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Dear Doctor:

I am pleased to inform you of a new dental access program in Indiana sponsored by the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) that may help some of your patients who need orthodontic care, but cannot afford it. Thanks to concerned orthodontists throughout Indiana and the Indiana Orthodontic Association, the Donated Orthodontic Services (DOS) program will provide free care to children whose families cannot afford needed orthodontic treatment. Orthodontists will be donating one or two cases per year to help some disadvantaged children. Enclosed is a recently published article on the program from the AAO.

Perhaps you treat some families in your practice who could not afford orthodontic treatment for their children or have Medicaid that will not cover such services. These are the children that will be eligible for the DOS program and we would appreciate your referring them to us. No fees will be charged to families who qualify for this program. We hope the guidelines below will help you identify those who may be helped.

- Patient must be a resident of the state of Indiana
- Prospective patients must not currently be in braces or in between phases of treatment
- Patient must have a significant need for orthodontic treatment substantially affecting dental esthetics or function.
- Patients must be between the ages of 7-17
- In general, families must be "working poor" and/or Medicaid eligible
- Patient must be ineligible for orthodontic treatment through insurance or public aid

Enclosed is an application form to give to patients you think might be eligible. Or you can call the local DOS office number above. Your office will not need to verify the above eligibility criteria, as a program referral coordinator will interview the parents to determine eligibility.

If you have any questions about the program, please call me at the number below. We look forward to working with you to provide dental care to children in Indiana through the program.

Sincerely,

Dr. Aron Dellinger, Chair
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