

Member Resources Guide



YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT A GLANCE

About the Texas Dental Association (TDA)

ADVOCATING FOR TEXAS DENTISTS SINCE 1871

The Texas Dental Association (TDA) was founded over 150 years ago by dentists committed to advancing the profession and protecting the oral health of Texans. Today, TDA is one of the largest state dental associations in the country, representing more than 8,800 member dentists across every corner of the state.

We are the **trusted voice of dentistry in Texas**—fighting for fair legislation, offering unmatched professional support, and building a strong community of ethical, well-informed, and connected dental professionals.

WHY TDA MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Advocacy that Protects You

TDA works directly with lawmakers and regulators to safeguard your profession and your patients.

Resources that Empower You

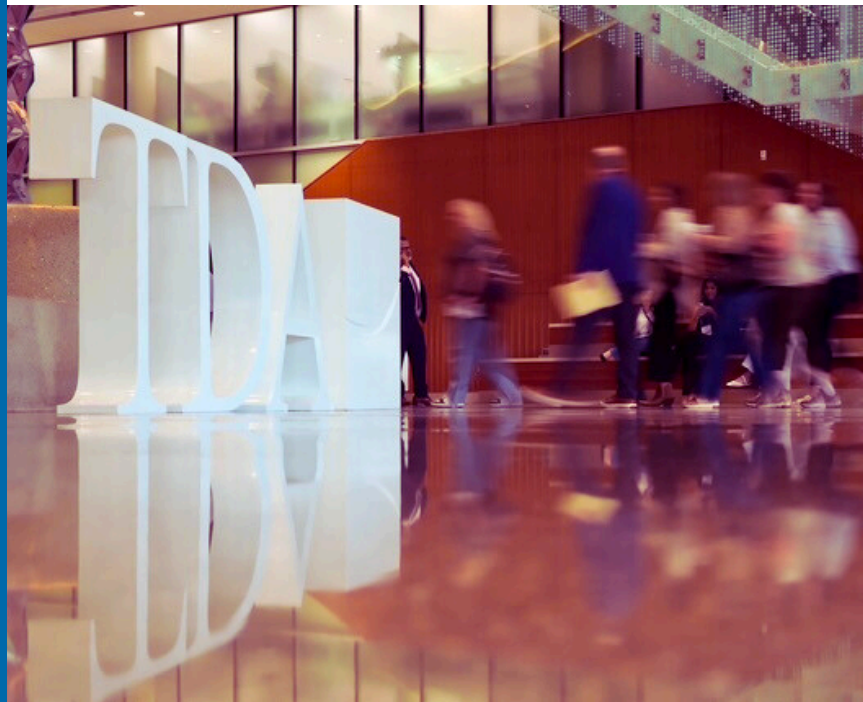
From compliance and CE to business tools and legal support, we help you stay ahead.

Community that Uplifts You

You're part of a powerful network of peers, mentors, and advocates.

Service that Reflects You

Give back through programs like the Smiles Foundation and TMOM.



Being a TDA member isn't just a box to check — it's a commitment to excellence, ethics, and being part of something bigger.

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REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE HELP

STAY CURRENT. STAY COMPLIANT. TDA'S GOT YOUR BACK.

From new x-ray rules to HIPAA training, the regulations that affect your dental practice are always evolving—and we're here to help you keep up.

TDA works directly with the **Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE)** to provide real-time updates on rule changes and how they impact your practice. Whether it's a question about sedation permits, infection control, or CE tracking, our team provides personalized compliance assistance when our members need it.

Not just TSBDE—we also help with non-TSBDE regulatory issues like:

- Controlled substances
- Amalgam separators
- Dental x-ray equipment
- Infection control and more

Stay informed with **Practice Points**, our exclusive member update series covering regulatory changes and compliance tips.

NEED HELP WITH A SPECIFIC RULE?

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CONTINUING EDUCATION & DENTAL CONCIERGE

TOP SPEAKERS. NETWORKING. CE THAT CHECKS ALL THE TSBDE BOXES.

Whether you're brushing up on clinical skills or diving into business strategies, the **TDA Meeting** is your one-stop destination for education, connection, and inspiration—all in one weekend, right in downtown San Antonio.

TDA MEETING

Packed with engaging content for the entire dental team, the **TDA Meeting** features:

- Hands-on workshops
- Advanced clinical topics
- Business and team-building sessions
- A dynamic Exhibit Hall



DENTAL CONCIERGE

Confused by **TSBDE CE Requirements?**

TDA makes it easy with **Dental Concierge** — our free tool for members and their teams.

