

# MD Oral Health Task Force Workplan

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Based on feedback from the first meeting of the task force, the chairs and task force staff are submitting the following workplan for consideration by the broader membership:

### Bi-Weekly Taskforce Meetings

Given the scope of work before the task force, as well as the aggressive timetable for both the interim and final reports, it is our recommendation that we begin convening the task force for 2 hours every 2 weeks beginning October 2021 on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of every month.

The meeting agendas will include a mix of presentations, time for the task force to deliberate, and opportunities for public comment.

### Preliminary Task Force Areas of Inquiry

Many of the task force members expressed an interest in a variety of topics relating to oral health both within the contours of the enabling legislation, as well as peripheral to it. We also recognized comments from the task force cautioning us not to “silo” our considerations of interest.

Consequently, we are suggesting a workplan whereby the task force will first consider how various populations access dental services, and then move onto what types of barriers might impede that access. Below is a preliminary description of the aforementioned:

#### “Targeted Populations Access to Care”

- pediatric
- adults w/special needs (i.e., ID/DD)
- elderly
- Medicaid-covered populations
- immigrant

#### “Barriers To Care”

- geographic
- racial/ethnic
- socioeconomic
- insurance
- practitioner/workforce
- education/outreach

### Future Speakers & Stakeholder Perspective

The chairs and task force staff have received multiple suggestions for future speakers to help inform our deliberations. Some suggested speakers include: The American Academy of Pediatrics, local health departments (LHDs), The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, MACPAC, ADA, and CareFirst. As we move through our workplan, we will tailor our invitations to the appropriate shareholders.

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### Task Force Resource Library

As mentioned during the “kick-off” meeting of the task force, the task force members will have access to a shared repository of information for their background. Members will be granted read only access, and suggested contributions to the repository will be directed to the task force staff.