

Report No.	7	New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Substitute <input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment <input type="checkbox"/>
Submitted By:	Council on Dental Benefit Programs			
Date Submitted:	April 8, 2026	Reference Committee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Direct to House <input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Financial Implication:	\$ none			
Amount One-time	\$ none	Amount On-going	\$ none	

Report Council on Dental Benefit Programs

1 The Council on Dental Benefit Programs met on September 19, 2025, and on March 27,
2 2026, by video conference. Minutes of these meetings are on file in the NYSDA office
3 and have been distributed to the Board of Trustees and to component presidents,
4 presidents elect, component executive directors and council chairs.

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6 **ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs:** Dr. Alyson Buchalter, ADA Second
7 Trustee Caucus Representative, reported on the ADA Council’s meetings held in 2025.

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9 **Legislative Update:** Ms. Carolyn Kerr from Brown and Weinraub, LLC, provided an
10 update on NYSDA-sponsored legislation and other items of interest to dentistry. These
11 included NYSDA’s virtual credit card legislation; non-covered services; network leasing;
12 assignment of benefits; and dental loss ratio.

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14 **Special Committee on Dental Medicaid:** Dr. Patricia Hanlon reported on the
15 Committee’s meetings held on September 8, 2025, and February 23, 2026.

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17 **Nomination of Council Chair:** The Council voted unanimously to recommend Dr. John
18 Sorrentino of the Ninth District Dental Association to incoming NYSDA President Dr.
19 Amarilis Jacobo for consideration for appointment as Council Chair from June 2026 to
20 June 2027. If approved, this will be Dr. Sorrentino’s first year as Chair.

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22 **Augmented Intelligence (AI):** The use of AI in the dental claims review process and its
23 use in referring patients to specific in-network providers was an area of concern to the
24 Council. The Council discussed the American Dental Association’s AI policy and agreed
25 that NYSDA should have a policy addressing AI.

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27 The following resolution was ultimately moved:

28 **Resolved,** that if AI is used by dental benefit plans as a tool to assist with claims
29 processing or adjudication, that tool should not be used to diagnose or dictate a
30 treatment plan that interferes with the doctor-patient decision process or deny any
31 benefits that the patient is entitled to under their plan; and be it further

32 **Resolved,** that any AI tool used by third-party payers should not be used to direct
33 patients to specified preferred providers; and be it further

34 **Resolved**, that AI systems should not allow for denial of claims without consultant
35 review.

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37 On vote, the resolution was **adopted**.

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