

**UNOFFICIAL REPORT OF MAJOR ACTIONS
COUNCIL ON ADVOCACY FOR ACCESS AND PREVENTION
January 12, 2024**

The Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP/ the Council) met virtually on January 12, 2024. The following is a summary of major actions taken by the Council.

1. The Council engaged with ADA Executive Director Dr. Ray Cohlma on discussions of ADA-Forsythe, access to care strategies and concepts of member value within the Association.
2. Assigned the Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) and its Chair, Dr. Sid Whitman, to continue advancing the identified goals of increased provider participation / patient utilization within selected states.
3. The Council participated in a discussion with the Chair (Dr. Chris Delecki) of the National Fluoridation Advisory Committee (NFAC) to learn about the updated Fluoridation Facts (FF) document and share useful strategies to navigate fluoridation challenges within states.
4. Reviewed concepts to promote and measure improvements in Oral Health Literacy, potentially in the six identified Medicaid priority states.
5. Directed the continuance of collaboration with the American College of Emergency Physicians within an ideation phase of ED Referral programs via Access to Care Subcommittee
6. Directed the continuance of National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM) activities in collaboration with the Division of Communications for wider promotion of materials.
7. Received an update on the Sugar, Nutrition and Diet Presidential Workgroup.
8. Heard the report shared with the 2023 House of Delegates on the National Quitline Project.
9. Received an initial presentation on coverage for a targeted set of Medicare beneficiaries newly eligible for dental services within the Medicare program as well as the proposal from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to remove the prohibition and allowing states to choose to classify adult dental coverage as an Essential health Benefit (EHB).
10. Approved the collaboration efforts with the American College Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG) to disseminate and promote the updated research on oral health and pregnancy
11. Accepted the invitation of Dr. Tim Ricks, Chief Dental Officer of the Indian Health Service, to collaborate on activities to move the goals of Healthy People 2030 forward.
12. Deliberated the presentation information from Dr. Tim Ricks of the Indian Health Service and directed the continued development of the Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC) model within educational and agency settings.

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