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### **CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION EXPLAINS THE ADULT DENTAL MEDICAID FUNDING NEED**

The following is a statement from Dr. Jon Davis, President of the [Connecticut State Dental Association](http://www.CSDA.com), on the importance of continued funding for the state's Adult Dental Medicaid Program.

While we understand the tough choices that Governor Malloy will be facing as it relates to the budget, we urge him to not eliminate dental coverage for adults on Medicaid. Without adult dental Medicaid coverage, many Connecticut citizens will seek emergency care for oral conditions in local hospitals. The treatment of dental emergencies in private offices or public health clinics is far less costly than emergency room services that can run thousands of dollars. It is not in Connecticut's best fiscal interest to cut the adult dental Medicaid funding as it will only increase the cost to the state on the medical side of the equation. This is not a prudent way for families to manage their own budgets – save some money now, but pay even more later – nor is it a prudent way for the State to balance its budget.

#### **About Connecticut State Dental Association**

The Connecticut State Dental Association (CSDA) has 2,700 members including dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants. As the trusted leader and voice for oral health care in CT, the CSDA has advocated for the public's health and promoted the art and science of dentistry since 1864. For more information about the CSDA, visit the Association's Web site at [www.csda.com](http://www.csda.com).

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