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TO: ALL MEDI-CAL DENTAL MANAGED CARE PLANS IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY

SUBJECT: **APL 18-005 DENTAL TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE (DTI) DOMAIN 2 OUTREACH**

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this All Plan Letter (APL) is to instruct Medi-Cal Dental Managed Care (DMC) plans in Sacramento County regarding outreach requirements to encourage provider participation in the Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI) Domain 2, the Caries Risk Assessment (CRA) and Disease Management Pilot. This APL also provides instruction to the DMC plans in Sacramento County concerning outreach reporting requirements, which are due to the Department of Health Care Services (Department) no later than April 30, 2018.

BACKGROUND:

The goal of DTI Domain 2 is to diagnose early childhood caries and assess caries risk, and to manage the disease of caries using preventive services and non-invasive treatment approaches instead of more invasive and costly restorative procedures. Dental providers enrolled in Medi-Cal Dental Fee-For-Service (FFS), Dental Managed Care (DMC), and Safety Net Clinics in select pilot counties, including Sacramento County, are eligible to opt-in to this Domain. At this time, providers in Los Angeles County are not eligible for Domain 2.

To participate in DTI Domain 2, DMC dental providers must:

- Complete the Department's approved training, known as Treating Young Kids Everyday (TYKE). TYKE training is available online on the California Dental Association website;
- Submit the certificate of completion for the TYKE training and the Department's Opt-In Attestation Form to Medi-Cal dental administrative services organization (ASO); and
- Submit claim forms for Domain 2 incentive payments and dental services to their respective DMC plan.

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Domain 2 participating dental providers will receive incentive payments for using the standardized CRA, development of a treatment plan, nutritional counseling, and motivational interviewing. Prophylaxis, application of topical fluoride varnish, application of interim caries arresting medication application (for children assessed at high risk) and oral evaluation will be reimbursed using existing claiming processes. Participating dental providers will receive a bundled incentive payment for completion of the approved CRA, treatment plan, nutritional counseling and motivational interviewing at designated intervals depending upon assessed risk levels. Additional dental services will be reimbursed based on the prescribed frequencies within designated intervals that may exceed standard frequency limitations outlined in the Manual of Criteria (MOC) depending upon assessed risk levels.

Increased frequencies for services will be permitted for children based on the outcome of the completed standardized CRA form's identified risk level:

- "high risk" children will be authorized to visit the dental provider every three (3) months;
- "moderate risk" children will be authorized to visit their dental provider every four (4) months; and
- "low risk" children will be authorized to visit their dental provider every six (6) months.

DHCS has updated reference materials, including claims examples for the various risk levels and delivery systems, on the DHCS Domain 2 webpage located at http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/dtidomain_2.aspx. More information on provider training, enrollment, and billing can also be found on the DTI Domain 2 webpage.

REQUIREMENTS:

Each DMC plan in Sacramento County must conduct outreach to providers to encourage participation in DTI Domain 2. Outreach efforts should include at least quarterly e-mails, phone calls, physical mail, and in-person office visits, to recruit and inform and engage Sacramento county providers to participate in DTI Domain 2. Utilizing provider data, DMC plans should identify pediatric dentist providers and general dentist providers treating children within the network, for dissemination of Domain 2 participation and program updates.

Each DMC plan in Sacramento County must submit, on a quarterly basis, a summary of outreach efforts, including the number of Domain 2 providers, locations visited and number of site visits, and number of phone calls and mailings sent. This deliverable should be submitted to the Department at the deliverables email listed below, according to the following schedule each year from 2018 through 2020:

- April 30: Summary of outreach efforts for January 1 through March 31
- July 31: Summary of outreach efforts for April 1 through June 30
- October 31: Summary of outreach efforts for July 1 through September 30
- January 31: Summary of outreach efforts for October 1 through December 31

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If you have any questions regarding the information in this letter, please email dmcdeliverables@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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