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Department of Health Care Services



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TO: ALL MEDI-CAL DENTAL MANAGED CARE PLANS

SUBJECT: APL 15-003: Participation of Allied Dental Professionals in the Dental Managed Care Program

The purpose of this All Plan Letter (APL) is to inform the Medi-Cal Dental Managed Care (DMC) plans, that pending approval of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 15-005, the following allied dental professionals may be used as specialty provider types in the DMC program: Registered Dental Hygienists (RDHs), Registered Dental Hygienists in Extended Functions (RDHEFs), and Registered Dental Hygienists in Alternative Practice (RDHAPs). The proposed effective date for SPA 15-005 is September 1, 2015.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) expects the Medi-Cal DMC plans will adhere to this policy amendment. DHCS has opted to allow RDHs and RDHEFs to enroll into the Medi-Cal DMC program as a specialty provider type that may deliver and be reimbursed for preventive services when rendered in a public health program created by federal, state, or local law or administered by a federal, state, county, or local governmental entity. DHCS has opted to allow RDHAPs to enroll into the Medi-Cal DMC program as a specialty provider type as well. The participation of these allied dental professionals must align with the California State Plan and with State statutes and regulations. The use of these allied dental professionals as specialty providers is at the discretion of each individual DMC plan. DHCS will notify the DMC plans under separate cover when approval for SPA 15-005 is obtained and of the finalized effective date for allied dental professional enrollment.

If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact DHCS at dmcdeliverables@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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