



Michigan Component Report
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The rule changes the MAO has been working on for over a year have finally come to fruition! The rule changes the MAO brought forth with the support of the AAO brought the way most orthodontists have been practicing in Michigan in line with the rules and regulations put forth by the Michigan Board of Dentistry. Previous rules required a registered dental assistant (RDA), of which there are not enough to serve the existing orthodontists in Michigan, to carry out basic orthodontic assistant tasks. A new designation of unregistered dental assistant (UDA) has been created, this person is able to carry out most tasks needed from an orthodontist with training deemed appropriate by the orthodontist. These rule changes have been officially approved by the State of Michigan.

This was a grassroots effort from the MAO board members. It required several meetings with the Michigan Board of Dentistry, several draft proposals, and countless meetings/emails to bring about these changes. All of these efforts had strong support and guidance from the AAO, specifically Gianna Nawrocki. I would like to thank each and every one of the MAO members and AAO staff who helped with this enormous and important undertaking. The MAO is continuing their efforts with exploration of implementing teledentistry rules to support our members and protect the public at the state level.

In other news, our next annual meeting preparations are well under way with Christian Groth serving as our president. Dr. Groth has arranged for 5 popular speakers, with topics ranging from airway considerations in orthodontics, to inventory management. The meeting will take place on April 12, 2024 in Ann Arbor, MI at the Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest. Registration is open now and 6.0 hours of CE will be provided for doctors and staff, as always our meetings are open to any GLAO member.

We currently have John Monticello assigned as our official National Advocacy Network Component Advocacy Liaison, and we look forward to working closely with him. Dr. [George Bork](#) attended the Leadership Development Conference as the Michigan representative. Dr. Jashleen Bedi will assume the role of presidency of MAO after our next annual meeting in April 2024. I am concluding my term at Michigan Component Director, it has been an honor to serve in this capacity. I look forward to Dr. Brandon Shoukri assuming this role. His leadership and dedication will serve us all well. Please feel free to contact myself or Dr. if you or someone you know is interested in serving on the MAO board.

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