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Michigan Legislative Leaders Sign FY 2011 Budget Agreement **Continued Advocacy Efforts Needed for Adult Dental**

On Wednesday, Sept. 8, Governor Granholm, House Speaker Andy Dillon, and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop signed a target agreement for an \$8.3 billion Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 General Fund budget. The budget for the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is targeted for a cut of \$54 million below the Governor's recommended budget level. Since the Governor's budget DID NOT include restoration of the Medicaid adult dental benefit, securing restoration will be an uphill battle for certain. Please call your [State Representative](#) and [Senator](#) next week and ask them to support restoration of the Medicaid adult dental benefit. Also, ask them to encourage their colleagues on the conference committee to maintain the restoration.

The House conference committee members are Representatives Gary McDowell, Kevin Green and George Cushingberry. The Senate conference committee members are Senators Roger Kahn, John Pappageorge and Deb Cherry. **Source:** MPCA e-Update, Sept. 10, 2010

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition's mission is to improve oral health in Michigan by focusing on prevention, health promotion, oral health data, access and the link between oral health and overall health.

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