

Mentists/OSHA

Wear, not confirmed

Blood-borne pathogens - report due  
(Reich "end of summer" will  
be on the Hill)

→ ADA wants a fresh look

Some of it was done based on the  
fury of issue at moment & much  
based on lots of bloody  
sheets in a hospital

Aug 27 -  
meeting w/ Ziegler  
at OSHA since

we can't meet  
until confirmed.

(these mills  
+ TB  
which is  
new  
big  
issue)

Need to  
sep. deep  
procedure  
(blood  
in no-  
blood)  
or  
site

Laundry

Saliva is defined as having blood in it > 1/2  
true

Med records - keep for 30 yrs.

Can't take off personal protective devices  
at any time

# Health Care Reform

Want covered

Low income

Institutionalized of low income  
Prevention

Dental insurance  
is really  
a pre-  
payment

60% all dental covered thru plans  
Only 4% of plans <sup>payments</sup> are public

Worried about loss of tax deductibility

Canada excluded dentistry

Worried  
this will  
all be  
disrupted

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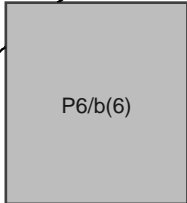


Here are the DOBs for the people to be WAVED in for August 12 ADA meeting with Carol at 10 a.m. These are from Laurie Stallings, of Betsey Wright's office (662-3720).

Bruce Fried

Dr. John Zapp

Dorothy Moss



--Rick

CC.  
of attachment

Michael Warren  
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aren't you  
already  
working on  
this  
based on  
my note  
in file to  
you following my  
conversation  
w/ Betsy?  
Mike Schmidt  
to set in  
w/ me.

August 3, 1993

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Carol Rasco  
FROM: Betsy Wright  
RE: Appointment request for representatives of the American Dental Association

As I mentioned in our phone conversation, I would like to set up an appointment with you for Dr. John Zapp, Executive Director of the ADA (based in Chicago) and Dorothy Moss, director of the Washington office. The topic is OSHA regulations on dentistry.

Dr. Zapp is planning to be in town on the following dates, and an appointment on one of them would be most convenient.

- August 4--afternoon
- August 5--morning
- August 11-13
- August 18--afternoon
- August 19--morning

12th @ 10:00

Many thanks.

Because Mike w/b  
on vacation the week  
preceding, the 19th a.m.  
looks good for all.  
How does your personal  
calendar look?

ADA-file

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President's Committee on Employment  
of People with Disabilities

*I believe these events indicate progress for disability rights. Congratulations! Justin*

**Washington  
FAX**

An update of activities, programs and projects of the President's Committee

August 1993

Special ADA Anniversary Issue

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by  
Justin Dart

**HISTORIC FACE-TO-FACE DIALOGUES WITH PRESIDENT AND ATTORNEY GENERAL, LANDMARK PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS, NEW YORK MARCH, MAJOR MEDIA FOCUS, VICTORY FOR AIRLINE ACCESS HIGHLIGHT NATIONWIDE ADA BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Colleagues, ADA had a great third birthday party. President Clinton and Attorney General Reno came through for justice. Many major media entities came through for justice. Most importantly, thousands of you came through for justice. People with disabilities still face a long, perilous march to the promised land of full equality and full empowerment. But the last few days have demonstrated once again the potential of united advocacy and people first democracy. My mind and spirit are lifted from the cloudy probable to the shining possible.

I could not begin to list all of your magnificent ADA birthday events; this is a summary of happenings in which I was privileged to participate -- or of which I have personal knowledge.

**JULY 23, PRESIDENT CLINTON ISSUES A SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY ADA MESSAGE TO THE NATION:** "Our country doesn't have a single person to waste, and we must invest in each person's enormous potential by fully implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act. . . . My Administration is committed to shifting disability policy away from exclusion, towards inclusion; away from dependence, towards independence; away from paternalism and towards empowerment."

**JULY 26, THE PRESIDENT ADDRESSES A CHICAGO CONFERENCE ON THE WORKPLACE OF THE FUTURE:** "There is one group of American workers I really want to acknowledge today. This is the third anniversary of one of our most important civil rights laws, the Americans with Disabilities Act. For more than 40 million people, the law is clearing the barriers to full participation in American life. . . ." Marca Bristo, National Council on Disability Chairperson-Designate, was chosen to be one of 12 Americans serving with the President on the gathering's showcase panel.

