



**Association of Dental Support Organizations Applauds
Massachusetts Dental Medical Loss Ratio Regulations**

New MLR regulations will help set standard for dental insurance premium allocation, boosting patient care

Washington, D.C. (April 9, 2024) — Last week, the Massachusetts Division of Insurance (DOI) released a final dental medical loss ratio (MLR) standard, which requires dental insurers to allocate at least 83 percent of premiums towards patient care. The standard is a result of a historic ballot initiative that was overwhelmingly approved by voters in November 2022. Following is a statement from Andrew Smith, Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Dental Support Organizations (ADSO):

“The new MLR standard is a win for both patients and providers in Massachusetts. It will serve as a cornerstone in ensuring dental care plans allocate a fair and beneficial percentage of insurance premiums directly to patient care rather than administrative costs. It is also a catalyst for similar dental healthcare reforms nationwide.

“Along with our members, the ADSO worked hard to see the new standard come to fruition. By advocating for the standard, we aimed to ensure that resources are used efficiently to improve patient care and health outcomes.

“The ADSO extends its gratitude to the Massachusetts DOI, legislators, and all those who have been instrumental in this process. As we continue our work in ensuring access to high-quality dental healthcare across the country, the ADSO remains steadfast in advocating for policies that benefit patients and providers alike.”

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About the ADSO

The Association of Dental Support Organizations (ADSO) is a non-profit trade association whose members support more than 11,000 dentists. ADSO supports its members through research, education and advocacy; enabling them to foster innovation, collaboration and a vibrant market where DSO-supported dentists can provide quality oral health care. Visit www.theadso.org to learn more, and follow the ADSO on LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter.

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