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Local Dental Societies

Your Membership Means More in 2016!

Dear Colleague:

The Michigan Dental Association, the American Dental Association and your local dental society are working harder than ever to bring you The Power of 3, helping you succeed in our rapidly changing practice environment.

For 2016, your membership means more than ever . . . more advocacy on your behalf in Lansing and Washington . . . more answers to the questions you face . . . more solutions for your practice and personal success . . . more money-saving insurance and services to help your bottom line.

That's our pledge — more member success than ever before. And we're committed to making sure your MDA, ADA and local society do more than ever before to make that happen. But we can't do it alone. We need your support. Organized dentistry needs you. Working together, we can achieve even greater things.

This booklet explains many of the member benefits you get when you belong. Please keep it handy. Share it with your staff. Take advantage of the Power of 3. That's the best way to make sure you get more from your membership in 2016 and beyond.



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Protecting the Profession

Thousands of members plus your voice equals major political clout in the halls of Lansing (and in Washington, D.C.). Because the MDA represents so many Michigan dentists, our voice is taken seriously, making us Michigan's oral health authority.

MDA Dental PAC and ADA ADPAC



Dentistry's state and federal political action committees ensure the association a place at the table when lawmakers are debating legislation that affects dentistry.

Legislative Action Center

This online platform connects you directly to lawmakers, while providing you with easy-to-use tools to advocate for dentistry's position on hotbutton legislative issues.

Support for Community Water Fluoridation

MDA staff and volunteers have launched a proactive campaign to educate community officials and the public at large to better understand the benefits of water fluoridation.

Special Committee on Access to Care

This statewide group of stakeholders throughout dentistry is charged with taking the lead and identifying real world solutions to the access problem.

Donated Dental Services

This MDA-administered program matches concerned volunteers with low income elderly, chronically ill or disabled citizens in need of extensive dental care.

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Promoting the Profession

Educating the public about the importance of regular dental care and all of the outstanding things dentists do to improve the oral health of Michigan residents enhances the perception of dentistry and reminds patients to make — and keep — their dental appointments.

MDA Public Education Campaign

The MDA's "What Would Your Mouth Say About You?" Public Education Campaign debuted in 2015 and is already making a big impact. The campaign includes TV commercials, online advertising, social media initiatives, plus exciting campaign extensions you can use in your office. High visibility for you as an MDA member!

Smilemichigan® Facebook Page

The MDA is extending its publiccentered social media through a new SmileMichigan page on Facebook, with social media initiatives such as this year's "Healthy Selfie" smile contest and "Mouthiest Class" video contest.

Patient Education Materials

Enhance your treatment-planning and your patients' perceptions through MDA/ADA dental health materials.

Help with Oral Health Presentations

The MDA's free video and DVD library can help with presentations in schools or in the community.

Special Events Promotion

National Children's Dental Health Month and other special events provide a unique opportunity for the MDA to educate the public and influence oral health habits.

Local Public Relations Programs

The MDA matches expenditures on a three-to-one ratio to promote local society initiatives.



What would your mouth say about you? The MDA Public Education Campaign continues in 2016.

Media Outreach/Social Media

The MDA uses Twitter to educate the public, media, lawmakers, and health related organizations on the importance of oral health and its link to overall health.

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Continuing Education and Licensure Requirements

As your first choice for continuing ADA C-E-R-P® Continuing Education education, the MDA gives you access to better ways to fulfill CE requirements and increase your personal and practice potential.

Spirit of Michigan Annual Session

One of the largest dental meetings in the nation! With three days of courses and nearly 200 exhibits, plus social events and meetings, there's something for everyone at Annual Session, held in Novi in 2016 (April 13-16).

Statewide CE Seminars

Bringing CE to a location near you, MDA continuing education seminars are a great way to refresh and recharge your dental team.

Scientific Sessions

Weekend getaways in resort locations provide an opportunity to increase your knowledge base, connect with colleagues, and enjoy good times with your family and friends.

CE Record-Keeping Folders

Available at no charge, these handy folders help you track and organize your important CE coursework.

License Expiration Reminders

Your license is your key to earning income, and the MDA reminds dentists whose licenses are expiring in a given year through postal and email reminders, in addition to announcements in all publications.

Answers to CE Questions

Information you need about CE requirements for you and your staff, plus help with relicensure questions.

Local Dental Society Courses

The 26 local dental societies that comprise the MDA host sessions throughout the year. Some events are designed for the whole dental team, and others are for members only. Contact your component to find out when the next event takes place.

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Keeping Informed

Journal of the Michigan Dental Association

This monthly, award-winning publication, available in print and digital editions, keeps you informed of what's happening in the profession, the latest clinical practices, and the trends that influence the way you're practicing dentistry.

Expanded MDA eNewsletters

Watch for expanded, improved MDA, MDA Insurance and MDA Services e-newsletters in 2016, with the latest news and information, plus opportunities for savings, benefits, services, and programs from the MDA.

www.smilemichigan.com/pro

Everything the MDA has to offer, and more, is at your fingertips through the easy-to-navigate MDA website. If you still prefer the human touch, members of the MDA staff are always just a phone call or email away!