**JULY 26, THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES A LANDMARK APPOINTMENT: BOB**

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# KEY DENTAL FACTS

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May 11, 1993

The Honorable Daniel K. Akaka  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-1103

Dear Senator Akaka:

I am writing to convey the American Dental Association's recommendations on health system reform as it relates to the provision of oral health care. As the representative of over 150,000 dentists nationwide, this Association has long supported efforts to ensure better access to quality, cost-effective dental care.

The American public currently enjoys quality dental care that is unsurpassed by any other dental delivery system. In fact, during the past thirty years, there has been a dramatic reduction in basic dental diseases. This is due, in large measure, to the dental profession's efforts regarding prevention and access to care. The Association has long promoted a regular dental care regimen designed to maintain oral health and avoid major restorative work.

Dental benefit plans offer the most cost-efficient and successful means of maintaining oral health, as they are designed to promote regular, preventive care. People with dental benefit plans are more likely to seek regular care. Without the improved access to dental care fostered by the availability of dental benefits, dentistry's progress in fighting oral diseases could falter.

The Association believes all children should, at a minimum, be provided "preventive" dental care. We also recommend that the dental Medicaid program be restructured as a public/private partnership which could be modeled after the Uniformed Services Military Dependent Dental Care program. In addition, if the Medicare program is expanded to cover additional dental care services, we recommend that it include a defined dental benefit plan.

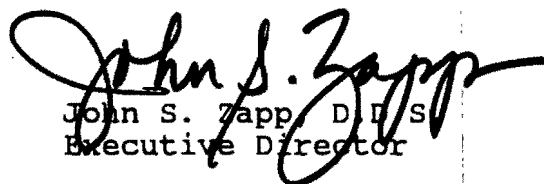
The Association opposes the taxation of dental benefits--whether it is a tax on employees or the elimination/reduction of the existing employer deductibility--because it would have

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an immediate, adverse impact upon the viability of dental benefit plans. The Congressional Budget Office and the Rand Corporation concur, as studies by both organizations conclude that dental coverage would be reduced if health benefits are taxed. To protect the access to oral health care presently afforded to the American public, we believe it is imperative that the Administration and Congress reject calls for taxing dental benefits.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations. A detailed summary of the Association's position on health system reform, as well as a brochure addressing our objections to a tax on dental health benefits, are enclosed. We would be pleased to discuss these recommendations with you further. Please contact Dorothy Moss, Director of the ADA's Washington Office at (202) 898-2400, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



John S. Zapp, D.D.S.  
Executive Director

JSZ:jm  
Attachments

THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION'S POSITION ON  
ACCESS AND DELIVERY OF DENTAL CARE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Premise:** From a public health perspective, to improve the oral health of the American people the first important step is to fluoridate those public water systems that are as yet nonfluoridated.
- Premise:** There are distinct differences between the delivery of dental and medical treatment that must be understood as we discuss health care reform. Because of these differences, the design of the dental plan must differ from that of the medical plan.
- Premise:** Cost-containment is an integral part of the dental care system and is achieved through annual maximums, patient copayments, deductibles, and limitations on the type or frequency of treatment.
- The current private dental care system provides care for 100 million people in a manner consistent with the goals of health system reform.
- Premise:** All children should have access to dental care.

**ADA POSITION:**

- The private dental benefits system should be preserved because it delivers cost-effective dental care to those who are covered.
- The federal government has an obligation to provide fully-funded dental benefits for the indigent, preferably through the private delivery system, thereby forming a public-private partnership.
- Dental Health Care Cooperatives should be established to enable nonindigents, who do not receive dental benefits through the work place, and small employers to purchase dental benefit plans.
- The federal government should provide assistance to the working poor on a sliding scale, based upon income, for purchasing dental benefits.
- If the Medicare program is expanded to include coverage for dental health care services, there should be a defined dental benefit plan for the elderly.
- There should be no discrimination by degree of provider if treatment is provided by a legally qualified dentist or physician operating within the scope of his/her training and licensure.
- The language specifying treatment coverage in medical plans must clearly indicate that medically necessary adjunctive care, essential to the successful treatment of a medical condition being treated by a multi-disciplinary health care team, is available to the patient.
- Federal financial incentives, e.g., loan forgiveness, should be established to encourage dentists to practice in underserved areas.

June 25, 1993

# TAXING THE NATION'S ORAL HEALTH BENEFITS



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