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PAGD COMMENDS HOUSE FOR PASSAGE OF CRITICAL LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO QUALITY DENTAL CARE

HARRISBURG, PA (March 24, 2009) – Pennsylvania Academy of General Dentistry President Edgardo Enriquez, DDS, FAGD, today commended the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for the passage of House Bill 602, also known as the Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA) legislation.

“This common-sense legislation is vital to ensuring that Pennsylvanians have access to quality dental care. The passage of HB 602 allows EFDA’s, dental direct support personnel, and dental assistants to perform a wide range of dental services previously performed only by dentists. EFDA’s are also of the dental profession. The passage of HB 602 is a job creating bill,” Dr. Enriquez said. “More people will be encouraged to get training as an EFDA because they will be able to use all of the skills they are learning. And since dentists will be able to use EFDA’s more effectively, more positions will be created in dental offices.”

With more than 1,700 members, the Pennsylvania Academy of General Dentistry (PAGD), a constituent of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD), is the largest organization in Pennsylvania solely representing general dentists. Members have committed to continuing education and training at levels not required by even the State Dental Board. They are the Masters and Fellows of general dentistry.

AGD is a professional association of more than 35,000 general dentists dedicated to staying up-to-date in the profession through continuing education. Founded in 1952, the AGD has grown to become the world’s second largest dental association, which is the only association that exclusively represents the needs and interests of general dentists. PAGD has more than 1,800 members statewide.

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