Medi-Cal Dental Program Update

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Program Period & Funding Overview

DTI

1/1/16 – 12/31/20

$740M

Dental Transformation Initiative: Domain Areas

Domain 1: Increase Preventive Services Utilization for Children

Domain 2: Caries Risk Assessment and Disease Management

Domain 3: Increase Continuity of Care

Domain 4: Local Dental Pilot Programs (LDPPs)

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Domain 1: Increase Preventive Services Utilization for Children

Domain Goal

- Increase **statewide** proportion of children ages 1-20 enrolled in Medi-Cal who receive a preventive dental service by 10 percentage points over a five-year period.

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Domain 1: Increase Preventive Services Utilization for Children

- Program Year (PY) 1 Accomplishment – Increased 4.64 percentage points!
- PY 2 Accomplishment – Increased 7.36 percentage points based upon preliminary cumulative data without complete run-out!

Percent of beneficiaries ages 1-20 statewide who received any preventive dental service during the measurement period

	Baseline Year: CY 2014	PY 1: CY 2016	Change of Percentage Points from CY 2014 to CY 2016	PY 2: CY 2017	Change of Percentage Points from CY 2014 to CY 2017
Numerator[1]	1,997,190	2,466,173	-	2,565,162	-
Denominator[2]	5,279,035	5,807,169	-	5,675,834	-
Preventive Service Utilization	37.83%	42.47%[3]	4.64%	45.19%	7.36%

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Domain 1: Increase Preventive Services Utilization for Children

Key Findings of Dentist Counts and Incentive Payments:

- The number of Medi-Cal dentists providing preventive dental services to at least ten children increased by 6.07 percent from CY 2014 to CY 2016.

- DHCS provided a total of $47.11 million in Domain 1 PY 1 incentive payments in January 2017, July 2017, January 2018.

- DHCS provided a total of $46.79 million in Domain 1 PY 2 incentive payments in January 2018 and April 2018.

Domain One – Top 5 Services PY 1 & PY 2 Combined

	Fee-for-Service	Dental Managed Care	Safety Net Clinic
D1206 – TOPICAL APPLICATION OF FLUORIDE VARNISH	967,341	104,133	91,953
D1208 – TOPICAL APPLICATION OF FLUORIDE	3,988,719	195,700	73,088
D1120 – PROPHYLAXIS - CHILD	523,2931	295,048	134,004
D1351 – SEALANT - PER TOOTH	3,311,142	216,768	89,662
D1510 – SPACE MAINTAINER - FIXED UNILATERAL	31,823	8,794	1,138

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Domain 2: Caries Risk Assessment and Disease Management

Domain Goals

- Diagnose Early Childhood Caries (ECC) by utilizing Caries Risk Assessments (CRA) to treat it as a chronic disease.

- Introduce a model in **pilot** counties that proactively prevents and mitigates oral disease through the delivery of preventive services in lieu of more invasive and costly procedures (restorative services).

- Identify the effectiveness of CRA and treatment plans for children ages 6 and under.

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Pilot Counties:

1. Glenn
2. Humboldt
3. Inyo
4. Kings
5. Lassen
6. Mendocino
7. Plumas
8. Sacramento
9. Sierra
10. Tulare
11. Yuba

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Domain 2: Caries Risk Assessment and Disease Management

The **CRA procedure bundle** consists of three Current Dental Terminology (CDT) codes which must be performed on the same date of service and submitted together on one claim.

1. Caries Risk Assessment ($15.00)
   - D0601 Low Risk (twice a year)
   - D0602 Medium Risk (three times a year)
   - D0603 High Risk (four times a year)
2. Nutritional Counseling ($46.00)
   - D1310
3. Motivational Interview ($65.00)
   - D9993

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Domain 2: Caries Risk Assessment and Disease Management

As of April 10, 2018:

- Total Payment: $2,208,811
- 550 providers completed Treating Young Kids Everyday training
- 154 providers participating in 11 counties
- Outreach Efforts: collaboration with professional societies and our dental contractors

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Domain 3: Increase Continuity of Care

Domain Goal

- Increase continuity of care for beneficiaries ages 20 and under for 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 year continuous periods.

- Claims data for **pilot** counties will determine the number of beneficiaries who received an examination each year from the same service office location for 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 year continuous periods.

