

Volunteer Dental Program

(FY2014 Appropriation Bill - Public Act 59 of 2013)

December 1, 2013

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, 2012 to September 30, 2013

Report Addressing: Section 1109(2) of PA 59 of 2013

Overview of FY 2012/2013 Achievements		
	FY 2012	FY 2013
Number of patients treated:	505	458
Number of dental procedures provided:	5,238	5,912
Number of volunteer dentists:	842	822
Number of dentists involved with patients treated:	842	822
Value of donated services by dentists:	\$1,315,387	\$1,502,354
Number of volunteer dental laboratories:	238	251
Value of donated laboratory services:	\$157,168	\$143,292
Value of donated treatment:	\$1,472,555	\$1,645,646

This program is 18 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 2013

In compliance with section 1109(2), of PA 59 of 2013, 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, many dentists do not accept Medicaid insurance.

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 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 \$1,504,000 worth of treatment for 520 disabled, aged, or medically compromised individuals statewide. By the end of the September 30th fiscal year, 458 individuals had received care worth \$1,645,646. While the goal for the number of individuals was not met, the individuals who were treated had more complex needs that delayed the number of individuals being accepted into treatment. Each person who finished treatment received an average of \$3,593 worth of dental treatment.

The 458 individuals who completed treatment required 5,912 dental procedures, or an average of 12.91 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 \$151,000 worth of donated laboratory fabrications from the 251 labs that volunteer. Labs donated \$143,292 worth of fabrications by the end of the fiscal year.

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 \$10.97.**

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, 676 applications were received, and at the end of the fiscal year, 245 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 245.

Applications are not being accepted in the following counties: Alcona, Benzie, Clare, Crawford, Dickinson, Gladwin, Gogebic, Houghton, Huron, Iron, Jackson, Kalkaska, Keweenaw, Lake, Livingston, Luce, Newaygo, Oceana, Ontonagon, Oscoda, Presque Isle, Tuscola and the City of Detroit in Wayne County.

Volunteers

Since DDS recruitment efforts were launched in the fall of 1995, the cadre of volunteer dentists' total 822; 419 practice in the southeastern section of the state and another 403 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 822 volunteer dentists, there are 250 dental specialists, leaving 572 dentists available for initial referrals. In addition, 251 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 10/1/12 – 9/30/13

Cty #	County Name	Transactions	Treatment Value	Cty #	County Name	Transactions	Treatment Value	Cty #	County Name	Transactions	Treatment Value
01	Alcona			31	Houghton	1	\$2,750	61	Muskegon	12	\$34,584
02	Alger			32	Huron	1	\$2,980	62	Newaygo	1	\$4,082
03	Allegan	5	\$13,427	33	Ingham	38	\$78,240	63	Oakland	52	\$122,748
04	Alpena	5	\$13,485	34	Ionia	6	\$18,295	64	Oceana		
05	Antrim			35	Iosco	1	\$330	65	Ogemaw	2	\$3,099
06	Arenac	3	\$9,466	36	Iron	1	\$3,808	66	Ontonagon		
07	Baraga			37	Isabella	2	\$8,196	67	Osceola	1	\$7,057
08	Barry	4	\$12,138	38	Jackson	6	\$26,633	68	Oscoda	1	\$3,003
09	Bay	8	\$18,801	39	Kalamazoo	14	\$36,617	69	Otsego	4	\$21,071
10	Benzie	1	\$466	40	Kalkaska	1	\$1,382	70	Ottawa	9	\$18,510
11	Berrien	17	\$27,789	41	Kent	59	\$151,073	71	Presque Isle		
12	Branch	2	\$12,440	42	Keweenaw			72	Roscommon	3	\$20,269
13	Calhoun	5	\$10,137	43	Lake			73	Saginaw	4	\$14,838
14	Cass	2	\$5,400	44	Lapeer	6	\$23,200	74	St. Clair	13	\$36,236
15	Charlevoix	3	\$2,027	45	Leelanau			75	St. Joseph	2	\$3,778
16	Cheboygan	1	\$99	46	Lenawee	5	\$8,110	76	Sanilac	2	\$5,015
17	Chippewa			47	Livingston	10	\$29,982	77	Schoolcraft	2	\$5,690
18	Clare	1	\$5,505	48	Luce			78	Shiawassee	5	\$16,178
19	Clinton	1	\$5,468	49	Mackinac	2	\$3,985	79	Tuscola	2	\$2,572
20	Crawford	1	\$2,660	50	Macomb	43	\$173,778	80	Van Buren	1	\$4,524
21	Delta	2	\$5,728	51	Manistee	3	\$11,420	81	Washtenaw	26	\$89,326
22	Dickinson	8	\$25,719	52	Marquette	2	\$9,820	82	Wayne	83	\$262,423
23	Eaton	5	\$11,589	53	Mason	2	\$9,779	83	Wexford		
24	Emmet			54	Mecosta	5	\$14,184		Unassigned		
25	Genesee	25	\$72,585	55	Menominee						
26	Gladwin	5	\$18,682	56	Midland	8	\$33,725				
27	Gogebic			57	Missaukee						
28	Grand Traverse	18	\$35,943	58	Monroe				Total # Treated	458	
29	Gratiot	5	\$7,063	59	Montcalm				Total Treatment Value: \$1,645,646		
30	Hillsdale	6	\$3,745	60	Montmorency						