



SBA Loans

- Fought for passage of a Small Business Administration (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan program that was funded at \$349 billion
- Supported the creation of an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) advance which provides grants of up to \$10,000 for those that apply for the EIDL program.
- Pushed for flexibility for preexisting SBA loans to be used for mortgages, salaries, rent, debt, and other overhead expenses, regardless of any prior restrictions on the use of those funds.
- Lobbied for SBA loans to be forgiven tax free if used on coronavirus-related overhead and payroll expenses.
- [Clarified SBA guidance](#) allowing dentists to apply for both EIDL and PPP loans, thus providing them with two potential sources of emergency funds.
- Advocated for additional funding for EIDL and PPP loans, and helped secure an additional \$370 billion for these programs.

The Impact

\$349B

The Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program funded at \$349 billion.

\$10K

The Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) advance created, providing grants of up to \$10,000.

\$370B

An additional \$370 billion secured to fund EIDL and PPP loans.



PPE and COVID-19 Efforts

- Provided information and [guidance](#) to help state executives locate personal protective equipment (PPE) donations and Emergency Department (ED) Referral programs.
- Lobbied the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to allow dentists to receive 1.5 million KN95 masks in preparation for the reopening of dental offices.
- Secured [interim Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) guidance](#) for protecting dental patients and staff from COVID-19 during emergency and urgent care situations.



Department of Health and Human Services

- Advocated for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to release [CARES Act](#) provider relief funding to dentists. Successfully extended the deadline twice for dentists to apply, educated dentists about the relief payments, and ensured that dentists who received an initial small amount of Medicare payments as well as those who recently had a change in ownership would be able to apply for the same funding as their peers.
- [Highlighted](#) by Seema Verma, administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, at the White House as being one of the organizations leading the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.



Paid Sick and Family Medical Leave

- Secured a small business [exemption](#) from the Department of Labor (DOL) to the paid leave and Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) provisions of the CARES Act.
- Assisted in obtaining a tax credit for dentists who are providing COVID-19 related leave to their employees.



OTC Drugs

- Pushed for long-sought reform of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) 40 year-old system for reviewing and approving applications to sell drugs over-the-counter (OTC), which could provide more opioid alternatives for post-operative pain.
- Lobbied for consumers to now purchase OTC drugs with Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) and Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs).



General Economic Relief

- Aided in securing coronavirus-related [federal tax rebates](#), which will supply dentists and their employees with emergency cash.
- Secured an employment tax credit to help offset the cost to dentists who retain their employees for the duration of the crisis.
- Worked to [expand unemployment insurance](#) for dental employees who are laid off due to extended office closures.



Additional Efforts

- Requested an [extension for the deadline](#) to install amalgam separators in dental offices from the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Worked to relieve dentists from [paying federal student loans](#) for 6 months, without accumulating interest.
- Helped pass legislation to establish a United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Ready Reserve Corps to backfill vacancies when active duty USPHS officers are called to respond to public health or national emergencies.



Member Engagement

- Engaged more than 150,000 dentists and others connected to dentistry to send nearly 600,000 emails to Capitol Hill during the coronavirus deliberations via two grassroots action alerts.

The Impact

150K More than 150,000 dentists engaged in government outreach.

600K Nearly 600,000 emails sent to Capitol Hill during coronavirus deliberations.