YouTube Channel

Free practice management, legal, and other advice in quick, 10-minute-orless videos. Visit www.youtube.com/michdentists.

Facebook page

The MDA Facebook page links members to the MDA, and members to other members. Visit www.facebook.com/michigandentalassociation.

LinkedIn

Through the MDA company page, you can follow your professional community, in addition to networking with colleagues. Visit www.linkedin.com/company/michigan-dental-association.



The MDA Journal and Journal eNews come to you about every two weeks with the latest news and features.

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Practice Management

Individual dental practices are the lifeblood of our profession. That's why the MDA is working harder than ever to help you solve your professional, ethical and legal challenges.

Contact the MDA Staff

You can rely on the experienced MDA staff to answer your questions and find answers to help you succeed and solve your challenges every day. Call on the staff for support at any time. See the staff listing in each issue of the MDA *Journal*, or turn to pages 22-23 of this booklet.

Regulatory Compliance Information

State and federal regulations directly impact how you practice dentistry. You can rely on the MDA to provide you with the information and tools you need to make sure you comply with government requirements.

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Dental Benefits Communication Kit and Materials

Are your patients struggling to maintain regular dental care due to cuts in insurance plans? If so, the MDA has a kit available to you that will help address their concerns through easy-to-use templates and patient education pieces.

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Contract Analysis Service

The contract you sign with third party payers is arguably the most important practice decision you can make. Use this free MDA/ADA service to make more informed decisions for your practice's future.

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HIPAA Answers

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Members have access to a broad range of opinions and information on legal topics. Also, members can access MDA legal counsel Kerr Russell through a special arrangement, with reduced rates.

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Members helping members is what the MDA is all about. This locum tenens service links members willing to serve in another member's practice during short or extended terms of absence.

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The MDA strives to be the "go to" resource for members. Benefits include unlimited assistance with HR questions and the Staff Matters® Human Resource System, which includes forms, a sample handbook, and more.

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Dental Fee Survey

Make better decisions about fees in your practice by utilizing the information provided by MDA members through this biannual survey and free report.

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Staff Compensation Survey

Keep your compensation levels competitive and accurate through the use of this free report, offered every other year.

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More and more patients are looking online to find a dentist. The MDA search engine marketing program connects patients to offices throughout Michigan.

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Practice Management (cont.)

Online MDA Dental Assistant Radiography Training

All dental assistants must be certified in radiography, and now the MDA offers an all-online, all-interactive course, fully updated.

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Whether buying, selling, looking for equipment, seeking a new position or looking for an associate, the MDA *Journal* classifieds are a top resource for Michigan dental professionals. They're available online, too.

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Demographic Information

Wondering what the dentist-per-patient ratio is for counties throughout Michigan? You can make more informed practice location and expansion decisions after reviewing this free MDA report.

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Endorsed Insurance Programs

MDA Insurance, a subsidiary of the Michigan Dental Association, is a full-service insurance agency run *by* dentists, *for* dentists. See page 12.

Money-Saving Endorsed Services

MDA Services, a subsidiary of the Michigan Dental Association, offers great programs, group discounts, and special product enhancements on programs and services your practice uses every day. We do the research so you don't have to. See page 16.



The Find a Dentist page on the MDA website helps potential patients connect with your practice. MDA digital marketing drives patients to this important search engine, available only to members.

Professional Review and Well-Being

Your local dental society, specialty society and the MDA realize that differences sometimes exist between patients, member dentists, or insurance carriers. MDA peer review is recognized by the state of Michigan's licensing authorities, the courts, malpractice attorneys and insurance companies as a preferred method of resolving disputes without litigation.

Peer Review/Ethics

Peer Review/Ethics is a system designed to uphold the *Standards of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct* of both the MDA and the ADA. A committee of dentists will review allegations of ethical violations on an impartial basis. The allegations may involve false/misleading advertising, patient records, and criticism about another dentist's treatment.

Code of Ethics

A copy of the Standards of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct is available from the MDA or on the MDA website at www.smilemichigan.com/pro. The Code is updated as needed. The MDA also publishes a monthly "Peer Review/ Ethics" column in the MDA Journal that explores ethical situations that may arise.

Peer Review/Dental Care

As part of the volunteer peer review/
dental care system, a committee of local
or specialty dentists will review cases
on an impartial basis. Peer review may
involve appropriateness of treatment,
quality of treatment, questions of
overall provider competency, disputes
between provider and carrier over
services rendered or to be rendered, and
reasonableness of fees.

Peer Review/Care and Well-Being

The award-winning MDA Care and Well-Being program provides help for dentists, their families, and staff suffering from substance abuse, sexual problems, stress, or other personal or practice problems. It's designed to protect the public while encouraging and supporting recovery.

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Property Coverage

Complete practice property insurance for your building and equipment.

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Cover your exposure for the unintended

release of protected health and financial information.

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Special MDA member rates make this program a great money-saving option.

Disability Insurance

Individual and group plans available. We offer plans that provide coverage if you are unable to work in your own occupation.

