



DAY AT THE STATEHOUSE

ODA MEMBER BENEFIT

2022 Day at the Statehouse

May 18, 2022
Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square
75 E. State St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Agenda

8:30 am	Registration Opens
9:00 am	Legislative Briefing Session <i>(for those with morning legislative meetings)</i> <i>Review of Legislative Issues, Handouts, and Talking Points</i> <i>Legislative Meeting Tips</i> <i>Questions and Answers</i>
12:00 – 2:00 pm	Lunch
12:00 pm	Legislative Briefing Session <i>(for those with afternoon legislative meetings)</i> <i>Review of Legislative Issues, Handouts, and Talking Points</i> <i>Legislative Meeting Tips</i> <i>Questions and Answers</i>
2:00 – 4:00 pm	ODPAC Board of Directors Meeting <i>Open to Registered Attendees</i>
Afternoon	Report Results of Legislative Meetings <i>Return Legislative Evaluation Meeting Form to an ODA Staff member.</i>

Other Activities

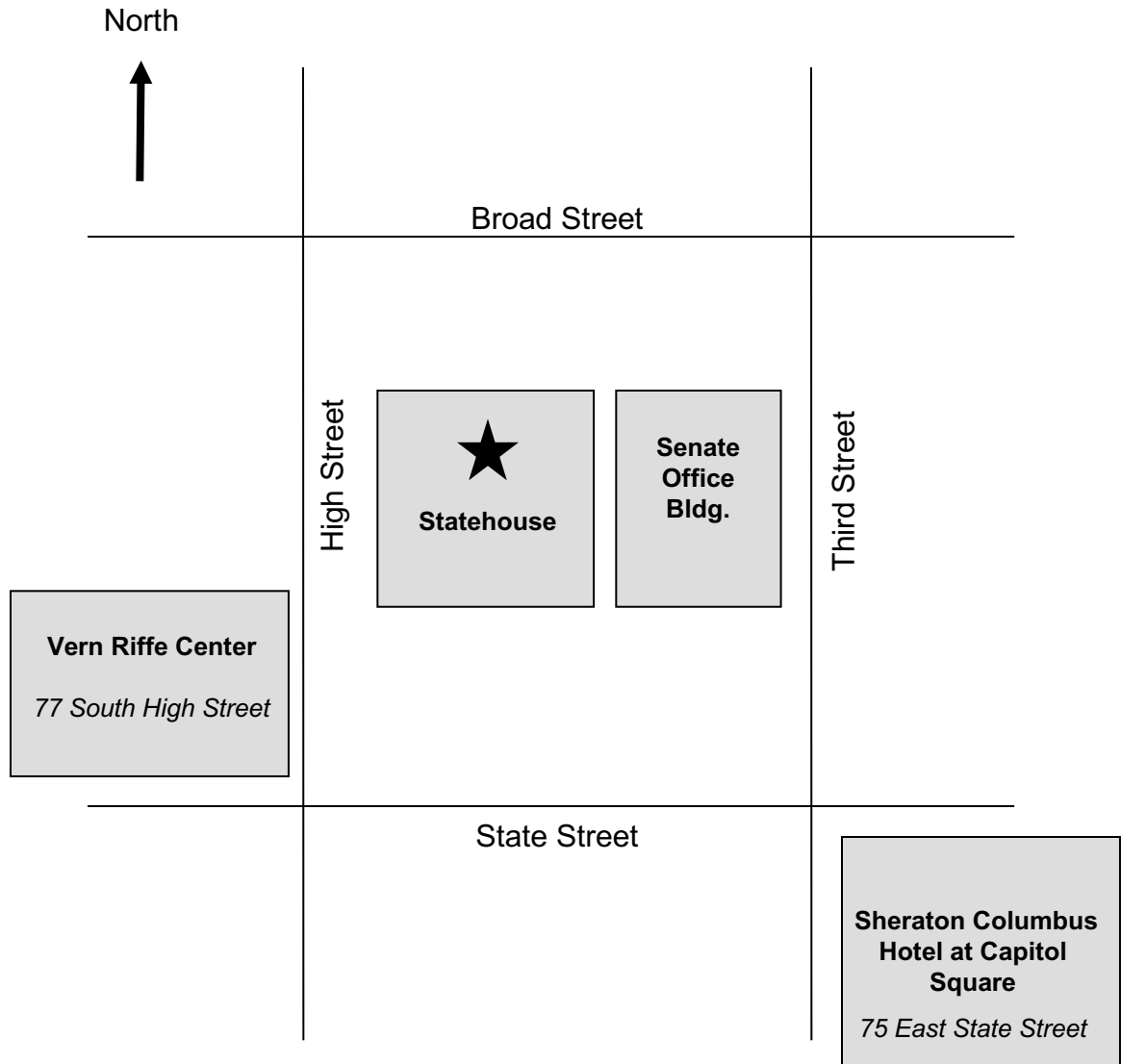
Legislative Session	The Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate will hold legislative sessions. The Ohio House of Representatives Legislative Session will begin at 1:00 pm and the Ohio Senate Legislative Session will begin at 1:30 pm. Sessions are open to the public.
Statehouse Tours	Free guided Statehouse tours are offered on the hour from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Tours last about 45 minutes and depart from the map room outside of the gift shop. Self-guided tours are also possible.



