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May 11, 2017

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher  
Assembly Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez Fletcher:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 15 (AS AMENDED MARCH 23, 2017) – OPPOSE**

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) must inform you of its opposition to Assembly Bill (AB) 15, which is on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File. AB 15 would require DHCS to double the Denti-Cal provider reimbursement rates for the 15 most common prevention, treatment, and oral evaluation services, based on the average rates per service established in Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16. The bill would also appropriate funds for FY 2017-18 from the Healthcare Treatment Fund (HCTF) created by Proposition 56 of 2016, as well as commensurate federal matching funds.

As proposed, AB 15 would increase costs by over \$243 million (\$113 million HCTF/\$130 million federal funds) annually. Adjustments to provider rates with fiscal implications are more appropriately addressed as part of the budget process.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 440-7500.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Carol Gallegos  
Deputy Director

cc: The Honorable Brian Maienschein  
Member of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4139  
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Co-Chair and Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
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