Life Insurance

Solutions for all your personal and business-related life insurance needs.

Long-Term Care Insurance

Protect your retirement savings and other assets.

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Affordable MDA group rates, multipolicy discounts, top-rated carriers and unbeatable service. Your discount extends to the office staff, too!

Other Insurance Plans

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Mailing Address:					
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Practice Address:					
		City	ST	ZIP	
Email Address:					
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Phone:	Fax:				
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- ☐ Medicare Supplement Plans
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- ☐ MDA Retiree Medical Plan
- $\ \square$ Disability Insurance
- ☐ Business Overhead Expense Insurance
- ☐ Practice Loan Insurance
- ☐ Term Life Insurance
- ☐ Permanent Life Insurance
- \square Long-Term Care Insurance
- ☐ Accident Insurance
- ☐ Critical Illness Insurance

Commercial Insurance Products

- ☐ Professional Liability Insurance
- ☐ Practice Property Insurance
- ☐ Cyber Liability/Data Breach Insurance
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Check-Up, a quarterly publication from MDA Insurance and MDA Services, keeps you informed about the latest money-saving services and enhanced members-only programs.

Enhancing Practice Operations

MDA Services offers money-saving resources to solve the five major



challenges of running your dental practice: personal protection, recruiting and retaining patients, business and personal financial needs, patient payment options/accounts receivable management, and regulatory compliance.

Call MDA Services at 800-860-2272 to learn more about the following programs, or visit www.mdaprograms.com.

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MDA Services Gloves

FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS

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Payroll Processing BASIC

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BASIC

PATIENT PAYMENTS & ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

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resolution to avoid litigation
and legal fees



\$2,000/year Free-to-you 30-minute monthly HR consulting service

EMPOWERMENT



\$5,000/year*
Complimentary resources
to help navigate
the third party system



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\$200/year*
Free, important industry print and electronic communications



\$2,000/year* Free ADA dental plan contract analysis service

PRACTICE



\$800/year Savings on retail office supplies



\$450/year Savings on credit card processing fees



\$500/year Savings on exam gloves



\$1,000/year* Savings on insurance for your practice and home

EDUCATION



\$1,066,661/year Statewide public education advertising campaign value



\$500/year Free dental benefits patient communication kit



\$1,800/year Your value in continuing education savings



\$500,000/year value
ADA oral health literacy campaign
and mouthhealthy.org

PRICELESS



The credibility, resources, savings and patient confidence that come with being a member of the MDA, ADA and your local dental society.



ADA American Dental Association®



For a complete list of member benefits, visit smilemichigan.com/pro.

*Based on average service, product and consultant rate

Giving Back

The Michigan Dental Association Foundation is growing quickly as the charitable organization of organized dentistry in our state.

In just a few years of existence the Foundation has become an integral part of Michigan dentistry.



Access to Care

The MDA Foundation helps fund access-to-care programs and dental health initiative programs so that citizens of the state of Michigan have the opportunity to achieve optimal dental health. Past MDA Foundation grants include support of Give Kids a Smile Day, community dental clinics that provide free or low cost dental services, and dental health kits distributed to disadvantaged youth.

Supporting our Students

The MDA Foundation provides financial support through scholarships to Michigan students pursuing careers in dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental assisting. As the cost of dental education continues to rise, these scholarships help defray expenses for students who qualify based on academic record, community service, leadership, and financial need.

Inner Circle Program

The MDA Foundation Inner Circle Program provides funds for accessto-care grants as well as scholarship support. In addition, the Inner Circle Program now wishes to increase grants to help the uninsured and under-insured citizens in our state.

Michigan Mission of Mercy

Planning is underway for the 2016 Michigan Mission of Mercy, to take place in Southeast Michigan. More than 1,000 patients are expected to be treated, and just as many dental volunteers will be needed to help staff this massive dental access undertaking.

Gifts can be made for Grants, Scholarships, Mission of Mercy and the Inner Circle Program. Any size gift can Make a Difference . . . Give A Smile.

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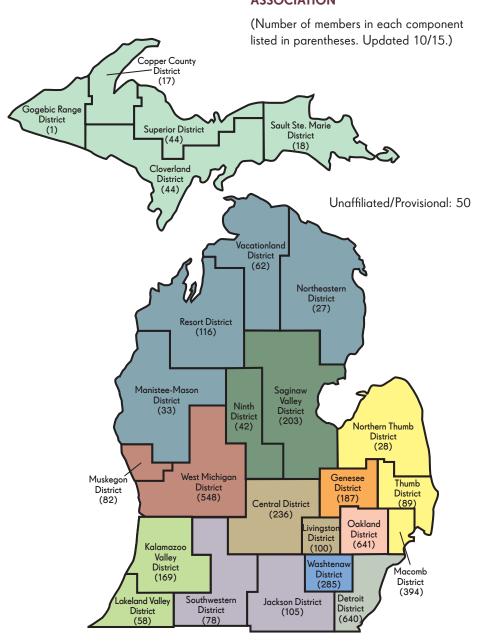
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