- ✓ Track CE hours
- ✓ Get high-quality live and on-demand courses
- ✓ Set renewal reminders
- ✓ Easily submit CE to TSBDE

FREE for TDA members and their staff

Visit tdadentalconcierge.com to sign up today!



THIRD PARTY PAYER, INSURANCE, AND MEDICAID HELP

“I LOVE NAVIGATING INSURANCE ISSUES,”
SAID NO DENTIST EVER.

TDA offers individualized support for all members.

Whether you're dealing with coding questions, claim denials, or credentialing headaches, your membership gives you access to personalized support and national resources to simplify the process.

MEDICAID & CHIP UPDATES + PERSONALIZED HELP

TDA keeps you informed with the latest on Texas Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). We cover public health insurance updates in our member publications like **TDA Today** and **The Root**.

Have questions or need one-on-one assistance?

Diane Rhodes, Senior Policy Manager

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THIRD PARTY PAYER AND DENTAL PLAN SUPPORT

- Provider and claims issues
- Coding and reimbursement problems
- Contracting or credentialing confusion

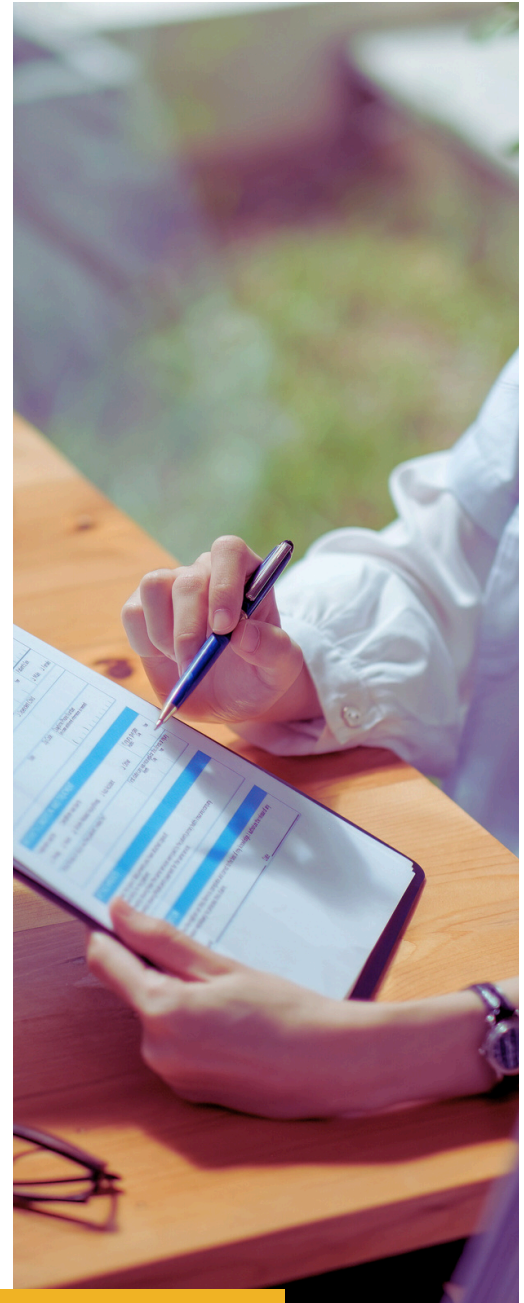
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ADA'S THIRD-PARTY PAYER CONCIERGE™

Get direct, expert assistance with dental benefit problems via the ADA's concierge service.

[Access the ADA Concierge](#)



CONTRACT ANALYSIS & DISPUTE RESOLUTION



WHEN
DISAGREEMENTS
HAPPEN, TDA IS HERE
TO HELP.

CONTRACT ANALYSIS SERVICE

Know before you sign.

Understanding provider contracts is key to protecting your practice — and avoiding costly surprises down the line.

Through your TDA/ADA membership, you can access the ADA's free contract analysis service, designed to help you make informed decisions about:

- Dental provider contracts with third-party payers
- Certain dental management service organization (DMSO) agreements

How it works:

Submit an unsigned copy of the contract to TDA, and we'll help you review the terms and implications.

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[Learn more here](#)

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Dentists and patients don't always see eye to eye—and that's okay.

TDA's Peer Review process offers an alternative to litigation, resolving disputes fairly, efficiently, and professionally.

