



February 12, 2026

Vermont House of Representatives
Committee on Health Care
c/o Rep Alyssa Black, Chair

Dear Rep. Black and Members of the Health Care Committee,

On behalf of the membership of the Vermont State Dental Society, I am writing to express concern with the Administration's proposal to remove entirely the incentive payments currently in place to dental providers who see a significant number of Medicaid patients for their dental needs. This program was instituted years ago as a means of encouraging dentists' participation in the Medicaid program, which has been very helpful to those practices that are doing just that. As you know, the Medicaid funding for dental services is woefully behind the cost of providing services, and which continues to lose ground each year that receives no additional funding. Removing this program will not only exacerbate this funding problem, but it will also send a negative signal to those dental providers participating in the program.

Moreover, this proposal does not revert the supplemental payment monies into the broader Medicaid funding for dental services but rather cuts it entirely. This will also result in the loss of the federal match for these dollars.

I continue to gather information from members on this proposal and will share that information with the Committee. In the meantime, I ask you and the Committee to reject this proposal.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Patrick J. Gallivan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Patrick J Gallivan
Executive Director

