

Michigan FY26 Budget Recommendations – Oral Health

Line Item	Governor Proposal	Senate Proposal	House Proposal	Why It Matters
Adult Dental Services Medicaid Dental (Sec. 1627)	No reduction identified	No reduction identified	Cuts \$21M Gross (\$8.5M GF/GP); adds Sec. 1627 to reduce services	Preventive care reduces cavities and costly ER visits. Cuts limit access and increase long-term costs.
Dental Services Reimbursement Increase (Sec. 1628)	\$3M retained	\$3M retained; Sec. 1628 keeps min. rates (\$1,495 ASC / \$2,300 OP)	Deleted	Ensures hospitals and surgical centers can treat medically complex dental patients.
Dental Rate Safety Net Payments (Sec. 1633)	Not included	\$4M GF/GP for enhanced adult dental reimbursement for safety-net providers	\$0 (not included)	Supports community clinics in serving Medicaid patients, especially in underserved areas.
University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH)	No cut identified	Maintains \$1M DSH replacement through its general “DSH backfill” line.	Eliminates \$1M GF/GP	Supports care for thousands of low-income patients and funds training for Michigan’s dental workforce.
My Community Dental Centers (MCDC) Equipment Funding – Senate One-Time Item	Not included	Includes a \$100 GF/GP placeholder.	Not included	Recognizes the need to invest in safety-net dental infrastructure, but placeholder funding falls short of resources required to modernize equipment and expand access.
MDA Volunteer Dental Program (Sec. 1315)	\$200,000 earmark	\$200,000 earmark	Program authorized but no earmark ; funding discretionary at DHHS.	Provides safety-net care to uninsured Michiganders by leveraging volunteer dentists.
Healthy Kids Dental	Continued within actuarial soundness; no specific HKD line (HKD continues)	Same	Same	Provides comprehensive dental coverage for children on Medicaid, ensuring healthy development and school readiness.
Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA) (Sec. 1343)	No proposal to cut/change KOHA	\$4,260,000	\$4,260,000	Ensures children entering school receive a dental assessment, catching problems early and supporting lifelong oral health.