# Medi-Cal Tribal and Indian Health Program Designee Follow Up Meeting
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# Medi-Cal Dental Update

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# Medi-Cal 2020
# Dental Transformation Initiative

Domain 1: Increase Preventive Services Utilization for Children

Domain 2: Caries Risk Assessment and Disease Management

Domain 3: Increase Continuity of Care

Domain 4: Local Dental Pilot Programs (LDPPs)

DTI

01/01/16 – 12/31/20

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# Dental Transformation Initiative

## Domain 1: Increase Preventive Services Utilization for Children

- **Domain 1 Goal:** Increase statewide proportion of children ages 1-20 enrolled in Medi-Cal who receive a preventive dental service by 10 percentage points over a five-year period.

- The preventive dental service utilization rate for children ages 1-20 increased by 8.06 percentage points from CY 2014 to CY 2018.

- The number of Medi-Cal dentists providing preventive dental services to at least ten children ages 1-20 increased by 9.92 percentage points from CY 2014 to CY 2018.

- Payments as of September 2019: PY 1 - $46.5 million, PY 2 - $53.4 million, and PY 3 - $53.1 million.

- September 2019: 241 SNCs are currently participating - increase of 6 since May 2019. SNC providers must complete and submit an Opt-In form available on the Domain 1 webpage and submit it to DTI@dhcs.ca.gov.

- Clinics - paper claims submission deadline is December 1, 2019 and electronic Data Interchange claims submissions deadline is December 20, 2019 for the January 2020 payment (PY 3 and 4).

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## Domain 2: Caries Risk Assessment and Disease Management

- **Domain 2 Goal:** Diagnose Early Childhood Caries (ECC) by utilizing Caries Risk Assessments (CRA) to treat it as a chronic disease.

- As noted in PY 2 DTI Report, children ages 0-6 who fall into the three CRA categories within the 11 pilot counties, had a significantly higher increase of preventive dental services compared to the control group (children from the 11 pilot counties, ages 0-6 who had a restorative service in CY 2017 but did not receive a CRA.

- As of October 5, 2019, Domain 2 payments total $36.3 million ($28.6 million increase since May 2019). PY 1 (2017): $2 million, PY 2 (2018): $4 million, and PY 3 (2019): $30.3 million.

- Prior to county expansion (Dec 2018), 212 providers opted in for 11 counties. Since the expansion to 29 counties, there are 2,833 providers opted-in as of October 15, 2019.

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## Domain 3: Increase Continuity of Care

- **Domain 3 Goal:** Increase continuity of care for beneficiaries ages 20 and under for 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 year continuous periods.

- Payments as of July 2018:
  - PY 1 - $9.8 million
  - PY 2 - $12.1 million
  - PY 3 - $13.2 million

- Domain 3 expanded from 17 to 36 counties and incentive payment increased from $40 to $60 per beneficiary with dates of service of January 1, 2019 or later.

- 100 SNCs are currently participating (26% increase since May). SNC opt-in deadline for PY 4 (2019) is October 31, 2019.

- Clinics: Paper claims submission deadline is May 1, 2020 and EDI submissions deadline is June 20, 2020 for the June 2020 payment (final payment for PY 3 and first payment for PY 4).

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## Domain 4: Local Dental Pilot Programs (LDPPs)

- 13 total executed LDPP contracts and the contract status for each is available in the DTI DY 13 Annual Progress Report.

- CMS approved reallocation of $14.4M funds from the First 5 Kern County and Northern Valley Sierra Consortium LDPPs. Nine LDPPs received additional funds to expand existing projects. LDPPs that focus on tribal communities are CSU LA, Humboldt, and CRIHB.

- As of October 2019, LDPPs received $35.6 million:

  - PY1 (2017) - $7.2 million
  - PY 2 (2018) - $25 million
  - PY 3 (2019) - $3.3 million

# Dental Transformation Initiative

- For information on the project or to submit questions/concerns regarding DTI, send email to: DTI@dhcs.ca.gov

- DHCS Webpage dedicated to DTI publications and public information: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/DTI.aspx

- DTI Program Year 1 Report: https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/DTIPY1FinalReport.pdf

- DTI Program Year 2 Report: https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Documents/MDSD/DTI_PY2_FinalReport_12-27-18_2.0.pdf

# Proposition 56
# Student Loan Repayment

- On July 11, 2019, DHCS announced its commitment to pay $10.1 million in student loans via the Prop 56 Loan Repayment Program (CalHealthCares).

- In 2019, 38 dental awardees were chosen in 20 counties throughout California. Awardees were general dentists and specialty dental providers.

- Awardees have varied practice settings, including community clinics or Federally Qualified Health Centers, academic settings, group practice, and private practice.

- The recent announcement of awardees is the first of at least five rounds of funding.

- For more information, please visit CalHealthCares.org.

# Upcoming Training for Clinics

- 2015 HMS Audit

- Policy Clarification

  - [Provider bulletin October 2019 Volume 35, Number 30](#)

  - Medi-Cal Dental Provider Handbook updates to [Section 4](#) (page 4-8) to align with the Medi-Cal Provider Manual, which clarifies that clinics who render dental services must adhere to policies in the Medi-Cal Dental Provider handbook, including the Manual of Criteria ([Section 5](#)).
  - To improve efficiency, timely access to care and maintain quality of care for a patient when services are rendered in a Safety Net Clinic (e.g., Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, Indian Health Services Memorandum of Agreement 683 Clinics).

# Questions?

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