

MIDWESTERN SOCIETY OF ORTHODONTISTS

Component Report

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Ongoing Initiatives: Continue to increase attendance at ISO meetings and find ways to reduce expenses. Shifted our meetings from a hotel based venue to a conference space in Maggiano's. The size was nice to accommodate speakers and attendees with exhibitors in part of the space. Offering a social hour after the CE course and business meeting has helped to reconnect members as we still continue to reframe our expectations in the post covid environment. In 2024, the second meeting was substituted with the MSO Annual Session since MSO was being held in Chicago area.

Legislative Efforts:

Capital Conference – April 30, 2025

Summary of 2024 Legislation

Landmark legislative session championing successful initiatives that enhance the practice and access to dental care across Illinois. Victories in advancing DIY teeth straightening regulations, safeguarding essential insurance coverage for jaw injuries, and defending against the licensure of dental therapists

SB 3305 ISDS Secured Insurance Coverage for Jaw Injury Treatments to include oral surgery, dental implants, crowns, bridges, prosthetic treatment, orthodontic treatment and prosthodontic treatment – awaiting governor signature after passing house and senate

HB 5317 Extension for Electronic Claims Submissions Requirements (was postponed to 1-1-26)

HB 4789 Streamlining the authorization process so insurance companies have to
ISDS Achieves Patient Protections with DIY Teeth Straightening Legislation

For the third year running, the Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS) has been pushing legislation to regulate direct-to-consumer orthodontic products, ensuring they meet the same high standards as in-person dental care. This law is designed to ensure patients get the same quality of care, undergo thorough examinations, and fully understand the treatments they're receiving through teledentistry, just like they would in a traditional dentist's office. ISDS worked on this legislation with the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO).

This legislation involved intense discussions and negotiations, but ultimately, the bill passed despite the ongoing resistance. The next steps involve working with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) to develop detailed rules for implementing the law, a process we expect to be challenging due to the existing opposition.

We're proud of passing this critical legislation, which took three years of effort. It's a significant win for ensuring that teledentistry provides:

- **Quality Care:** Ensures that teledentistry meets in-person care standards, including thorough medical history reviews and x-rays.
- **Proper Examinations:** Mandates in-person exams before providing teledentistry services.
- **Informed Choices:** This guarantees patients' rights to file complaints and share experiences.

ISDS is now focusing on getting the Governor's approval for this law and continuing our discussions to ensure its effective implementation.

SB 2586 (Cunningham/Moeller): Passed the Senate and the House. Now awaits the Governor's signature.

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New Initiatives: Secure additional speaker for fall 2025 and continue to create opportunities for board engagement and outreach to members.

Upcoming Meetings/Events (with dates):

Chicago Dental Society

Feb 20-22, 2025. Midwinter Meeting

Illinois Society of Orthodontists

April 4, 2025 - Simplifying complex Malocclusions with Clear Aligners by Maz Moshiri

Followed by ISO Business meeting and a social hour

Do You Need the MSO Board of Directors to act on any Component-related business at this time? No (if yes, state below and it will be addressed at the next Board meeting):