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1. Alameda
2. Del Norte
3. El Dorado
4. Fresno
5. Kern
6. Madera
7. Marin
8. Modoc
9. Nevada
10. Placer
11. Riverside
12. San Luis Obispo
13. Santa Cruz
14. Shasta
15. Sonoma
16. Stanislaus
17. Yolo

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Domain 3: Increase Continuity of Care

PY 1 Findings

- From CY 2015 to CY 2016, across 17 pilot counties, the percentage of children receiving continuity of care from the same service office location increased by 2.6 percentage points.

- From CY 2014 to CY 2016 utilization of preventive dental services increased 7.46 percent in Domain 3 counties, and 3.74 percent in non-Domain 3 counties.

- DHCS sent $9.5 million in Domain 3 PY 1 incentive payments to 695 dental service office locations in 17 counties in June 2017.

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PY 1 Incentive Payments

- First Annual Payment in June 30, 2017 was for $9.4 Million

  FFS $9.2M/ 684 Service Office Locations (SOL)

  SNC $184,320/ 8 SOL

- Next Annual Payment – June 30, 2018

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Domain 4: Local Dental Pilot Programs (LDPPs)

Domain Goal

- Local Dental Pilot Program (LDPP) will address one or more of the three domains through alternative programs, potentially using strategies focused on rural areas including local case management initiatives and education partnerships
    - DHCS solicited proposals
    - 14 LDPPs approved (13 have executed contracts)
    - Implementation date: 2017

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Domain 4: Local Dental Pilot Programs (LDPPs)

14 Approved Projects
1. Alameda County
2. California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc.
3. California State University, Los Angeles
4. First 5 Kern
5. First 5 San Joaquin
6. First 5 Riverside (includes San Bernardino County)
7. Fresno County
8. Humboldt County

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Domain 4: Local Dental Pilot Programs (LDPPs)

14 Approved Projects cont.

9. Orange County
10. Sacramento County (includes Amador County)
11. San Luis Obispo County
12. San Francisco City and County Department of Public Health
13. Sonoma County
14. University of California, Los Angeles

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- DHCS Webpage dedicated to DTI publications and public information: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/DTI.aspx

- The DTI Annual Report for Program Year 1, includes an evaluation and comparative analysis of preventive dental service utilization for children age 1-20 in CY 2014 and CY 2016. http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/DTIAnnualReports.aspx

Adult Dental Utilization

- DHCS has compared the volume of Treatment Authorization Requests (TAR) **processed** for all Medi-Cal beneficiaries from Calendar Year Q1 2017 (173,483) to Q1 2018 (305,447), which reflects a 76% increase in total TARs processed.

- Jan 2017: 57,554 vs Jan 2018: 130,554
- Feb 2017: 54,323 vs Feb 2018: 122,623
- Mar 2017: 61,606 vs Mar 2018: 52,270

Adult Dental Utilization

Measurement Period	Jan-Dec 2017	Mar 2017 to Feb 2018
	Adults 21+	Adults 21+
Annual Dental Visit	21.63%	21.72%
Preventive Services	12.78%	12.84%
Dental Exams	16.76%	16.91%
Diagnostic Services	19.10%	19.17%
Dental Treatment	13.04%	13.05%

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Additional Initiatives & Improvements

- Two separate contracts: a Dental Administrative Services Organization (ASO) and a Dental FI contract.

- Proposition 56 – 40% supplemental payment across specific categories of dental services in FY 17/18 for providers who bill the Dental FI or DMC plans – up to $140M

- January 2017 - Streamlined provider enrollment process for dental providers (DHCS 5300); from four separate documents (40 pages) to one application (15 pages).
  - As of March 2018, an average 15 days for a new provider to enroll; and average 19 days for revalidation
  - From March 2017 to March 2018, new applications increased from 42 to 69 – that is 27 more new providers!

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Additional Initiatives & Improvements (cont.)

- In 2016, the dental fiscal intermediary was instructed to reduce the average TAR turnaround time from 15 to 5 business days. DHCS informed providers about the turnaround time for TARs via a provider bulletin issued in September 2017, Volume 33, Number 10, page 18.

  - As of December 2017, average TAR processing times: Access average, 1.15 days, Health Net, 1.4 days, LIBERTY, 1.52 days, and Delta, 3.5 days

Dental Performance Measures

DHCS publishes dental performance measures quarterly on a rolling 12-month basis. This methodology enables the reports to capture data by State Fiscal Year (SFY), Federal Fiscal Year (FFY), and Calendar Year (CY). Reports are available on DHCS website: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/DentalReports.aspx.

Fee-for-Service

Dental Managed Care

Questions?