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To All OAO Members,

OAO members, we are truly living through unprecedented times in our profession and specialty. Everyone has felt the effects of the Chinese Coronavirus pandemic and there are many uncertainties yet to be realized. The cancellation of our regional GLAO meeting has become one of the many victims, along with our sense of normalcy and community among our members because of the pandemic. As a result, the OAO would strongly encourage our members to take part and register for the virtual GLAO session that occurs on September 26th. This event is free to our members and provides a valuable C.E. opportunity that many of us still need to accomplish. In addition, the OAO has been in contact with the AAO's legal advocacy team in response to the passage of Ohio's COVID-19 HR 679 bill by the Ohio House of Representatives and is now on its way to the Senate. This bill vastly changes the definitions of tele dentistry, the auxiliary activities/designations, and previously accepted "standards" for case analysis prior to treatment. Please stay tuned for the progress or modifications that occur to HR 679 with the actions of the OAO and your AAO Government Affairs Specialists. If you have any questions for your Ohio GLAO Director, please feel free to contact me at 419.423.1452 or tjrobins@umich.edu

Respectfully submitted,
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