



# NDA Highlights

## We've Got Your Back No Matter What!

The NDA 2021 Legislative session recap:

SB 269 Retro-Active Claims Denial that we affectionately called our cleaning-up claim denials bill passed unanimously. In brief, the bill protects dental practices and patients by 1) prohibiting dental insurers from retroactively denying coverage they pre-approved; 2) implementing a statute of limitations of one year for insurers to recover an overpayment; 3) insurers must provide written notice of any attempt to recover overpayment; and 4) insurers must create written procedures by which a dentist may appeal.

SB40 (All payers database) authorizes the Patient Protection Commission to establish an all-payer claims database containing information relating to health insurance claims for benefits. The State has draft regulations and is hosting listening sessions; However, implementation is contingent on receiving grant funds.

SB420 (Public Option) directs the state to create a public option health insurance plan for all Nevada residents. The plan is to cover essential health benefits, including dental. The state is currently hosting design sessions. The final plan will need to be finalized and approved by the 2023 legislature before implementation.



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### NDA Legislative Highlights & Wins

SB269 RETRO-ACTIVE  
CLAIMS DENIAL  
LEGISLATION PASSED  
UNANIMOUSLY

SB40 (ALL PAYERS  
DATABASE)

SB420 (PUBLIC OPTION)

SB248 (DEBT COLLECTION  
AMENDMENT)

REVIEWING FOR 2023

TRANSACTIONAL DECOUPLING |  
PATIENT PROTECTION FROM  
SURPRISE BILLING | PAYERS  
DATABASE | DENTAL LOSS RATIO  
| COVERAGE CHOICE POST-  
PANDEMIC RESOURCES |  
TELEDENTISTRY | RURAL/TRIBAL  
ACCESS | DENTAL  
ASSISTANT/STAFF PROGRAMS |  
AWARENESS OF ORAL HEALTH

SB248 (Debt collection amendment) is a medical debt collection bill that prohibits the commencement of a civil action to collect small claims medical debt. Added: "Nothing in the bill shall be construed to prohibit the commencement of a small claims action in justice court to collect medical debt." However, more clarification is needed (according to some collection agencies).



## Other 2021 and 2022 Highlights

- In 2021 the NDA hired its new Lobby Firm – Tri-Strategies
- NDA Participated in the 2021 ADA Student Lobby Day with Washington DC Legislators
- NDA continues to meet with the UNLV School of Dental Medicine to explore ways the NDA can support the school and dental students
- NDA is part of a 6-State ADA Pilot project exploring how to incorporate associate dentists in large group practices as members.
- NDA was on the hiring committee for the new hiring of the new Southern Nevada Dental Society Executive Director.
- The NDA is attempting to ensure licensure fees remain low through NSBDE accountability.
- NDA launched an online member community contribution portal where members can upload content that showcases their practice's community outreach and goodwill. Content is highlighted on NDA's social media and can be an extension of member's marketing and promotion efforts. [nvda.org/membership/nda-s-community-contributions](https://nvda.org/membership/nda-s-community-contributions)
- NDA signed a new contract with TDSC (coming early 2022) – The Dentists Supply Company to offering members larger discounts on dental practice supplies.

## A Message from the NDA Office



The NDA appreciates its member's trust and support year over year. Through your membership, the NDA is able to ensure you and your practice are protected from legislation that could negatively impact your ability to operate in Nevada. We place a high priority on our advocacy efforts but we know we must be more than just advocacy focused.

The NDA, and its dental societies, offer a variety of programs, products, and services. These include peer review, discounts on insurance and supplies, and practice transition support to help you day in and day out. If you aren't sure what your benefits are, reach out to the NDA office and we can make sure you are accessing all your membership benefits.