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## **WDA Reacts to Evers Budget, Looks Forward to Working with Legislature**

*The Wisconsin Dental Association today released the following statement from WDA President **Dr. Paula Crum**, a practicing periodontist in Green Bay, regarding the oral health initiatives included in Gov. Tony Evers' state budget proposal:*

"The Wisconsin Dental Association and its 3,100 members throughout the Badger State want to thank Gov. Evers for including a variety of oral health provisions aimed at increasing access to care for our state's most vulnerable populations. The majority of oral health stakeholders acknowledge it will take a multipronged approach, including fiscal investments, to fill the needs of our state."

"We know the budget process can be a long and often unpredictable path; however, last night's announcement was a good first step toward addressing access to care issues facing our state. Wisconsin's Medicaid rates for oral health remain at a national low. With only a 2% increase in two decades, it is time for this to be addressed. Oral health is worth more than just over 1% of our state's Medicaid resources."

"We look forward to working with our oral health partners in the state legislature over the next few months as a part of the budget process."

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### **About the Wisconsin Dental Association**

The Wisconsin Dental Association, with 3,100 member dentists and a number of dental hygienists, is the leading voice for dentistry in Wisconsin. WDA members are committed to promoting professional excellence and quality oral health care. Established in 1870, the WDA is headquartered in West Allis and has a legislative office in Madison. The WDA is affiliated with the American Dental Association - the largest and oldest national dental association in the world. For more information, call 414-276-4520, visit [WDA.org](http://WDA.org) and find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).