

# ADVOCACY UPDATE

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# Legislative Affairs

## 2024 Priorities

- Virtual Credit Card Payments
- Dental Loss Ratio
- Assignment of Benefits
- State Budget
- Dental Workforce
- Student Debt

# Virtual Credit Card Payments

- What is a virtual credit card?
- What is the problem with Virtual Credit Card Payments?
- House Bill 5938

# Dental Loss Ratio

- Massachusetts Question 2
  - 83% of patient premiums must be used towards patient care or the plan purchaser receives a rebate
  - Goes into effect 2025
- What does this mean for Michigan?

# Assignment of Benefits

- What is Assignment of Benefits?
- What is the MDA's next step?

# State Budget

- 2024 State Budget Recap
- MDA Budget Items
  - Healthy Kids Dental
  - Healthy Michigan Plan
  - Anesthesia Reimbursement Formula
  - Donated Dental Services
  - New Adult Dental Medicaid Program

# Medicaid Improvements

- New investment in 2023: \$85 Million
- New Covered Procedures:
  - Crowns
  - root canals
  - some periodontics
- Simplified Processes:
  - PA removed for dentures and partials
  - Frequency verification in CHAMPS
- Annual Fee Schedule Updates
  - Benchmarked to 100% Commercial UCR

# Medicaid Rebid

- New Contracts Begin October 1
- Minimal Changes to Awardees
- New Requirements for Dental
  - Quality Measures
  - Transportation Assistance
  - Patient Assistance
- Does NOT Include HKD

- New Resources for Members
  - Webinars
  - Presentations
  - Tip Sheets
- MDHHS Credentialing Workgroup
- Anesthesia Reimbursement
- Claims Assistance: Contact April
- Awareness

Ongoing Work

# Workforce Shortage

- Significant shortage of registered dental assistants and registered dental hygienists across the country, including Michigan
  - Post-2020 demand for care has magnified issue
  - Factors such as burnout, lack of benefits, difficult work environment, lack of childcare, and limited growth opportunities have driven trained individuals into non-dental careers
- What is the MDA doing?

# Student Debt

- ADA is looking to start their own credit union
  - Reduced interest rates
- MDA endorsed services SoFi
  - Help you refinance your loans
- Michigan Student Loan Repayment Program
  - For work in underserved areas

- Passed Senate Bill 281
  - Network leasing transparency
- Passed Senate Bill 280
  - Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment Program
- Improvements to Adult Dental Medicaid Program
- Increased Medicaid facility fee paid to ambulatory surgical centers and outpatient hospitals
- Increased Medicaid anesthesia services reimbursement

## 2023 MDA Advocacy Legislative Victories



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## Questions

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