

STATE UNIT REPORT TO SSPD AND DISTRICT TRUSTEE

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Georgia Academy of Pediatric Dentistry		Cara DeLeon	

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MEETINGS/BUSINESS/ANNUAL SESSION			
DATE	.1/13/2024	DATE	
LOCATION	Atlanta,GA	LOCATION	Coordinated with SSPD

OFFICER ELECTION			
WHEN	Annual Meeting in January	LENGTH OF TERM	2 years (Even years)

CE COURSES			
DATE		DATE	
TITLE		TITLE	
SPEAKER		SPEAKER	
LOCATION		LOCATION	

WHO IS COLLECTING YOUR DUES	AAPD/Jonathan Jackson Ex Director
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NUMBER OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTS IN YOUR STATE	203
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STATE LEGISLATION (Please provide information on any state activities)

Georgia Dental Association has a new executive director and general counsel. Our GAPD board has been working to introduce our president and executive director. A number of our board members currently serve in GDA leadership roles.

Georgia Board of Dentistry currently had 2 pediatric dentists serving. The Georgia Board of Dentistry has tabled any changes to sedation permits. The Georgia Board has ruled in favor of dental hygienists, under the direct supervision of a Georgia licensed dentist, may administer local anesthesia for hygiene purposes, including intraoral block anesthesia, soft tissue infiltration anesthesia, or both, to a non-sedated patient that requires local anesthesia for pain management and who is 18 years of age or older.

MEDICAID ISSUES (Please discuss any issues/concerns)

The GDA Government Affairs Team advocated for dental Medicaid reimbursement increases during the 2023 legislative session. A 7-10% fee increase was submitted for 19 dental codes for governor approval. This was submitted along with the request to expand Medicaid dental services to patients under 65. Both requests were disregarded by Governor Kemp due to state budget.

CMS is finalizing Medicare payment rates for over 240 dental codes to align with the dental payment provisions in the CY 2023 Physician Fee Schedule final rule by assigning them to clinical APCs. Assigning additional dental codes to clinical APCs will result in greater consistency in Medicare payment for different sites of service and help ensure patient access to dental services performed in the hospital outpatient setting when payment and coverage requirements are met.

OTHER ITEMS AFFECTING YOUR MEMBERS:

PLEASE PROVIDE NAMES OF AT LEAST 2 INDIVIDUALS FROM YOUR STATE WHO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR ROLES ON COUNCILS/COMMITTEES OF SSPD:

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NAME	ADDRESS
Priya Gulati	
Abby	

SUGGESTIONS FOR SPEAKERS, TOPICS:

ANY OTHER COMMENTS: