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Re: SB 485

**Maryland Medical Assistance Program –
Dental Prophylaxis Care and Oral Health Exams**

Position: Favorable

As a general dental provider for more than 30 years, I am excited about and fully supportive of this bill. Reducing the eligibility period from 180 days down to 120 days between dental exams is a useful tool to help ensure that children receive routine dental visits and that dentists receive compensation for the services provided. Because the bill does not change the eligibility for 2 visits per calendar year, there is no expected increase in costs for services provided. The bill simply reduces denials for payment when a patient is seen earlier than the current 180 day minimum period.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sincerely,

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