

**Council on Government Affairs  
Unofficial Report of Major Actions  
January 19-21, 2023**

The Council on Government Affairs (CGA) met in the ADA's Washington Office on January 19-21, 2023. The following is a summary of the major actions taken by the Council:

1. The Council voted to approve the amended federal dental services workgroup charge statement.
2. The Council voted to approve the public insurance advocacy workgroup charge statement.
3. The Council voted to approve the private insurance advocacy workgroup charge statement.
4. The Council agreed to retain nine policies and amend eight policies, pending review by the Councils with secondary jurisdiction. The Council also formally voted to rescind three policies, pending review by the councils with secondary jurisdiction.
5. The Council identified the following issues as its advocacy priorities in 2023:
  - a. Student loan reform
  - b. Public dental insurance reform
  - c. Private dental insurance reform
  - d. Workforce
  - e. Veterans
  - f. Lead testing

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**The Council will meet on July 20-22, 2023 in Washington, DC.**