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TO: ALL MEDI-CAL DENTAL MANAGED CARE PLANS

SUBJECT: **APL 13-023: Implementing a new Encounter Data Capture and Transmission System**

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is currently working towards implementing a new Encounter Data Capture and Transmission (EDCT) system to receive and process encounter data submitted by Medi-Cal Dental Managed Care plans in national standard formats (837D). DHCS anticipates that EDCT will be ready for testing with Medi-Cal Dental Managed Care plans in early 2014. By October 1, 2014, all Medi-Cal Dental Managed Care plans will be required to submit encounter data to EDCT.

In the near future, a survey will be sent to each Medi-Cal Dental Managed Care plan's IT contact (included on this email) and used to develop a transition schedule based on plan readiness and other factors. Once a timeframe for transition has been approved for each Medi-Cal Managed Care plan, DHCS will make the EDCT system available to the plan for a testing period which is expected to last at least four weeks. This survey should be completed by each plan's IT contact and submitted to DHCS no later than December 20, 2013. Please coordinate internally so that only one survey is submitted per plan. Please send any questions or comments regarding the survey to [MMCDEncounterData@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:MMCDEncounterData@dhcs.ca.gov).

Please contact Abbigail Aban at 916-464-0390 with any questions or comments about this letter.

Sincerely,

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