U.S. Congress Considers Relief for Small Businesses Possible Repeal of 1099 legislation

Last month the United States House of Representatives yesterday passed legislation (H.R. 4) to repeal the 1099 business tax reporting provision contained in the health care reform law. The vote was 314 to 112. Before the bill came to a vote, a call went out to all three levels of the tri-partite of organized dentistry to contact their representatives in Congress. Nearly 3,000 ADA members, responded urging their Congressperson them to pass the bill. The ADA and others believe that the requirement as interpreted in the health reform law—that dentists and other small employers file IRS 1099 forms for exchanges of goods or services valued at $600 or more in a year—did not reflect the intent of Congress. The vote, closely following a similar action by the Senate, signified the last of the major hurdles for this bill. The two versions of the legislation now go to a House/Senate conference where differences will be worked out. When negotiators agree on a final measure, it will go to the President for his signature.

A Note of Thanks

A note of thanks to all those who contributed to the success of SDDS 2011 NCDHM Programs. The following list attempts to list all of those who gave of themselves but is probably not a total representation of the contribution and energy exerted by the SDDS membership. You are the unsung heroes of the oral health forces serving the children of the Second District. Our thanks to all the volunteers who generously gave of their time and talent to ensure the oral health and well being of the children we serve.
Highlights from Children’s Dental Health Month
Give Kids a Smile Day at NYC Technical College School of Dental Hygiene

Senior Dental Hygiene Student Yudelka Salcedo reviews oral health status with a student from P.S. 270.

Senior Dental Hygiene Student Kay Gonzalez performs a dental examination.

Isabel Barriero RDH gives oral hygiene instructions to children from P.S. 270.

Isabel Barriero RDH, Leticia Fernandez, a dental hygiene student, and Sandra Dominguez RDH present oral hygiene instructions to a class.

Dr. Man Sing Cheung, Dr. Josephine Lomangino-Cheung with students and staff from P.S. 170.

Senior Dental Hygiene Student Raquel Kim performs a clinical oral exam.

Dr. Angela DeBartolo (left) Dr. Sari Rosenwein (right) with Oral Health exhibit at P.S. 216.

(1 to r) Anty Lam RDH (faculty), Dr. Stanley Steinerman (faculty), Gail Bentick RDH (faculty), Patrice Duncan RDH (faculty), Dr. Gus Pavlakos, Dr. Juana Luster, Dr. Angela DeBartolo, Dr. Nancy Ekelman (faculty), and Elizabeth Bergman RDH (faculty).

(1 to r) Drs. James Scarzay, AnneMarie Truncali, Ms. Alicia Ortiz, Drs. Danielrome, Shaddy Samuel (Dr. Rabbit), Patricia Hong, Douglas Barker, Renuela Reyes, Ms. Carla Johnson (Colgate’s Bright Smile Bright Future Program Coordinator).

Dr. Reneida Reyes teaches students the benefits of good oral hygiene.
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**Give Kids a Smile Day at Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center**

NY State Senator John L. Sampson, Dr. Kathleen Agoglia, NY Assemblyman Nick Perry

Dr. Dara Weiner prepares for an oral health screening.

Dr. Andrew Tong examines a student.

P.S. 165 Students pose with Dr. Dara Weiner.

Dr. Eric Nordberg and students from P.S. 165.

Dr. Jinju Song (treating patient) Dr. Eric Norberg observing in the background.

Dr. Nicole Lambert and students coloring.
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CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2011-12
Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island
Friday, April 8, 2011
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  MCEU - 6 HOURS

Title:  "Posterior Composites: What Would G.V. Black Think?"
Clinician:  John C. McManama, D.D.S.
Professor, Department of General Dentistry, Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine

Synopsis: Amalgam was the most important restorative material of the 20th century. Whether or not composite resin is ready to replace amalgam is really a function of two things: the material and how it is used. This practical and timely course will address several common problems with posterior composites. Upon successful completion of the course participants will be able to:

- Diagnose and compare treatment options for incipient lesions (what does minimally invasive dentistry really mean?)
- Understand how to best treat deep lesions (direct and indirect pulp capping)
- Compare and select the best matrix systems for predictable normal contacts
- Use flowable resins when and where they are really needed
- Decrease post-operative problems by using effective and predictable placement techniques
- Logically compare treatment planning options for posterior teeth and know when NOT to use composite

APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Branch Society Night
Richmond County Country Club, Staten Island
Thursday, April 14, 2011
Starts at 6:30 PM  MCEU - 1 HOUR

Title:  "Achieving the Winning Smile with Cosmetic Periodontal Surgery and Implants"
Clinician:  David L. Hoexter, D.M.D.
Clinical Professor of Periodontology, Temple University

Synopsis: This presentation will demonstrate how to achieve that “winning smile” using the following simple and practical techniques:

- Growing enamel
- Recessed root coverage - made predictable
- Crown lengthening
- Ridge augmentation
- Gingival grafts (lateral, free autogenous, subepithelial, combinations)
- Manipulating gingival color, form, shape and symmetry
- GTR - utilizing resorbable membranes
- Bone grafts
- Bone graft substitute materials

Implants and peri-implant prosthetics are a few of the cosmetic surgical techniques that will be demonstrated and blended to regenerate that evasive “winning smile.” Upon successful completion of the lecture, the attendee will learn about the range of aesthetic possibilities and achievable esthetic results, and will be able to have that goal when diagnosing their own cases.

ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED, SO REGISTER EARLY!

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2011-11
VENUE CHANGE - SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn
Thursday, April 7, 2011
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  MCEU - 2 HOURS

Title:  “Alzheimer’s Disease: An Overview for Dental Professionals”
Clinician:  Alyson K. Buchalter, D.M.D.
Attending, Long Island College Hospital

Synopsis: The population of patients with Alzheimer’s disease is growing exponentially as our population ages. This overview of the basic science, pathophysiology and the clinical presentation of Alzheimer’s disease will aid clinicians in understanding this disease and their patients’ needs.

