2019 LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS SUMMARY

HRSA TITLE VII PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY APPROPRIATIONS AND DFLRP TAX RELIEF

• Provide FY 2020 funding of $40 million for the HRSA Title VII Primary Care Dental Training Cluster and related oral health programs, with not less than $12 million for Pediatric Dentistry Training programs including continuation of dental faculty loan repayment program awards under FY 2017 and FY 2019 funding criteria.

• Pass legislation to make the Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program (DFLRP) non-taxable to recipients. Co-sponsor S. 359 / H.R. 996.

MEDICAID DENTAL REFORM: FAIR AND REASONABLE PEDIATRIC DENTAL AUDITS

• Congress should direct the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to require contracted auditors for pediatric dental cases to utilize appropriate professional guidelines and legitimate peer review.

RESIDENT EDUCATION DEFERRED INTEREST ACT

• Co-sponsor the Resident Education Deferred Interest Act (H.R. 5734 from the 115th Congress), legislation to be re-introduced by Congressman (and dentist) Dr. Brian Babin (R- Texas-36th).