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Submitted By:	Council on Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry			
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Report of the Council on Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry

- 1 The Council on Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry met on October 27, 2023,
- 2 and March 15, 2024, by Zoom. Minutes of these meetings are on file in the NYSDA
- 3 office and have been distributed to the Board of Trustees and to component presidents,
- 4 presidents-elect, component executive directors and council chairs.

- 5 ADA Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP) Report: The Council was
- 6 provided with written reports from CAAP meetings held in July 2023 and January 2024.

- 7 **Advocacy Efforts/Legislative Update:** Ms. Briana McNamee reported on the status of
- 8 NYSDA-sponsored legislation and updated the Council on the governor’s budget items.

- 9 **Radiation Shielding:** The American Dental Association’s new recommendations to
- 10 discontinue the use of lead aprons and thyroid collars when conducting dental X-rays
- 11 were discussed. New York State Education Law still requires the use of lead shielding.
- 12 The recommendations will be discussed at the Council on Dental Practice meeting
- 13 being held on March 27. The Council members expressed their support for the ADA’s
- 14 recommendations.

- 15 **Hospital Program Liaison Reports:** Drs. Rachael Rossitto and David Miller reported
- 16 on their groups’ respective meetings and the topics discussed. These included dental
- 17 compacts; the role of DSOs in education; a decrease in applications to GPR and AEGD
- 18 residency programs; new CODA regulations pertaining to GPR PGY2 residency
- 19 programs; workforce shortages; and access-to-care issues.

- 20 Dr. Rossitto spoke of Mr. Greg Hill’s attendance at the upstate dental directors’ meeting
- 21 held in April 2023. Dr. Michele Griguts, dental director, NYS Department of Health, will
- 22 attend the directors’ meeting on April 12 to provide an update on the new Medicaid
- 23 program policy changes for root canals, crowns, replacement dentures and implants.

- 24 **Hospital Program Reports:** Access continues to be at the forefront of members’
- 25 concerns. The difficulty obtaining and scheduling OR time and the long wait list for
- 26 patients trying to schedule appointments, especially for the IDD population, was

27 discussed. A lack of Medicaid providers in some areas has resulted in patients seeking
28 care in hospital emergency departments. Loan forgiveness programs were also
29 discussed.

30 **Nomination of Council Chair:** The Council voted unanimously to recommend Dr.
31 Raquel Rozdolski of the Ninth District Dental Association to incoming NYSDA President
32 Dr. Prabha Krishnan for consideration for appointment to the position of Council Chair
33 from June 2024 to June 2025. If approved, this will be Dr. Rozdolski's second and final
34 year as chair.