

**Unofficial Report of Major Actions  
Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP)  
July 14-15 2022**

The Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP) met on July 14 -15 2022 in Chicago at ADA Headquarters. The following is a summary of major actions taken by the Council.

Report of the Access and Advocacy Subcommittee: Dr. Kristi Golden, Subcommittee chair, shared the following information with the Council:

1. A report from the Medicaid Provider Advisory Committee on identified priority issues
2. An overview of the Public Health Advisory Committee

Report of the Prevention Subcommittee: Dr. Shamik Vakil, Subcommittee chair, updated the Council on the activities of the subcommittee, which included:

1. An update of the CAAP Sealant Workgroup with a perspective for 2023
2. Showing the 2023 National Children's Dental Health Month poster "Brush Floss Smile".
3. A progress report and timeline for the Fluoridation Compendium

Report of the Prime Subcommittee: Dr. James Mancini, Subcommittee chair and CAAP Vice-Chair, shared news from the Subcommittee which included

1. The Action for Dental Health and Humanitarian Award 2022 processes and winners.
2. Formation of an HPV Stakeholders Workgroup for 2023
3. A status report on the Community Dental Health Coordinator program
4. A review of CAAP webinars which focused on Medicaid providers and ED Referral

### **Resolutions:**

Upon vote, the following resolution was unanimously approved by the Council and will be transmitted to the 2022 House of Delegates for its consideration:

**Resolved**, that the American Dental Association recommends that a state by state assessment of managed care organizations be conducted to determine what percentage of federal and state allocated Medicaid dollars is being spent annually for clinical dental services and what is being spent on program administration in order to determine an accurate dental loss ratio and establish a baseline for future evaluation, and be it further.

**Resolved**, that the American Dental Association recommends regular, documentable monitoring of the dental loss ratio, especially as differentiated from the encompassing medical loss ratio of the overall state Medicaid program, and be it further

**Resolved**, that the American Dental Association urges the Council for Dental Benefit Programs to revise its Medicaid Contract Toolkit template to include these recommendations in the request for proposals (RFPs) of managed care organizations to administer dental Medicaid programs.

Upon vote, the Council also chose to modify the resolution adopted at the January meeting which will be transmitted to the 2022 House of Delegates:

**Resolved:** that the ADA supports and encourages research and collaboration between dentists and other health care providers to help identify systemic diseases which are strongly suspected to have a direct relationship to a patient's oral health."

### **Special Orders of Business:**

- Dr. Ray Cohlma, ADA Executive Director, shared an update on the state of the ADA from both organizational and corporate standpoints. He addressed issues such as membership, communication and upcoming initiatives such as strategic forecasting.
- Dr. Chelsea Fosse, Senior Policy Analyst, of the ADA's Health Policy Institute, updated the Council on the recent survey results on dental workforce and practice capacity.
- Dr. Diptee Ojha, Director of the Dental Quality Alliance and Clinical Data Registry, offered insights to the Council on the Dental Quality Alliance and the newest set of quality measurements under consideration by third party payers.
- Dr. Natalia Chalmers, Chief Dental Officer of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), presented the pillars of a Health Equity now integrated into all CMS programs.
- Ms. April Kates Ellison, VP of Member and Client Services and Ms. Stephanie Moritz, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer, revealed data from a survey of ADA members who responded to questions on member value and association values.

- Dr. Jill Keaton, Director of Dental Hygiene and Assisting programs at Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg Kentucky, shared the relevant progress of the Community Dental Health Coordinator program. A recent graduate offered insights into her current dental professional activities while using the skill set acquired during the training.
- Five leadership staff from the American Academy of Pediatrics personally shared with the Council a timeline of the AAP Section on Oral Health which has members who are pediatric dentists and pediatricians. They provided a background on the Chapter Oral Health Advocates group which assist professionals in a collaborative way to improve access to care and reduce disease.

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