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Map to the Statehouse, Senate Offices and Vern Riffe Center





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Tips on Meeting with Legislators

Elected officials are not experts on everything that they are asked to consider, including dental issues. In fact, most legislators know very little about dentistry. They utilize their personal experiences and background and the education they receive from advocacy groups and other interested parties when making decisions. There are at least two sides to every issue. If we don't do our part to educate policymakers, then we are ceding power to those who do take the time to educate these officials.

When meeting with your legislator,

Do...	Do Not...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Let the legislator know that you are a constituent. ✓ Let the legislator know that you are involved with the ODA. ✓ Try to establish a common bond (does not have to be political). ✓ Talk briefly about ODA legislative priorities. You generally have 5-10 minutes to get your message across, so keep it simple and on point. ✓ Close the sale – ask the legislator for his or her support. ✓ If the legislator commits to the ODA position, thank the legislator for their support and stop the sale. ✓ Offer to be a source of information and provide your contact information. ✓ Thank the legislator for their time and support. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∅ Discuss any legislation not on the ODA's legislative agenda. ∅ Discuss campaign funds or make any promises of future support. ∅ Criticize any state agency or official.

****MOST IMPORTANT POINTS****

- 1) Legislators have no clue about dentistry.
- 2) Keep the message simple and on point.
- 3) Work within your time constraints.
- 4) Ask for a commitment.
- 5) If they commit, STOP TALKING!



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Notes



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Legislative Meeting Evaluation Form

Please complete the following information on meetings held with legislators/staff.

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Your Name:	

#1 - Legislative Meeting Information		
Name of Legislator/Staff Visited:		
Feedback from Meeting:		
Should the ODA follow up with the Legislator/Staff?	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>

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Name of Legislator/Staff Visited:		
Feedback from Meeting:		
Should the ODA follow up with the Legislator/Staff?	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>

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Name of Legislator/Staff Visited:		
Feedback from Meeting:		
Should the ODA follow up with the Legislator/Staff?	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>

Submission Instructions

Please submit your completed evaluation form to Eric Richmond, Esq., Director of Legal and Legislative Services via email at eric@oda.org, fax to (614) 486-0381, or mail to the ODA Office at 1370 Dublin Road, Columbus, OH 43215.



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Help Stop Unfair Dental Insurance Practices

Support HB 344

House Bill 344 is needed to remedy an inequity in the dental insurance system. **Dental insurance plans are now dictating fees for dental services that the insurance company does not even cover for enrollees.** This practice is fundamentally unfair and unnecessarily interferes with the patient-dentist relationship.

The Ohio Dental Association supports HB 344 and the effort to stop this unfair practice and now asks policymakers to support Ohio's small business dental practices by passing this critical legislation.

Action is Necessary to Preserve Patients' Relationships with their Dentists of Choice

These unfair contract provisions can unnecessarily interfere with a patient's relationship with his or her dentist. In some cases, the imposed reimbursement level is too low to meet actual costs leaving the dentist unable to perform the procedure. Even if the patient wishes to remain with the practice and offers to pay the regular fee, accepting that offer could put the dentist in breach of his or her provider agreement. This forces the patient to either seek treatment from another dentist who is not under contract or forgo the procedure altogether.

Action is Necessary to Prevent Cost Shifting to the Uninsured

Dental insurers are dictating fees for non-covered dental services to make their plans appear more attractive in the marketplace. However, it will not produce any overall savings, but will instead result in a cost shifting from those covered under the plan to others, including those who do not have dental insurance and may be the least able to afford dental services. This scheme may be a money maker for dental insurers, but is not a cost savings for those who pay for and utilize dental services. Currently, over 36% of Ohio adults aged 18 to 64 and over 60% of elderly Ohioans do not have any type of dental insurance coverage.


