



**AAO Council on Government Advocacy**  
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The AAO's national award-winning National Advocacy Network (NAN) is growing with support of members. There are 17 AAOPAC Captains, 23 Component Advocacy Leaders, and 7 CAL Team leaders in the US and Canada. Over 500 grass roots actions were made by AAO members across the country from September through November 2023. The AAO Advocacy Quarterly Dashboard is included with this report. Please read it and see what is happening in your state and across the US and Canada. You will be impressed by all that is going on- State Lobby Day in Ohio, Work force challenges in Ontario, Michigan work force changes.

COGA meets twice a year and the next meeting will be held with AAOPAC prior to the Professional Advocacy Conference taking place in DC at the end of February. The conference is sold out and we expect to meet with Dr. Natalia Chalmers, CMS' first Chief Dental Officer and other members of Congress. The conference is a two-day event. Day one is spent meeting, listening to speakers, followed by a cocktail reception/dinner to meet and greet with members of Congress thanking them for their support. Day two we divide and attend special meetings with staffers on the hill.

Thanks to everyone who filled out the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual AAO Public Policy Survey open to all AAO members. The survey helps the advocacy team focus on the advocacy priorities and the feedback from members. Keep an eye out for the next survey and fill it out please.

Informational pages are attached for review.

- [2024 NAN At a Glance](#)
- [Component Advocacy Liaisons](#)
- [NAN Email February 2024](#)
- [Q2 Sept. - Nov. 2023, AAO Advocacy Quarterly Dashboard](#)

Respectfully submitted,

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