

MIDWESTERN SOCIETY OF ORTHODONTISTS

Component Report

Component Name: North Dakota

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Component Officers/Trustees: Emerson Ehlis, President
Jeremiah Danel, Secretary

Date of Report: February 23, 2025

Ongoing Initiatives: Plan future state meeting and possible biannual with SD

Legislative Efforts:

- 1. HB 1471:** Mandates that Dental Insurance Companies report fees/load payments to dental offices and offer "Nonfee bearing/non load bearing" payment methods. Status: Passed ND House, awaiting Senate hearings.
- 2. HB 1481:** Requires Dental Insurance Carriers to spend at least 83% of premium funds on patient care. Status: Passed ND House, awaiting Senate hearings.
- 3. SB 2375:** Allows non-connected Dental Providers to jointly negotiate with Dental Carriers on contract terms through a Joint Negotiator. Status: Passed ND Senate, awaiting House hearings.
- 4. SB 2377:** Prohibits Dental Insurance Carriers from denying claims and prohibiting providers from collecting payment for provided services. Status: Passed ND Senate, awaiting House hearings.

New Initiatives: Identify future leaders and

Upcoming Meetings/Events (with dates): None

Other:

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):