Topics to be reviewed in this lecture include:

- Aging and dementia
- Symptoms and stages of Alzheimer’s disease
- Current diagnosis and treatment options
- Risk factors and considerations related to dental care

Upon successful completion of this course participants will gain the skills and confidence needed to treat this special segment of the population.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2011-10
Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM)
#2011-10  Friday, April 1, 2011

SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn (9:30 AM - 3:30 PM)
#2011-13  Friday, April 15, 2011

All CPR courses are 5 MCEUs.

Title:  “CPR & Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office”
Instructor:  Michael Kaliroff
Certified Instructor, American Heart Association

Synopsis: This course provides dentists and their staffs with the knowledge and skills needed to properly respond to cardiopulmonary and other medical emergencies which can occur in dental offices. The specific advantages and disadvantages of performing CPR within the dental operatory will be discussed. This program utilizes hands-on practice sessions for all participants. Topics to be covered will include heart attacks and strokes (signs and symptoms), sudden cardiac arrest/defibrillation, airway obstruction (choking), respiratory emergencies, anaphylactic reactions, emergency drug kits, and more.

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will gain the knowledge and hands-on experience needed to administer CPR safely and effectively. Participants will receive a 2-year certification card from the American Heart Association as well as continuing education credits. Completion of this course will also satisfy the New York State Education Department’s requirement for licensed dentists.

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CDHM: Sugarless Wednesday at P.S. 170
P.S. 170 students participated in the Sugarless Wednesday program. Pictured here are second graders who were selected for the event. The remainder of the school will join during the remaining Wednesdays in March. The school food service dept. will have a menu on Wednesdays in March that reflect a focus on limiting non-essential dietary sugars.
CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2011-14
VENUE CHANGE - Gargiulo’s Restaurant, Brooklyn

Friday, April 29, 2011
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  MCEU - 6 HOURS

Title: “What’s the Evidence? What A GP Needs to Know for Practice!”

Clinician: Mark S. Wolff, D.D.S., Ph.D.
Professor and Chair, Department of Cariology and Comprehensive Care,
New York University College of Dentistry

Synopsis:
The clinical practice of general dentistry mandates the dental practitioner to be familiar with a wide variety of techniques and dental materials. What we learned in school quickly becomes outdated. If general practitioners are to be at the top of their game, they must know how to go beyond a Google search to find information and determine which methodologies should be adopted into their daily practice.

This seminar will familiarize the practitioner with what constitutes good evidence and how to find it. Through actual examples, practitioners will learn what constitutes the best evidence available on selecting bonding agents, composites resin materials, flowable composites, ceramic materials and caries agents. Materials and techniques will be investigated. By the conclusion of the course, practitioners should feel better prepared to determine the “best” practices for their patients.

Upon successful completion of this course attendees will learn:

• What constitutes “evidence” to make good clinical decisions in practice
• Where and how to find the “evidence” for practicing as a general dentist
• The current evidence available on caries management, restorative materials selection and ceramic materials selection

VENUE CHANGE!
Due to ongoing renovations at the Fort Hamilton Community Club, several SDDS events have been moved to different locations. To find out which events are affected by this change check the course listing in the SDDS Bulletin, visit our website at www.sddsny.org or look for details in upcoming flyers.
PROPOSALS AND ELECTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS:

President-Elect Dr. Constance Pavlakov:  
Attended the Give Kids a Smile program at NY Tech 3D screenings. He expressed that it was a great experience.

Vice-President Dr. Amith Parikh:  
Progress Secretary Dr. Laura Medrano:  
Progress Secretary Dr. Photos Birigos:  
Reported that the SDDS received a second distribution from the GNYDM.  
Reported the balance in the operating account, financial account and the Journal account.

Dr. Zuccarini has had an unexpected expansion of the Vanguard client services for the last quarter's asset management services. 
Librarian Dr. Mitchell S. Mindlin – Progress Executive Director Mr. Bernard Hackett:  
Year-end membership numbers from SDDS show that SDDS has lost 165 members. Nassau County gained 8 while SDDS was successful in attracting 81 new members. SDDS also had 43 non-renewals, as well as numerous mailed communications. We also had 23 deceased members, leaving us with a net loss of 11 members for the year.

The ADA is offering a matching program that may accrue to the NYSDA membership. Mr. Farrell suggested that SDDS recognize all volunteers in GAKAS.

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The ADA is offering a special promotion to non-members in an effort to increase tripartite market share of licensed dentists. The target group is former members who graduated from dental school between 2001 and 2005 who did not have memberships in 2010. The ADA is offering them a 50% reinstatement discount rate.

• NYSDA has endorsed L.J. Alfist & Company for personal investment and management services for their NYSDA membership.

The ADA is also offering to allow components to the NYSDA membership.

At the March 10, 2011 Scientific Meeting, the following were nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee:

- Gargiulo's to host our Give Kids a Smile Program.

We have made arrangements with Gargiulo's to host our Give Kids a Smile Program for this year. They also honored Dr. Howard Lieb for 15 years of service, and Dr. Mindlin for 12 years of commitment.

At our February meeting, we had the volunteers participating in GSDDS board of trustees minutes

ADJOURNMENT:  
The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Nominations for the 2011 Nominating Committee

At the March 10, 2011 Scientific Meeting, the following were nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee:

- Robert Halikias, John McIntyre, Howard Lieb, and Reneida Reyes

These five members will be elected to the committee at the April 14th General Membership Meeting. These members, plus the five immediate Past Presidents, will comprise the 2011 Nominating Committee.