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Oral health groups thank lawmakers for protecting Michigan's Medicaid adult dental program

*Program provides critical services to low-income adults
including seniors, veterans*

LANSING, Mich. – As the Michigan state budget is finalized, the **Michigan Oral Health Coalition** (MOHC) is thanking Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and state lawmakers for protecting Michigan's Medicaid adult dental program.

The program provides dental care access to thousands of low-income seniors, veterans and adults across the state.

"Michigan's Medicaid adult dental program makes a huge difference in the lives of Michigan's low-income adults, seniors and veterans," said **Kimberly Raleigh**, interim executive director of MOHC. "We applaud lawmakers and the Whitmer administration for protecting this important program which delivers essential care to some of our most vulnerable neighbors."

"We want to thank the governor and state lawmakers for protecting this important program as research shows that lack of access to preventative dental care can lead to poorer healthcare outcomes overall and increase the cost of care for many who have chronic medical conditions," said **Dr. Mert N. Aksu**, president of MOHC.

"Medicaid dental coverage keeps Michigan's adults, seniors and veterans healthy and helps rein in rising healthcare costs for everyone," said **Holli Seabury**, MOHC policy committee co-chair and executive director of the **Delta Dental Foundation**. "We are grateful that state lawmakers agree and applaud them and Gov. Whitmer for working together to support this important program so it can continue to benefit vulnerable Michiganders."

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