Action is Necessary to Protect Dental Practices as Small Businesses

Dental fees reflect the extremely high overhead costs of operating a dental practice, including staffing, equipment and supplies. Without action, these unfair insurance practices could impact the viability of some practices - particularly those in low-income and underserved areas. Dental practices are an important part of Ohio's economy with the average dental office generating \$1.3 million annually in economic activity through the payment of wages and taxes and the purchase of services, supplies, and equipment. Additionally, it is estimated that over 20,000 Ohioans work in dental practices across the state.

42 States Have Already Acted with No Report of Increased Costs to Consumers

Forty-two states now have laws banning this practice by dental insurers with no reported increase in costs to consumers. Additionally, the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) thoroughly studied the issue and adopted a model act for addressing this concern. The NCOIL model act serves as the basis for House Bill 344.

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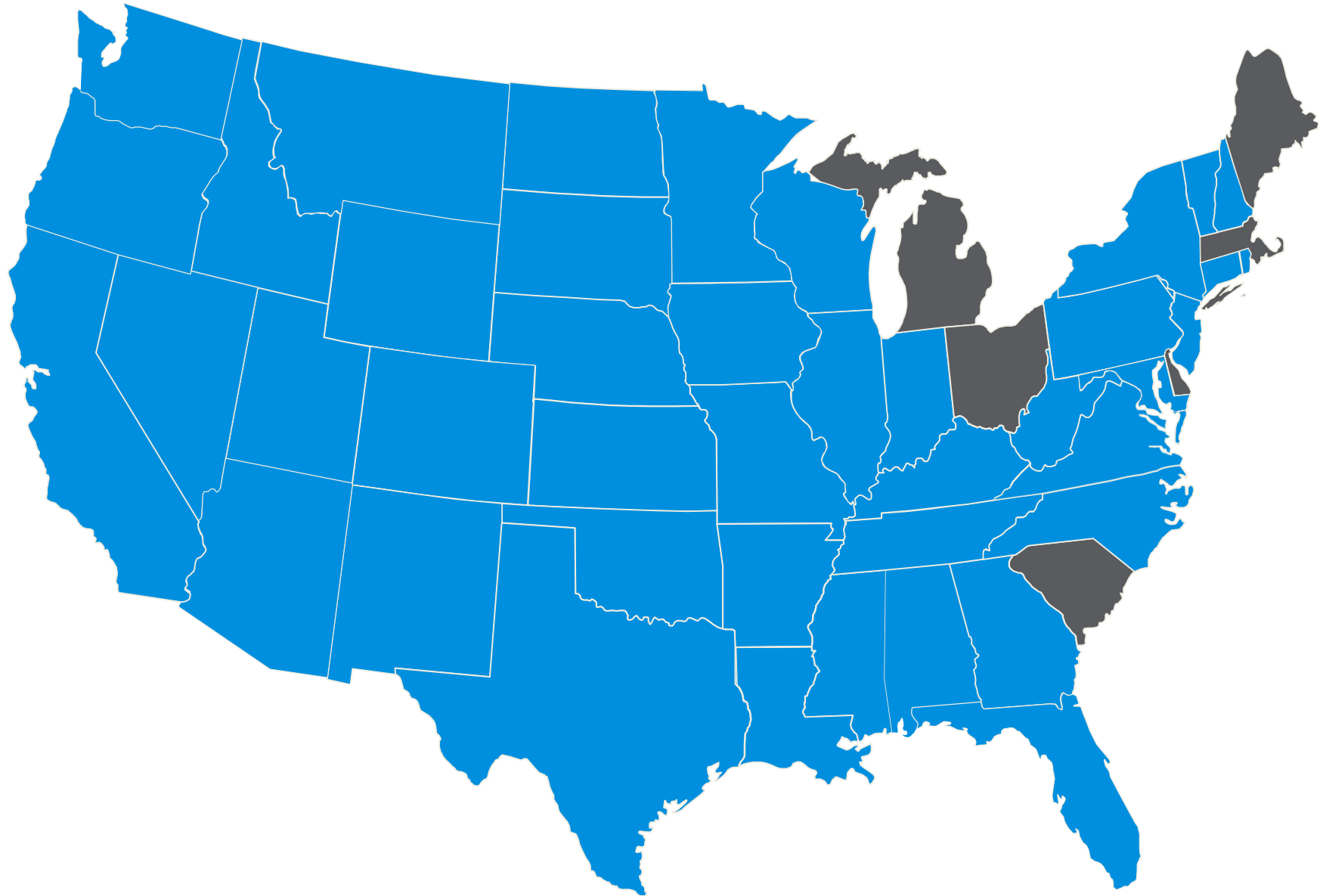
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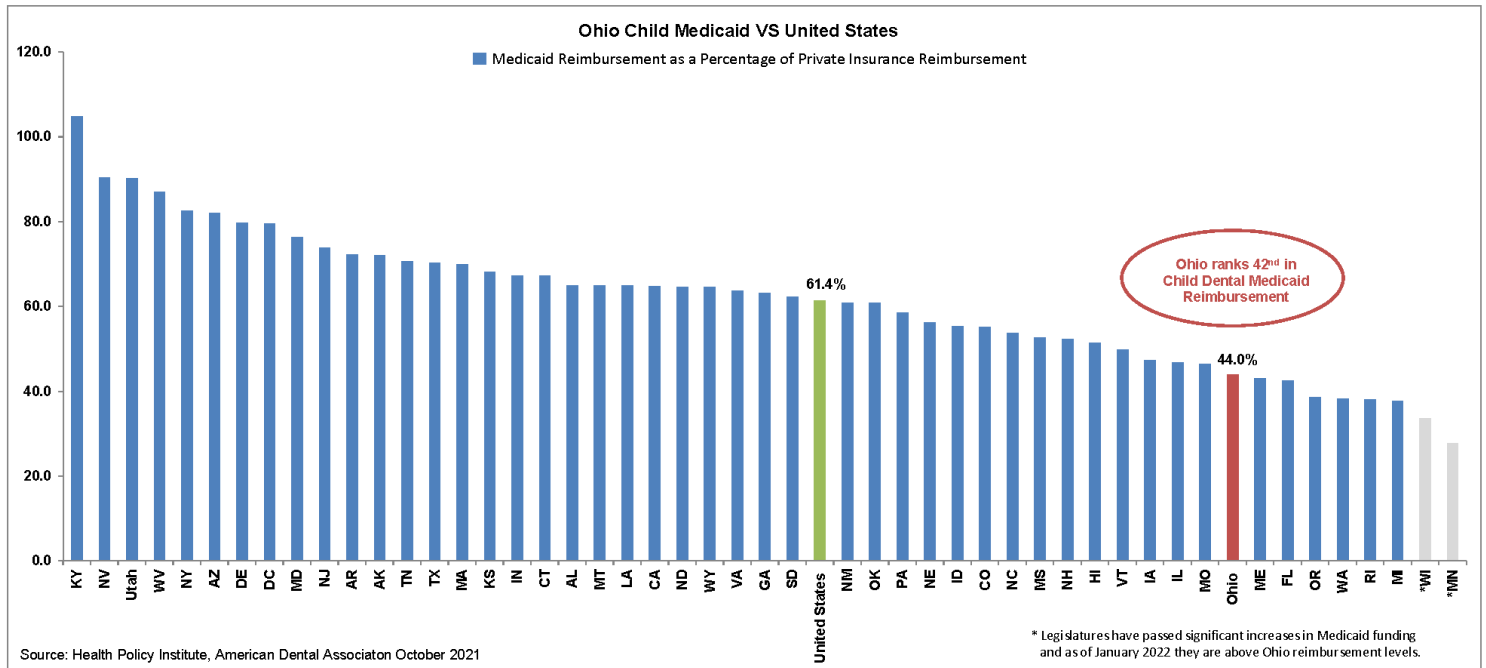
42 States have Non-Covered Services Laws

