

# MIDWESTERN SOCIETY OF ORTHODONTISTS

## Component Report

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**Legislative Efforts:** Gov. Tony Evers signed several WDA-led bills into law. Legislation included:

- \$20 million to expand dental workforce training programs at Wisconsin technical colleges
- Interstate Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact, supporting license portability by authorizing states to allow qualified dentists and dental hygienists to practice across state lines
- Assignment of Benefits, allowing individuals insured under a dental benefit plan to assign reimbursement directly to a dental provider
- Marquette University School of Dentistry Rural Scholarship Program, providing financial support for dental students who agree to practice in certain Wisconsin dental health shortage areas upon graduation
- The Marquette University School of Dentistry has received a \$1.37 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to establish the Open Dental Education Consortium to help standardize dental education and decrease the cost of tuition. With this award, MUSoD will form a consortium with Chippewa Valley Technical College and Milwaukee Area Technical College in Wisconsin, and Brigham Young University in Utah. The target population will be students of all levels of dental programs, including predoctoral DDS/DMD, dental hygiene and dental assisting.

**New initiatives:** 2025, the WDA Legislative Advocacy Committee is discussing policy recommendations on topics like virtual credit cards, network leasing, dental loss ratio (NCOIL model legislation), increasing access to care for patients with special needs, and returning supragingival scaling to the EFDA scope of practice.

**Upcoming Meetings/Events (with dates):** October 16-17 at Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, WI featuring Landy Chase, the president of OrthoYES Online. He will be presenting "The Team Approach to Case Acceptance: Key Components of a High-Value Consultation."

**Do You Need the MSO Board of Directors to act on any Component-related business at this time?** No