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Special fundraising
campaign in celebration of
TxOHC's 20th anniversary.

Visit <https://TxOHC.org/Donate> to make your
tax-deductible donation before end of year.

Giving Tuesday is here and we need your support for TxOHC's mission to achieve optimal health for all Texans.

Thanks to your contributions we have raised **\$6,892.60** in our year-end fundraising campaign. **A sincere thank you to all of our members for their generosity and support.** A friendly reminder, there is still time before the end of this year to make a tax-deductible donation to your favorite 501(c)(3) nonprofit EIN # 26-0890575.

Your contribution will enable the Texas Oral Health Coalition (TxOHC) to continue its

work on increasing oral health awareness, interprofessional collaboration, and access to care for our most vulnerable populations. The Coalition continues to engage in activities to improve the oral health of all Texas citizens supporting and promoting evidence-based public health initiatives through education, communication, and advocacy. Your support, no matter the size, sustains our programs and drives positive change.



We have come a long way in the last 20 years, but our work is not over and we are asking for your support to continue our efforts. Texas currently has over 5.8 million enrolled in Medicaid with over 900,000 that recently lost Medicaid benefits due to the Medicaid unwinding and redeterminations since April 2023. According to Texas 2036, Texas has the unfortunate distinction of having the nation's highest uninsured rate — about 18% in 2021, [compared to the national average of 8.6%](#) — and its largest uninsured population of roughly 5 million people. This presents new challenges to face on how best to provide care for this growing underserved population.

There is still time to join us and support our work this Giving Tuesday. Please visit <https://txohc.org/donate/> to make a donation and share with your networks and on social media.

Your support is deeply appreciated and we thank you for your consideration!

In gratitude,

Beth Stewart. Executive Director

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[TxOHC Impact Video](#)




Join TxOHC here.

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National Mobile and Teledentistry Conference

TxOHC members receive \$100 discount on registration

The poster features a dark blue background with a blurred image of people at a conference. The text is in white and light blue. The main title is 'TEXAS TELEDENTISTRY STAKEHOLDER MEETING'. Below it, it says 'IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATIONAL MOBILE & TELEDENTISTRY CONFERENCE' and 'WWW.NMDCONFERENCE.COM'. The date and time are 'Friday, March 1, 2024' and '12:30pm'. The location is 'Hyatt Regency Frisco-Texas'. The RSVP information is 'RSVP by 1/31/24 at info@nmdconference.com'. At the bottom, it says 'BROUGHT TO YOU BY:' followed by the logos for 'AMTA AMERICAN MOBILE & TELEDENTISTRY ALLIANCE' and 'TxOHC TEXAS ORAL HEALTH COALITION'.

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The Texas Oral Health Coalition and the American Mobile & Teledentistry Alliance is pleased to cohost the Texas Teledentistry Stakeholder Meeting on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 12:30 PM CT held in conjunction with the National Mobile & Teledentistry Conference.

You will not need a conference ticket to attend the stakeholder meeting, but you will need to RSVP at info@nmdconference.com. For anyone attending the stakeholder meeting who would like to attend the entire conference (plus Denobi Awards), you can use **promo code NMTC100** for a discounted ticket at <http://www.nmdconference.com/>.

Please spread the word through your networks as this is an integral part of dentistry in Texas. Targeted attendees are all stakeholders: clinicians, educators, legislators, leaders of professional associations, community/school district/health department leads, and dental educators.

We look forward to seeing you there!



HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2025 Proposed Rule

In the HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters (Payment Notice) for 2025 proposed rule released November 15, 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed standards for issuers and Marketplaces, as well as requirements for agents, brokers, web-brokers, direct enrollment entities, and assisters that help Marketplace consumers. This proposed rule also includes several proposals impacting the Medicaid program, Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the Basic Health Program (BHP).

[HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2025 Proposed Rule | CMS](#)

November TSBDE Newsletter

Read the November newsletter from the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners [here](#).

This newsletter includes an update on the implementation of HB 3824 (administration of local anesthesia by Hygienists) we will provide an update when the rule is published in the Texas Register.

Upcoming Webinars

- **TxOHC Monthly Webinar | [Register here](#) | February 9, 2024 | 12:00 PM CST**
Integrating Tobacco Cessation Support Resources to Improve Patient Access

Presented by: Ashley LeMaistre, MPH with the UT Austin Tobacco Research and Evaluation Team

Patients are 66% more likely to successfully quit tobacco when healthcare providers actively intervene to connect them with FREE services. The UT Tobacco Research & Evaluation Team provides support to healthcare systems for the implementation of tobacco cessation support strategies, by referring patients who use tobacco and wish to quit, to the Texas Quitline. Referrals can be made by fax, app or through the electronic medical record using the eTobacco Protocol (electronic tobacco cessation referral protocol). When a patient is referred to the Quitline by a healthcare professional, the patient can receive up to 5 counseling sessions and approximately 2 weeks of nicotine replacement therapy if they are 18 or older. Services are confidential, HIPAA-compliant and free. Our team can provide assistance to healthcare systems, including clinics and health departments with an EMR/EHR, to help them explore and leverage any referral method that is appropriate for them, and especially for the eTobacco Protocol.

- **TxOHC Monthly Webinar | [Register here](#) | March 8, 2024 | 12:00 PM CST**
Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral for Treatment for Patients with Substance Use Disorders

More information coming soon.

