

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**COMPENSATION FOR DENTISTS WILL INCREASE  
MMM & MSO are increasing compensation for up to 15%**

**San Juan, Puerto Rico** - MSO of Puerto Rico (MSO) together with insurance companies MMM Healthcare and MMM Multi Health (MMM), announced a historic increase of up to 15% in compensation for dentists on diagnostic, preventive, and restorative services. Increases will be effective from November 1, 2018, for services covered by the Vital Plan (Medicaid), and from January 1, 2019, for services under Medicare Advantage. This adds up to the recent announcement of an increase in base compensation for local specialists, and an additional compensation based on performance of specialties serving conditions involving greater risk of complications and mortality, such as heart, respiratory diseases, diabetes, and severe depression.

"We recognize the dedication and professionalism of dentists in Puerto Rico and we know that their rates have not been reviewed for a long time. This initiative from MSO and MMM reflects our commitment to this professional group and acknowledges the service they offer to the MMM members and beneficiaries," as stated by Dr. Raúl Montalvo, President of MSO. The physician explained that there would also be a 10% increase in compensation on all other dental services covered by generalist providers and 10% on services covered, provided by specialists (Maxillofacial care, Periodontics, Endodontics).

In turn, Orlando Gonzalez, Esq., President of MMM, said that these compensation increases for dentists and medical specialists are the result of a process of open dialogue between health insurance and care professionals. "It is of utmost importance for us to ensure open channels of communication, understanding the concerns and demands of our providers, reaching together those points of convergence from where we work in harmony for our members".

In addition, Dr. Edgardo Alegría, dentist with private practice in Vega Baja, emphasized: "This initiative helps retain professionals, and by doing so, not only do we strengthen the economy, but we generate jobs in our offices, which creates a support system for the Island's economy".

Both Montalvo and González pointed out that measures such as these are part of the MSO and MMM efforts to help retain health professionals in Puerto Rico to ensure better health services to the population they serve. "Our commitment is to offer excellence in all our health services, in a way that our members feel cared for and valued. Therefore we understand the importance of the role that healthcare providers have in the care MMM members and beneficiaries receive; and we appreciate having a strong network of committed providers," concluded González.

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