Offered through most local component societies, the **Peer Review process** addresses concerns related to:

- The quality or appropriateness of dental treatment
- Disagreements between providers and third-party carriers (utilization review)

Each case is reviewed by a **committee of volunteer TDA member dentists**, following strict guidelines to ensure an impartial decision based on available evidence.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY & DENPAC



WHAT LAWMAKERS DO AT THE STATE CAPITOL CAN AFFECT WHAT YOU DO IN YOUR OFFICE EVERY DAY. LUCKILY FOR YOU, TDA IS THERE.

From major wins with dental insurance to preventing unwarranted scope expansions, TDA's effective relationship with the state legislature is key to **protecting your practice and the patients you serve.**

In 2025, TDA achieved a historic win for Texas dentists by improving Medicaid Dental funding—the biggest increase in 18 years! TDA also secured new safeguards for DIY orthodontic appliances, successfully defended against anti-fluoridation measures, championed anesthesia coverage for kids who need it most, and blocked a risky dental licensure compact that threatened our standard of care. To learn more about the recent legislative wins for Texas dentists and patients, head to tda.org/advocacy/legislative

TDA works with the Texas legislature to make sure dentists are involved in the legislative process. Together, we help **ensure your career — and your patients — are safe.** That means dentists and patients win.

But TDA can't do it alone. We need our members to **invest in DENPAC** to ensure we keep our seat at the table when important decisions are being made.

DENPAC is TDA's political action committee. It's a voluntary, nonprofit group made up of member dentists whose goal is to support candidates for state office who care about preserving organized dentistry and improving dental health for all Texans. Visit denpac.org to learn more and join now.



PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS

YOUR GREATEST RESOURCE IS EACH OTHER.

TDA membership connects you with **a powerful network of dental professionals** across Texas—no matter your career stage, location, or practice model.

Whether you're looking to:

- Share best practices
- Meet your next employer or hire
- Find a specialist or referral partner
- Connect with a mentor (or mentee)
- Earn CE or just make a few new friends

TDA provides the spaces and events to make it happen.

From your local component society to the TDA Meeting and ADA opportunities, we make sure you're plugged into the biggest and best dental community in Texas.

[Find your local component society](#)

[Learn more about the TDA Meeting](#)

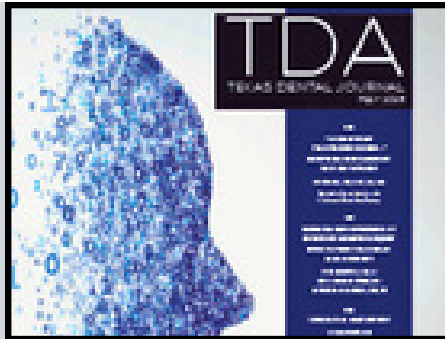


PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION RESOURCES

TDA TODAY

TDA's monthly member newsletter keeps you in the know — from updated laws and regulations to must-attend community events.

Available online [HERE](#).



TEXAS DENTAL JOURNAL

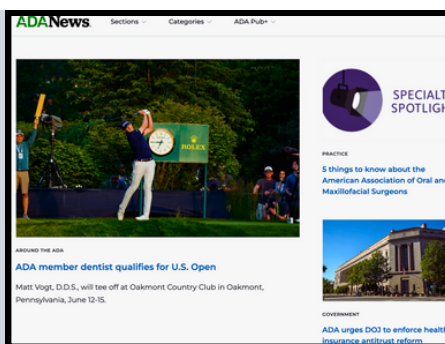
Your go-to for the latest science, research, and job listings. Published since 1883, it's the longest-running dental periodical in the Western Hemisphere.

[Access the Journal online](#)

THE ROOT

Published during each legislative session, The Root gives you the inside scoop on Texas laws affecting dentistry—and TDA's advocacy efforts.

[Read The Root](#)



ADA RESOURCES

Tap into the ADA's robust library, including ADA News, JADA, and Success.ADA.org for clinical tips, tools, and answers.

[Explore ADA practice resources](#)

LOCAL SOCIETY UPDATES

Stay engaged with your component society. Many offer newsletters and local resources tailored to your area.

[Find your local society](#)

TDA.ORG

Your central hub for all things TDA — news, events, resources, CE, and more.

Explore the website [HERE](#).

TDA PERKS PROGRAM

EXCLUSIVE SAVINGS, TRUSTED PARTNERS, AND EXPERT SUPPORT — JUST FOR MEMBERS.

