dentists, there are 240 dental specialists, leaving 628 dentists available for initial referrals. We are very 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.

### **Future Plans**

The goal for the 2010-2011 fiscal year that began October 1, 2010 is to provide \$1,385,000 worth of donated treatment for 505 aged or disabled individuals, including \$120,000 worth of donated laboratory fabrications.

### **Attachments**

A financial statement for the fiscal year is attached along with program services summaries. Reports are available that depict treatment county and disability.

**TREATMENT BY COUNTY 10/1/09 – 9/30/10**

Cty #	County Name	Transactions	Treatment Value	Cty #	County Name	Transactions	Treatment Value	Cty #	County Name	Transactions	Treatment Value
01	Alcona	3	\$15,807	31	Houghton	1	\$1,423	61	Muskegon	3	\$5,810
02	Alger	0		32	Huron	0		62	Newaygo	0	
03	Allegan	3	\$5,662	33	Ingham	32	\$64,931	63	Oakland	77	\$164,230
04	Alpena	0		34	Ionia	7	\$15,289	64	Oceana	0	
05	Antrim	4	\$11,571	35	Iosco	2	\$3528	65	Ogemaw	0	
06	Arenac	4	\$6329	36	Iron	1	\$458	66	Ontonagon	0	
07	Baraga	0		37	Isabella	2	\$3,631	67	Osceola	2	\$3,135
08	Barry	4	\$10,278	38	Jackson	12	\$28,248	68	Oscoda	0	
09	Bay	9	\$8,211	39	Kalamazoo	14	\$31,875	69	Otsego	2	\$4,231
10	Benzie	1	\$235	40	Kalkaska	1	\$412	70	Ottawa	12	\$19,043
11	Berrien	9	\$11,887	41	Kent	45	\$118,338	71	Presque Isle	2	\$8,799
12	Branch	2	4,770	42	Keweenaw	0		72	Roscommon	0	
13	Calhoun	8	\$10,287	43	Lake	3	\$6701	73	Saginaw	7	\$20,095
14	Cass	2	\$5190	44	Lapeer	7	\$13,323	74	St. Clair	14	\$31,678
15	Charlevoix	0		45	Leelanau	1	\$282	75	St. Joseph	8	\$14,501
16	Cheboygan	4	\$5,018	46	Lenawee	4	\$13,164	76	Sanilac	4	\$7,838
17	Chippewa	0		47	Livingston	8	\$28,359	77	Schoolcraft	0	
18	Clare	2	\$5,736	48	Luce	0		78	Shiawassee	6	\$21,735
19	Clinton	7	\$22,751	49	Mackinac	0		79	Tuscola	1	\$5,397
20	Crawford	0		50	Macomb	50	\$117,889	80	Van Buren	2	\$800
21	Delta	0		51	Manistee	0		81	Washtenaw	20	\$38,998
22	Dickinson	9	\$11,679	52	Marquette	2	\$3,761	82	Wayne	50	\$138,869
23	Eaton	4	\$9,428	53	Mason	2	\$3,299	83	Wexford	0	0
24	Emmet	1	\$7,820	54	Mecosta	1	\$1,115		Unassigned	3	\$3054
25	Genesee	18	\$41,556	55	Menominee	1	\$2,116				
26	Gladwin	1	\$979	56	Midland	2	\$1,682				
27	Gogebic	0		57	Missaukee	1	\$332				
28	Grand Traverse	12	\$13,631	58	Monroe	2	\$288				
29	Gratiot	0		59	Montcalm	6	\$9778				
30	Hillsdale	6	\$5701	60	Montmorency	0					
									<b>Total Patients Treated: 425</b>		
									<b>Total Treatment Value: \$1,175,565</b>		