TxOHC CDE Opportunities

Oral health providers may obtain 1.0 CDE for every one(1) hour of lecture. Online courses to choose from include:

- **HPV - Healthy Smiles - *NEW***
 - The Healthy Smiles Project: Increasing HPV Vaccination through Interprofessional Partnerships with Dental Hygienists
 - Framing HPV Immunization Education for Maximum Patient Acceptance

- **Teledentistry**
 - Teledentistry in Texas: Opportunities to Increase Access to Care
 - Selection of Teledentistry Platforms and Utilization in Alternative Care Settings
 - *Available for edification only* – Taking the Mystery Out of Billing for Virtual Visits
- **Treating Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (IDD)**
 - Providing Dental Care under Advanced Anesthesia: Oral Sedation, IV Sedation, TIVA, IV Mac, and General Anesthesia
 - Special Conditions and Barriers and Challenges Providing Dental Care to Patients with IDD
 - Understanding and Working with Caregivers and Group Homes, Dental Desensitization/Advanced Behavior Techniques for Patients with IDD at AbSSLC
- **Prescribers**
 - Mental Health & Opioid Use Disorder: Using the PMP to improve patient-centered care & communication
 - Statewide Mandate Compliance Using the PMP to Provide Patient-Centered Care
 - Maximizing Your Limited Time: Navigating Challenging Patient Conversations
- **Prenatal**
 - Maternal Depression: Signs, Facts & Resources
 - Who Do You Call: Making the Referral Connection
 - Do No Harm: The Ethics, Myths & Business of Caring for Pregnant People
- **Oral Pathology**
 - Oral Cancer Update
 - Oral Manifestations of Systemic Diseases and Conditions
 - Common Lesions of the Oral Cavity, from Diagnosis to Treatment

To access any of these courses, please visit <https://txohc.org/education/self-instructional-webinars/>.

TxOHC Member Spotlight

TxOHC Member Announcement

We are pleased to welcome the following new member since November 13, 2023.

Individual Member

Samantha Cobb, RDH

Special Markets Key Account Manager, Midwest Dental

Poteet, TX

Join TxOHC as an Active Member

TxOHC is comprised of over 600 oral health stakeholders that engage with the Coalition across the state. Our members are the physical embodiment of our commitment, and it is through your desire and dedication to oral health that the organization flourishes. With your support, we have been able to develop programs to further the mission of the Coalition, provide our members with valuable benefits, and the opportunity to engage and grow the network to make oral health accessible, equitable, and available to all.

You are invited to join TxOHC as an active member to participate in policy discussions and develop strategies and viable solutions to address the oral health challenges many Texans face. **Join for the 2024 calendar year now, and receive active membership benefits for the rest of 2023 for free!**

Please join us and learn to become a subject matter expert, how you can participate in the focus area of your choice, broaden your network, develop new skills, and feed the fire that fuels your passion. The Coalition is vital to the state and our local communities and we need your participation and support to continue our work as a thriving and impactful statewide coalition.

Join us at https://bit.ly/TxOHC_MEM.

Renew Active Membership for 2024

Membership renewal invoices will be sent out in December for current Active members. Current Associate or Student members will be automatically renewed for 2024 unless we are notified otherwise, you do not need to take any action. If an Associate or Student member would like to upgrade their membership category to active status, please complete the online membership form linked above.

Many thanks to our Organizational Members for your support and collaboration!



New CMS Resources to Address Social Determinants

The White House and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), is releasing several resources to help support federal agencies, states, local and tribal governments to better coordinate health care, public health, and social services. Specifically, the White House is releasing the first ever [U.S. Playbook to Address Social](#)

[Determinants of Health](#). To accompany this, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is releasing a [Call to Action to Address Health Related Social Needs, and a Medicaid and CHIP Health-Related Social Needs Framework](#). This builds on the Administration's work to advance health equity by acknowledging that peoples' social and economic conditions play an important role in their health and wellbeing.

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Dallas Community Water Fluoridation Update

We have been keeping you all apprised of the recent events of the Dallas City Council regarding community water fluoridation. To learn the outcome from these recent committee briefings, please read the article linked below from Kera News on November 7, 2023.

On October 16, 2023 Dr. Mary Swift with the Texas Dental Association, Dr. Johnny Johnson of the American Fluoridation Society, and Dr. Philip Huang and Dr. Anh Nguyen with Dallas County Health and Human Services presented a briefing on community water fluoridation to the City of Dallas Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee (CDQLAC). At the end of the presentation a second briefing was requested by the committee chair to hear from the other side of the topic.

Anti-fluoridationists had their CDQLAC committee briefing on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 with Fluoride Committee Co-Chair Dr. Griffin Cole from the International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology, researcher Dr. Bruce Lanphear with Simon Fraser University, and Dr. John Staniland from the Fluoride Action Network presenting.

Find the recordings of both briefings here:

- [November 7th briefing](#) (presentation begins at 1:17:14)
- [October 16th briefing](#) (presentation begins at 00:38)

Additionally, a number of articles have been posted about the recent events including the following:

- [WFAA-TV, November 12, 2023 - Dallas City Council Member says fluoride will not be removed from Dallas water supply.](#)
- [Kera News, November 7, 2023 - Opposing panels battle over fluoridating water before Dallas city council members](#)
- [Dallas Morning News, November 6, 2023 - Why is Dallas City Hall humoring fluoride conspiracy theorists?](#)
- [Dallas Observer, November 7, 2023 - Dallas Continues Its 'Dumb Conversations' About Fluoride](#)
- [D Magazine, October 17, 2023 - The Dumbest Conversation Ever to Take Place at Dallas City Hall](#)

**With much appreciation and sincerest gratitude,
we wish to thank our Coalition Partners!**



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We're thankful for your support!

As 2023 draws to a close we would like to thank you for your support and shared

commitment in working with us towards optimal health for all Texans. We wish you, and your friends and family health and happiness this holiday season and look forward to your continued participation in 2024.