The TDA Perks Program connects members with quality products, services, and exclusive discounts you can't get anywhere else.

What You Get:

- Weekly email newsletter with essential info on insurance, compliance, practice management, and more
- One-on-one support—if there's ever an issue with a partner program, Perks staff will help resolve it
- Big savings through popular programs:
 - Best Card credit card processing – save an average of \$6,671 (28%) annually
 - Up to 12% off all Philips Sonicare & Zoom! products
 - Trial units available for TDA members and staff at deep discounts



For more information about PERKS Benefits: **[CLICK HERE](#)**

Learn More:

Explore the full list of programs at **tdaperks.com**

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TDA FINANCIAL SERVICES INSURANCE PROGRAM

TRUSTED COVERAGE. TAILORED FOR TEXAS DENTISTS.

For over 20 years, the TDA Financial Services Insurance Program has been helping members protect what matters most. Now a member-owned, full-service agency, it's your one-stop shop for essential coverage.

Insurance Options Include:

- Health
- Malpractice
- Business Owners Policy (BOP)
- Disability
- Individual, Home, and Auto

You'll always have attentive customer service from a team dedicated to TDA members and staff with TDA Financial Services Insurance Program.

Call (800) 677-8644 to speak with a friendly team member

Learn more: tdamemberinsure.com

Healthcare Member Benefits Program

Affordable PPO healthcare access for your entire dental team.

TDA Financial Services now offers a national PPO network available to:

- Practice owners with employees
- 1099 contractors
- Sole proprietors

Call (833) 287-4765 to speak with a dedicated rep

More information: [HERE](#)



TDA SMILES FOUNDATION (TDASF)

WHO WE ARE:

TDA's Charitable Arm – Giving Back Through Dentistry

The Texas Dental Association Smiles Foundation (TDASF) is a nonprofit affiliate of the Texas Dental Association (TDA) that sponsors clinical care programs across Texas. Our mission is to improve access to oral healthcare for the underserved of Texas and to educate the public and profession about oral health.

TDASF also supports:

- **Dental Student Scholarships** – awards scholarships to second-year dental students at all four Texas dental schools.
- **Grants** –We offer grants to fund innovative programs that advance dental care and education. These grants support community clinics, public health campaigns, and dental education initiatives that improve access and awareness.
- **Fundraisers** – Our fundraisers help sustain critical dental care initiatives for underserved communities. By participating in or supporting these events, you help expand access to oral healthcare and support our mission of a healthier Texas.

Learn more at tdasf.org



TEXAS MISSION OF MERCY, INC. (TMOM, INC)

ABOUT TMOM, INC.

Texas Mission of Mercy, Inc. (TMOM, Inc.) is a nonprofit organization that plans and oversees mobile dental clinics across Texas. Our mission is to improve the oral health and quality of life for underserved Texans by providing free, basic dental care.

The Texas Mission of Mercy (TMOM) program is TMOM, Inc.'s flagship initiative — a mobile dental clinic that travels throughout Texas. Each TMOM event is powered by volunteer dental professionals and community members, offering services such as cleanings, fillings, and extractions at no cost to patients who face barriers to care.

RECENT SUCCESS — TMOM BONHAM 2025

The **94th TMOM** event recently took place in Bonham, Texas where 650 patients were seen, and over 5,000 treatments were preformed with a total value of care of \$709,278.95.

UPCOMING TMOM EVENTS

- **Abilene, TX** – July 18–19, 2025
- **Houston, TX** – September 26–27, 2025
- **Dallas, TX** – April 2026
- **San Antonio, TX** – May 2026

VOLUNTEER

Sign up at tmomvolunteer.org to join us at upcoming events.

DONATE

Support our mission by [donating](https://donating.today) today!



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MISSION
of MERCY

THANK YOU FOR EXPLORING THE **TDA** **MEMBER RESOURCE GUIDE**

We're so glad you took the time to learn more about the benefits, services, and support available through your **TDA membership**.


Whether you're a new member or a longtime supporter, being part of the **TDA, ADA, and your local dental society** means you're not alone—you're backed by a network that advocates for you, connects you with your peers, and empowers you to thrive in every stage of your dental career.

TDA membership isn't just a checkbox—it's a **commitment to excellence, ethics, and the future of dentistry in Texas**.

QUESTIONS? REACH OUT!

We're here to help.

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LET'S STAY CONNECTED

Follow us on social media to stay up to date on news, events, and member highlights!

