



Dentistry In General Advocacy Coalition Platform

A Call for Change in Organized Dentistry

Mission: To unite dentists at every career stage in advocating for a more focused and forward - thinking organized dentistry that prioritizes and addresses the practical needs of dentists.

Vision: We envision a future where dentists practice with autonomy and integrity, supported by impactful professional organizations, and a legal system that prioritizes the optimal health of patients.

Our 6 Pillar Platform:

1. Dental Insurance Fairness: Empower state -level enforcement for a more equitable insurance system by a) Mandating a standardized dental loss ratio law, with strict definitions that closes loopholes, and ensures spending at least 83% of total premium dollars on patient care. b) Actively supporting anti-trust law enforcement against dental insurance companies. c) Legally Obstructing insurer efforts towards capitation plans (now marketed as "Value Based Care" plans).
2. Medicaid Compliance: Mandate state compliance with Medicaid laws, in order to maintain a standard that shapes private insurance policies and expands access to care for those in need.
3. Dental Education Solutions: Demand transparency in dental school costs, holding dental school administrations accountable and exploring strategies to make dental education more affordable.
4. Mental Health (The Shenkin Legacy): Champion mental health initiatives for dental professionals. This includes exposing/addressing intimidation & bullying within organized dentistry and promoting respect for diverse viewpoints.

5. Doctor-Patient Relationship Autonomy: Oppose the presence of private equity in dentistry by advocating against any loopholes that allow non-dentists to own dental practices. We advocate for all employed dentists and believe they deserve autonomy and fair working conditions.

6. Member-Driven Accountability: We advocate for dental professional organizations to prioritize the desires of individual dentists above the desires of dental corporations. We oppose accepting of bulk membership dues from dental corporations, as it creates a conflict of interest, and will likely affect policy. All professional organization meetings and activities should be transparent, with minimal use of Executive Session (non-transparent) meetings.

Why Join Us?

- Catalyze a Culture Change: We will collectively reform and influence the culture and leadership of our ADA and State organizations - to support our state and national platform.
- Learn about Candidates: We will evaluate and endorse candidates & policies to inform you of leaders and support initiatives that align with our advocacy platform.

Leaders that should join (State and National):

- All Delegates
- All Trustees • All Officers Take Action:
- Join the conversation! Connect with us on our Facebook Group, Dentistry in General
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/DentistryInGeneral>

We encourage membership in the ADA, but this advocacy coalition is open to all dentists, ADA members or not.

Let's shape the future of dentistry. Your commitment, your voice matters!

"It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds." – Samuel Adams