Michigan Dental Association

SCOPE OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO CARE (CAC)

Composition

The Committee on Access to Care consists of:

- Up to eight members to serve for not more than three two-year terms with staggered terms so that all committee members' terms do not expire in the same year.
- The committee has a chair and a vice-chair appointed by the Board. Generally, the chair serves one year as chair, then the vice-chair moves to the chair position. A former chair may continue on the committee if his/her term is not yet up.
- Two student member positions; one from University of Detroit Mercy and one from University of Michigan.
- Chair serves as liaison to the Committee on Governmental and Insurance Affairs.
- Consultants (individuals with specific expertise or perspective) may be appointed to serve on an as-needed basis as determined by the Board.
- Exceptions to the above may be made with Board approval.
- Non-voting ex-officio members of the committee include the president, president-elect, secretary/treasurer and executive director.

Purpose

To assist the BOT by monitoring trends and recommending policies and programs to address access to care. To represent the MDA within established policy at oral health and other stakeholder meetings relative to access to care.

Authority

Makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

Duties

- Collect data, monitor and evaluate access to care issues throughout Michigan.
- Address diversity, inclusion and cultural competency in the provision of dental care.
- Make recommendations related to improving oral health status for those who do not have the resources to seek oral care on a regular basis.
- Bring stakeholders together to encourage collaboration in addressing access to care issues.
- Recommend and evaluate education programs for members and the public relative to access to care.
- Identify and evaluate opportunities to educate the public on the importance and value

of regular dental care, including how to obtain and pay for dental care.

- Identify and evaluate opportunities to provide education to members on how to treat populations with barriers to care and how to successfully incorporate them into their private practice.
- Monitor state Medicaid and other access programs and provide information to MDHHS and stakeholders on concerns and best practices when possible.
- Collaborate with other MDA committees as necessary, such as the Committee on Governmental and Insurance Affairs and Public Relations Committee.

2022-2023 Charges (effective May 1, 2022)

- Provide information and support for members who wish to participate with Medicaid programs, including Healthy Kids Dental and Healthy Michigan Plan.
- Identify barriers and solutions to better serve diverse communities throughout the state.
- Evaluate and make recommendations to increase oral health literacy.
- Coordinate and promote activities related to community water fluoridation.
- Identify objectives within the State Oral Health Plan consistent with MDA policy and support implementation.
- Support the Michigan Donated Dental Services (DDS) program efforts to increase promotion and funding.

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