



Medi-Cal Healthier California for All Dental Proposals

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Medi-Cal Healthier California for All is a multi-year initiative by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) with goals to improve the quality of life and health outcomes of our population by implementing broad delivery system, program, and payment reforms across the Medi-Cal program.

The [Medi-Cal Healthier California for All proposal](#) was released on October 28, 2019.

Based on lessons learned from the Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI), DHCS proposes the following reforms for Medi-Cal Dental be made statewide for children and adults:

- Add new dental benefits based on DTI successes that will provide better care and align with national dental care standards; and,
- Continue and expand pay for performance initiatives that reward increasing the use of preventive services and establishing/maintaining continuity of care through a dental home.



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Performance Payment: Increase statewide utilization of preventive services for all Medi-Cal members

- The performance payment would be made at the same time the approved claim is paid.
- A flat rate performance payment for each paid preventive service rendered by service office location
 - Over 21: CDT codes D1120, D1206, and D1208
 - Under 21: CDT codes D1110, D1206, and D1208



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New Benefits: Coverage of a Caries Risk Assessment (CRA) Bundle for children ages 0 to 6 years and Silver Diamine Fluoride.

- CRA bundle with associated codes to educate and influence behavior change, including nutritional counseling (D1310). Frequency of services is based on risk level associated with each individual Medi-Cal dental member ages 0 to 6:
 - Low – comprehensive preventive services 2x/year (D0601)
 - Moderate – comprehensive preventive services 3x/year (D0602)
 - High – comprehensive preventive services 4x/year (D0603)
- Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) (D1354) coverage for children ages 0 to 6 years and adults living in a skilled nursing facility/intermediate care facility (SNF/ICF) or part of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) population.



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Performance Payment: Establish and Maintain Continuity of Care Through a Dental Home

- A flat rate performance payment to a service office location for each paid claim for Current Dental Terminology (CDT) exam codes D0120, D0150, or D0145, for the same Medi-Cal member for two or more years in a row.
- Payments to the corresponding service office location(s) are annual (paid one time per year).



Medi-Cal Healthier California for All Stakeholder Engagement

- Upcoming Medi-Cal Healthier California for All meetings on dental proposals are scheduled on February 3 and February 18, 2020. Details are located on the [Medi-Cal Healthier California for All dental webpage](#).
- Please visit the [Medi-Cal Healthier California for All webpage](#) for details on all workgroup schedules, materials, and learn how to attend a workgroup meeting in-person or via phone.
- [Subscribe](#) to DHCS' stakeholder email service to receive Medi-Cal Healthier California for All updates. Written comments can be submitted to CalAIM@dhcs.ca.gov.



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