



# DEDICATED FUNDING FOR THE STATE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM

## 2019 State Policy Statement

### CALL TO ACTION

Although recent changes to national and state health policy has increased the number of people with access to dental insurance, government investment in State Oral Health Programs is still critical to maintaining good public health in Michigan. Michigan's State Oral Health Program is the dental public health arm of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

In Fiscal Year 2018-19, the Michigan State Oral Health Program did not receive the necessary Centers for Disease Control & Prevention grant funding to maintain its well-established, evidence-based programs. Michigan Oral Health Coalition recommends the Legislature dedicate funding annually for the State Oral Health Program.

### State Oral Health Program Initiatives

#### ***Early Childhood Oral Health***

Improves the oral health of children under age five

#### ***Perinatal Oral Health***

Improves the oral health of pregnant women

#### ***SEAL! Michigan***

Promotes dental sealant programs to prevent dental decay

#### ***Michigan Dental Program***

Administers a dental program to provide access to oral health care for people living with HIV/AIDS

#### ***Donated Dental Program***

Provides direct care dental services to uninsured older adults through a network of volunteer dentists

#### ***Community Water Fluoridation Promotion***

Promotes the use of evidence-based community water fluoridation to prevent dental decay

#### ***Mobile Dental Program***

The mobile dental facility permit program helps providers bring dental care directly to the people and communities who need it most

### Ten Essential Public Health Services to Promote Oral Health

1. Assess oral health status and implement an oral health surveillance system.
2. Analyze determinants of oral health and respond to health hazards in the community.
3. Assess public perceptions about oral health issues and educate/empower people to achieve and maintain optimal oral health.
4. Mobilize community partners to leverage resources and advocate for/act on oral health issues.
5. Develop and implement policies and systematic plans that support state and community oral health efforts.
6. Review, educate about and enforce laws and regulations that promote oral health and ensure safe oral health practices.
7. Reduce barriers to care and assure use of personal and population-based oral health services.
8. Assure an adequate and competent public and private oral health workforce.
9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility and quality of personal and population-based oral health promotion activities and oral health services.
10. Conduct and review research for new insights and innovative solutions to oral health problems.