

Michigan Dental Association

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 2, 2021

Zoom Videoconference

Attendance

Present

Dr. Michael Maihofer, President

Dr. Vincent Benivegna, President-Elect

Dr. Christopher Smiley, Editor

Dr. Eric Knudsen, Secretary/Treasurer

Dr. Todd Christy, Speaker

Absent

Karen Burgess, MBA, CAE, Executive Director

Dr. Stephen Meraw, Immediate Past President

MDA Staff

Michelle Nichols-Cruz, Governance Manager

Bill Sullivan, Vice President of Advocacy and Professional Relations

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Maihofer at 5:00 p.m.

MEDICARE PROGRAM EXPANSION TO INCLUDE DENTAL BENEFITS

The ADA contacted all state dental associations on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 asking for each dental association to sign on to a letter to congressional leaders in support of ADA lobbying efforts opposing including the dental benefit in Part B of Medicare. The ADA asked for a response by Friday, September 3 at 1pm.

The MDA does not have policy on this issue and the MDA Committee on Access to Care will be reviewing the entire ADA Medicare expansion policy on Friday, September 17. As a result, due to time constraints, in order to sign on to the letter the MDA requires Executive Committee approval to do so.

The following was adopted and will be provided to the Board for ratification at its September meeting:

1EC-921 Resolved, that the MDA supports signing on to the ADA letter opposing **Adopted**
including the dental benefit in Part B of Medicare.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Michael Maihofer, DDS
President

Eric Knudsen, DDS
Secretary/Treasurer