

November 19th, 2018


City of Biddeford
Attention: James A. Bennett
205 Main Street Suite 107
Biddeford, ME 04005

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Community Dental has been providing needed, accessible, comprehensive, quality oral health care to improve the lives of children and adults in our communities for 100 years. To meet our mission, we provide a full range of oral health services in our five dental centers across Maine; Biddeford, Portland, Lewiston, Farmington, and Rumford. While our centers are open to all, our mission guides us to serve especially those patients from underserved communities. We serve over 16,000 patients each year, almost 75% whom live at or below 150% of the federally established poverty level.

We provide oral health care to over **880 Biddeford residents**, nearly 70% of whom living in poverty or utilizing our Access program -an income-based, sliding-fee scale- that helps low-income patients afford dental care. We also provide a Patient Assistance Fund (PAF), which provides financial assistance to patients unable to afford treatment. Our full fees are an average of 20% lower than private practice fees in Maine. The lowest fees we offer through our Access program are even more affordable; approximately 65% of our already reduced full fees. Our PAF allows for \$250 of treatment cost assistance per patient, per 12 month period. We are seeking support for these programs to supplement the true cost of necessary oral health care for Portland residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



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