

Volunteer Dental Program

(FY2015 Appropriation Bill - Public Act 252 of 2014)

December 1, 2014

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, 2013, to September 30, 2014

Report Addressing: Section 1109(2) of PA 252 of 2014

Overview of Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Achievements		
Description	FY 2013	FY 2014
Number of patients treated:	458	472
Number of dental procedures provided:	5,912	4,801
Number of volunteer dentists:	822	812
Number of dentists involved with patients treated:	822	812
Value of donated services by dentists:	\$1,502,354	\$1,273,548
Number of volunteer dental laboratories:	251	203
Value of donated laboratory services:	\$143,292	\$130,437
Value of donated treatment:	\$1,645,646	\$1,403,981

The Donated Dental Services Program is 19 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 Fiscal Year 2014

In compliance with section 1109(2) of PA 252 of 2014, 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 and/or disabilities, many cannot work and depend on public assistance for their health care. Medicare, however, does not provide dental benefits.

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 additional 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 \$1,700,000 worth of treatment for 506 disabled, aged, or medically compromised individuals statewide. By the end of the fiscal year (September 30), 472 individuals had received care worth \$1,403,981.

The 472 individuals who completed treatment required 4,801 dental procedures, or an average of 10.17 procedures per person. Each person who finished treatment received an average of \$2,975 worth of dental treatment; illustrating the comprehensive nature of the care provided.

A second goal was to generate \$160,000 worth of donated laboratory fabrications from the labs that volunteer. Labs donated \$130,437 worth of fabrications by fiscal year end closing.

Financial

Though the dentists and many of the labs donate their services, the funding also includes costs 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 \$9.35.**

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, 606 applications were received, and at the end of the fiscal year, 120 applications were pending or waiting to be linked with volunteer dentists. The waiting list is continually monitored to assess whether new applications can be accepted.

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, Roscommon, 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 812; 413 practice in the southeastern section of the state and another 399 in the remainder of Michigan. Of the total 812 volunteer dentists, there are 257 dental specialists, leaving 555 dentists available for initial referrals. In addition, 203 dental laboratories donate some of the fabrications needed by so many of the people treated.

More volunteers are still needed throughout the state, especially in the City of Detroit where there are many requests for help. While there were 26 new volunteer dentists that participated this year, many more dentists are needed. 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.

**Donated Dental Treatment by Michigan County Fiscal
Year 2013-14**

County #	County Name	No. of Treatments	Value of Treatments
1	Alcona	1	\$2,087
2	Alger		
3	Allegan	10	\$14,891
4	Alpena	6	\$19,538
5	Antrim	2	\$3,258
6	Arenac	5	\$10,786
7	Baraga	1	\$200
8	Barry	3	\$7,115
9	Bay	11	\$12,639
10	Benzie	1	\$854
11	Berrien	9	\$12,684
12	Branch		
13	Calhoun	7	\$17,835
14	Cass		
15	Charlevoix	3	\$7,255
16	Cheboygan	1	\$260
17	Chippewa	1	\$2,026
18	Clare		
19	Clinton		
20	Crawford	1	\$1,500
21	Delta	2	\$7,123
22	Dickinson	2	\$5,002
23	Eaton	5	\$2,097
24	Emmet	1	\$415
25	Genesee	29	\$80,712
26	Gladwin	4	\$5,468
27	Gogebic		
28	Grand Traverse	9	\$11,695
29	Gratiot	5	\$9,525
30	Hillsdale	8	\$9,549
31	Houghton		
32	Huron		
33	Ingham	34	\$70,122
34	Ionia	5	\$18,132
35	Iosco	1	\$827
36	Iron		
37	Isabella	5	\$11,988
38	Jackson	4	\$8,543
39	Kalamazoo	10	\$33,030
40	Kalkaska	1	\$1,518
41	Kent	53	\$126,580
42	Keweenaw		
43	Lake		
44	Lapeer	4	\$2,646
45	Leelanau		

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Year 2013-14**

County #	County Name	No. of Treatments	Value of Treatments
46	Lenawee	5	\$20,497
47	Livingston	3	\$12,136
48	Luce		
49	Mackinac	1	\$3,741
50	Macomb	57	\$144,758
51	Manistee	2	\$4,757
52	Marquette	5	\$9,699
53	Mason	3	\$14,943
54	Mecosta	2	\$5,908
55	Menominee		
56	Midland	4	\$18,089
57	Missaukee	1	\$3,022
58	Monroe	7	\$18,967
59	Montcalm	1	\$1,325
60	Montmorency		
61	Muskegon	7	\$11,885
62	Newaygo	1	\$3,811
63	Oakland	75	\$194,764
64	Oceana	1	\$1,676
65	Ogemaw		
66	Ontonagon		
67	Osceola		
68	Oscoda		
69	Otsego	2	\$5,080
70	Ottawa	7	\$14,056
71	Presque Isle		
72	Roscommon	2	\$8,037
73	Saginaw	3	\$6,388
74	St. Clair	11	\$37,269
75	St. Joseph	2	\$5,280
76	Sanilac	5	\$9,053
77	Schoolcraft		
78		4	\$8,337
79	Tuscola	1	\$1,062
80	Van Buren	4	\$17,673
81	Washtenaw	33	\$101,142
82	Wayne	77	\$195,052
83	Wexford	3	\$7,674
	TOTAL		\$1,403,981