



**ME AGD desire to be an official stakeholder in oral health legislation
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Statement from the Maine Academy of General Dentistry (ME AGD)

The Maine Academy of General Dentistry (ME AGD) respectfully submits this statement to affirm our commitment to serving as an engaged and constructive voice in all initiatives affecting oral health care delivery across the State of Maine, including Legislative Document 2209.

As practicing dentists serving communities throughout Maine, our members are directly involved in delivering comprehensive oral health care to patients of all ages and backgrounds. We are deeply invested in expanding access to high-quality, evidence-based dental care while maintaining patient safety, professional standards, and long-term sustainability of the dental workforce.

ME AGD recognizes that improving access to oral health services is a shared priority. We believe meaningful progress requires collaboration among policymakers, educators, regulators, practicing clinicians, and public health leaders. As such, we respectfully request inclusion as an active stakeholder in discussions related to the development of innovative delivery models, workforce pathways, specialty training programs, and any other initiatives arising from LD 2209 or related legislative efforts.

Our organization represents general dentists who provide the majority of dental care in Maine. We therefore offer a practical, frontline perspective on workforce capacity, geographic access challenges, rural care delivery, regulatory realities, and clinical quality standards. We believe that successful policy solutions must account for real-world clinical operations, training requirements, patient safety considerations, and long-term professional sustainability.

The ME AGD stands ready to:

- **Participate in stakeholder meetings convened by the Department of Health and Human Services**
- **Provide data and clinical insight regarding access challenges and workforce capacity**
- **Collaborate in the development of hub-and-spoke models or other innovative delivery systems**
- **Contribute to discussions regarding specialist residency expansion within the State**
- **Offer testimony or technical assistance to legislative committees as needed**

Our goal is not simply expansion of services, but expansion that is responsible, sustainable, and grounded in clinical excellence.

We appreciate the opportunity to be part of this important dialogue and look forward to contributing constructively to the future of oral health care in Maine.

Respectfully,

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