



## Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025 Budget Priorities

The mission of the Michigan Oral Health Coalition (MOHC) is to optimize oral health for all Michiganders. As a part of the State of Michigan's Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 (FY 25) budget, MOHC supports the following:

### **Support for Kindergarten Oral Health Screening Assessments**

MOHC supports the \$2.5 million increase in funding for kindergarten oral health assessments. This important program, like hearing and vision screenings, can identify any oral health problems that might interfere with education for a child entering kindergarten and connect the child to necessary dental care.

### **School Aid Budget Funding for the SEAL! Michigan Program**

MOHC is seeking \$500,000 in General Fund Revenue from the School Aid Budget to expand the *SEAL! Michigan* program that provides dental sealants. This funding would cover travel, lodging, and equipment costs for mobile dental units so that it can expand into more school districts.

### **Support Continued Funding for Adult Medicaid Dental Redesign**

MOHC supports adequate funding of the Adult Medicaid Dental Redesign for increased rates and the expansion of the service array to include critical restorative care.

### **Continued Funding for Dental Care in Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Centers**

MOHC supports the \$3 million GF/GP allocation for the facility fees for Medicaid beneficiaries who need dental care under general anesthesia in Outpatient Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgery Centers. Rates of \$2,300 and \$1,495, respectively, are necessary to ensure proper dental care for Michigan's most vulnerable residents.

### **Support Continued Funding for Volunteer Dental Clinic**

Michigan Donated Dental Services (DDS) provides donated treatment to individuals who do not have dental insurance and need extensive care. The state's grant of \$200,000 funds two full-time coordinators who provide support to both patients and dental offices from start to finish, the administrative supplies needed for the coordinators, and any lab work that is unable to be fully donated.

### **Support Funding for Safety Net Dental Providers**

MOHC supports \$3.3 million in funding for Safety Net Dental Providers – My Community Dental Centers – to improve capacity related to workforce development and retention, and technology and equipment to expand access to care and operational efficiencies.

### **Support Increased Funding for the University of Detroit Mercy Dental Clinic**

MOHC supports the restoration of funding to previous levels for the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry to \$4 million. This funding supports workforce development for both dentists and dental hygienists, access to care through the UDM clinical programs at the campus clinics, mobile programs, and outreach throughout Michigan.

### **Support Funding for Increased Dental Access in Northern Michigan**

In an effort to increase access to dental services for all Michiganders, MOHC supports Dental Clinics North request for \$750,000 to increase access to uninsured and low-income Medicaid beneficiaries in rural Michigan through a partnership with local health departments.

### **Support Funding for an Increase in the Medicaid Anesthesia Conversion Factor**

MOHC supports the Michigan Dental Association's ask to increase the Medicaid Anesthesia Conversion Factor to \$72.22 per unit in order to increase the reimbursement rate for anesthesiologists (one-pager attached).