

Dental Services Report

(FY2016 Appropriation Bill - Public Act 84 of 2015)

December 1, 2015

Sec. 1305 (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 the department budget 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, 2014, to September 30, 2015

Report Addressing: Section 1305(2) of PA 84 of 2015

Overview of Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Achievements

Description	FY 2014	FY 2015
Number of patients treated:	472	478
Number of dental procedures provided:	4,801	6,098
Number of volunteer dentists:	812	829
Number of dentists involved with patients treated:	812	829
Value of donated services by dentists:	\$1,273,548	\$1,546,628
Number of volunteer dental laboratories:	203	217
Value of donated laboratory services:	\$130,437	\$156,823
Value of donated treatment:	\$1,403,985	\$1,703,451

The Donated Dental Services Program is 20 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, in 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 2015

In compliance with section 1305(2) of PA 84 of 2015, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, 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 and Michigan's Medicaid program limits procedures and the frequency of the 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 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 \$1,443,000 worth of treatment for 478 disabled, aged, or medically compromised individuals statewide. By the end of the fiscal year (September 30), 478 individuals had received care worth \$1,703,449. The goal was met for individuals served and exceeded the goal for donated care. Many individuals were able to receive diagnostic, preventive and simple restorative treatment covered by Medicaid and relied on the Donated Dental Services Program for more complex restorative treatment. The comprehensive care received illustrates the generosity of the volunteer dentists and labs.

The 478 individuals who completed treatment required 6,098 dental procedures, or an average of 12.76 procedures per person. Each person who finished treatment received an average of \$4,037 worth of dental treatment; illustrating the comprehensive nature of the care provided.

A second goal was to generate \$150,000 worth of donated laboratory fabrications from the labs that volunteer. Labs donated \$156,823 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 \$10.62.**

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, 531 applications were received, and at the end of the fiscal year, 123 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.

Due to lack of volunteers, applications are not being accepted in the following counties: Alcona, Clare, Crawford, Dickinson, Gladwin, Gogebic, Houghton, Huron, Iron, Kalkaska, Keweenaw, Lake, Luce, Menominee, Newaygo, Oceana, Ontonagon, Oscoda, 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 829; 412 practice in the southeastern section of the state and another 417 in the remainder of Michigan. Of the total 829 volunteer dentists, there are 261 dental specialists, leaving 568 dentists available for initial referrals. 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 in the City of Detroit where there are many requests for help. While there were 37 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 MDHHS and MDA are planning to intensify recruiting activities to encourage more dentists and labs to become involved.

Attachment

A Treatment by County Report that depicts the number of individuals treated and the value of the treatment for the fiscal year is attached. Reports that depict treatment by city and disability are available upon request.

TREATMENT BY COUNTY 10/1/14 – 9/30/15

Cty #	County Name	Transactions	Treatment Value	Cty #	County Name	Transactions	Treatment Value	Cty #	County Name	Transactions	Treatment Value
01	Alcona	1	2,482	31	Houghton	1	4,453	61	Muskegon	20	70,734
02	Alger	1	7,547	32	Huron			62	Newaygo		
03	Allegan	7	13,157	33	Ingham	31	89,225	63	Oakland	88	311,597
04	Alpena	6	20,320	34	Ionia	3	5,545	64	Oceana		
05	Antrim	2	4,873	35	Iosco			65	Ogemaw	1	7,115
06	Arenac	2	8,900	36	Iron	1	3,616	66	Ontonagon		
07	Baraga			37	Isabella	4	14,875	67	Osceola	2	9,646
08	Barry	4	10,610	38	Jackson	6	13,256	68	Oscoda		
09	Bay	12	26,963	39	Kalamazoo	13	31,640	69	Otsego	5	11,615
10	Benzie	1	2,139	40	Kalkaska	4	8,477	70	Ottawa	10	23,393
11	Berrien	16	35,463	41	Kent	54	145,675	71	Presque Isle		
12	Branch			42	Keweenaw			72	Roscommon	1	5,767
13	Calhoun	5	10,604	43	Lake			73	Saginaw	10	29,861
14	Cass	1	450	44	Lapeer	6	13,402	74	St. Clair	12	67,191
15	Charlevoix	1	535	45	Leelanau			75	St. Joseph	4	8,400
16	Cheboygan	2	3,594	46	Lenawee	4	5,721	76	Sanilac	4	8,451
17	Chippewa	3	9,095	47	Livingston	7	56,309	77	Schoolcraft		
18	Clare			48	Luce			78	Shiawassee	6	4,448
19	Clinton			49	Mackinac			79	Tuscola		
20	Crawford			50	Macomb	54	170,959	80	Van Buren	1	1,904
21	Delta	3	10,748	51	Manistee	2	3,625	81	Washtenaw	19	38,088
22	Dickinson	2	7,826	52	Marquette	6	7,385	82	Wayne	80	237,331
23	Eaton	4	13,191	53	Mason	1	7,315	83	Wexford		
24	Emmet	1	495	54	Mecosta	1	5,477		Unassigned		
25	Genesee	21	38,542	55	Menominee						
26	Gladwin	5	18,051	56	Midland	1	490				
27	Gogebic			57	Missaukee						
28	Grand Traverse	11	9,483	58	Monroe	4	8,971		Total # Transactions: 586		
29	Gratiot	5	13,081	59	Montcalm	1	1,935		Total # Treated	478	
30	Hillsdale	3	1,410	60	Montmorency				Total Treatment Value: \$1,703,451		