**ADA COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

* **ADA Advocacy Issues**

Dr. Cammarata gave the ADA CGA report and reviewed the ADA’s legislative agenda of legislative issues listed below.

* **REDI Act Introduced in Senate**

ADA is supporting the Resident Education Deferred Interest Act (REDI Act), H.R. 4122/S. 3658, which would allow

dental and medical students to defer payments on their student loans interest free while they are in internships

or residency programs.

* **Doc Access Act 2021**

The DOC Access Act would allow dentists, optometrists, and ophthalmologists to use the medical labs of their choice

and prohibit plans from setting prices for those services which they do not cover.

* **Medicare Dental Coverage Act of 2021**

We are to work at letting our congressman not to adopt the Medicare Part B Dental that claims to be a generous dental

benefit for all eligible seniors (65 and older). ADA’s standing on this program is not to consider covering consumers

 that have a Rockefeller’s wealth. The Medicare Dental Coverage Act of 2021 will cover seniors that are 300% under the

property level ($38, 600 per year).

* **Student Loan Refinance Act**

Student Loan Refinancing Act (H.R. 2186) would allow federal student loan borrowers to refinance their loans when

interest rates are reduced. This bill would impact 92% of federal student loans that are currently being charged at rates

higher than present interest rates.

* **ELSA Act of 2021**

The Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act requires private health insurance plans to cover diagnosis and treatment of congenital

Anomalies and birth defects, such as reconstructive services and items. Coverage must include services and items that

functionally improve, repair, or restore any body part that is medically necessary for normal bodily functions or

appearance, as determined by the treating physician. Coverage limits and cost-sharing requirements for such services

and items may not be more restrictive than those applicable to all medical and surgical benefits under the plan.