Blue Shaded States



Ohio Child Medicaid vs United States

Medicaid Reimbursement as a Percentage of Private Insurance Reimbursement




🦷 Medicaid reimbursement for dental services has not had a major fee increase in over 20 years.

🦷 Low reimbursement rates are making it more difficult for dentists to accept Medicaid patients in their practice.

🦷 Studies have shown that increasing Medicaid dental fees closer to private insurance fee levels has a significant impact on dental care utilization and unmet dental needs among Medicaid-eligible children.**

**The Impact of Medicaid Reform on Children's Dental Care Utilization in Connecticut, Maryland, and Texas. Nasseh and Vujicic. 2014

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Dental Therapists:

A Distraction from Proven Access to Dental Care Solutions in Ohio

🦷 Ohioans need improved access to comprehensive, medically appropriate care

All Ohioans – regardless of socioeconomic status – deserve quality dental care from the highest trained professionals. Only a dentist is trained to provide the full range of dental services, including performing a diagnosis, treatment planning and completing irreversible surgical procedures. Children and adults should not be stopped from seeing a dentist by a system that redirects them to lesser-trained providers.

- The state should remain focused on the continuation and improvement of the dental Medicaid program for both children and adults. Medicaid is critical to improving access to care and helps ensure that providers and clinics located in lower-income communities continue to operate to provide care to Ohio's most vulnerable populations.
- Ohio's dentists have been working to address access to care issues in our state through programs that ensure comprehensive oral health care is provided to Ohioans in need, such as student loan repayment for dentists practicing in underserved areas (entirely funded by a surcharge on dentists' licenses), a new teledentistry law, free dental care for children through the Give Kids a Smile program, and educational programs on oral health for seniors and children.

🦷 Ohioans need Ohio-specific solutions


Dental therapists are currently only utilized statewide in Minnesota and evidence demonstrates they have not improved access to dental care, rates of decay, or cost of care for patients in any meaningful sense, especially in rural and underserved areas as intended.

- Dental therapists do not reduce costs for the patient or the state. The cost of a procedure is the same no matter who provides it, so taxpayers, insurance companies and patients paying out of pocket save no money when they are seen by a dental therapist.
- The dental therapist model reflects a strategy of treating the symptoms of dental disease rather than its causes. Such a program would cause resources to be diverted from prevention, education, and connecting underserved populations with dentists – all of which are critical to improving oral health.
- Ohio has developed its own solutions to access to dental care, including providing loan repayment incentives for dentists to relocate to underserved areas and provide care to low-income Ohioans, and supporting dental safety net clinics and other innovative approaches like school-based dental clinics and extending dental care through teledentistry. These approaches ensure that all Ohioans, including the most vulnerable, have access to a dentist and not a lesser-trained provider.

🦷 Ohioans need dental professionals with appropriately rigorous training

- Dental therapists have just three years of training post high school, which is completely inadequate when patients are relying on them to provide a thorough medical review, including checking for oral diseases such as cancer, and to perform irreversible surgical procedures including extractions and restorations using a high speed drill.
- In contrast, Ohio's dentists complete at least four years of undergraduate studies and spend at least four years earning a doctorate degree in dentistry from prestigious programs such as The Ohio State University College of Dentistry and Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine, while also passing required licensure examinations. Many dentists also complete rigorous residency programs and other post-graduate education.
- The Ohio Department of Health reports that life-threatening cancers of the mouth and throat are detected in three Ohioans every day. Detecting these health issues and performing invasive dental surgery required during extractions and restorative procedures is not routine. Safely performing these procedures requires years of intense study in biomedical sciences and clinical training.
- Ohio already recognizes several classifications of dental auxiliaries who provide appropriate care with oversight of a dentist, and we empower dentists to send hygienists to public health settings, where they can begin preventive treatment and oral health education to ensure patients get into a dental home. To improve access, we need to make better use of the existing infrastructure, rather than creating additional levels of bureaucracy that have the potential to threaten the health and safety of our patients.

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ORAL HEALTH MATTERS

The delivery of oral health care is a serious endeavor. Oral health is integral to overall health and is associated with general health conditions like diabetes, heart disease, stroke and pregnancy complications. According to the Ohio Department of Health, three Ohioans are diagnosed with cancers of the mouth and throat every day. Additionally, even routine dental procedures can lead to infection, nerve damage and prolonged bleeding if not performed properly.

The Dental Team

A team approach to the delivery of dental treatment promotes continuity of care in a safe, comprehensive and efficient manner. There are several members of the dental team in Ohio. The dentist's oversight of the team is critical to ensuring safe and effective oral health care.



Dentist

Training:

- Four year undergraduate degree, and
- Four year doctorate degree in dentistry
- Many dentists also complete rigorous residency programs following dental school

Role:

- Diagnose oral disease
- Create treatment plans to maintain or restore oral health
- Interpret X-rays and diagnostic tests
- Monitor the development of teeth and jaws
- Perform surgical procedures on the teeth, bone and soft tissue of the oral cavity
- Manage oral trauma and other emergency situations

Dental Hygienist

Training: Associate degree or more.

Role: Cleanings including scaling, administration of local anesthetic, and prevention services such as sealants and fluoride varnish.

Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary

Training: 18 to 24 month post high school training program.

Role: Assist the dentist in the completion of fillings.

Certified Dental Assistant

Training: Post high school training program.


Role: Place sealants and polish teeth.

Dental Assistant Radiographer

Training: Training course and continuing education.

Role: Produce diagnostic X-rays.

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