

New Jersey Dentists Meet with Congressman Rothman in Washington

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(Washington, DC)—Members of the New Jersey Dental Association (NJDA) met with Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) in his Washington, DC office on May 2, 2007. They discussed their mutual support for the Children's Dental Health Improvement Act of 2007, which Rep. Rothman has co-sponsored. The bill would expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to provide all children with access to primary dental care services. Currently, a child whose parent has basic health coverage does not qualify for SCHIP dental care even if their health plan does not include dental coverage. Twenty-three million children in the U.S. do not have dental insurance, according to the American Dental Association.

Pictured (L-R): Dr. Charles Perle (Jersey City); Dr. Walter Chincy (Scotch Plains); Rep. Rothman; Dr. Robert Hersch (Freehold), NJDA President-Elect; and Dr. Robert Shekitka (North Brunswick), NJDA President.

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