

Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee

Pursuant to W&I Code §14089.08, Sacramento County was authorized to establish the Sacramento County Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee (MCDAC), comprised of providers, dental plans, researchers, advocates, and beneficiaries. MCDAC's purpose is to provide input on the delivery of oral health and dental care services, including, but not limited to, prevention and education services, as well as collaborate and examine new approaches to beneficiary care and maximize dental health by recommending improvements to DHCS. MCDAC holds bimonthly meetings to discuss findings and potential improvements to DMC and FFS in Sacramento County and may submit written input for consideration to DHCS regarding policies that improve the delivery of oral health services in under Medi-Cal. The following represents achievements of MCDAC in 2019 and goals for 2020.

MCDAC 2019 Efforts and Accomplishments:

- Partnered with and continued to support the Sacramento County Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI) Local Dental Pilot Project *'Every Smile Counts!'* – funded by DHCS.
- Worked closely with DHCS to improve data transparency, timeliness, and reporting.
- Worked collaboratively with DHCS, First 5 Sacramento, Sacramento County Public Health, DTI partners to address the performance of the managed care delivery system to meet utilization targets.
- Maintain a meaningful partnership with DHCS to accomplish the State's oral health goals for children and adults. The Little Hoover Commission's recommended utilization goal of 66% has not yet been met by the contracted dental plans and DHCS.
- Continued efforts to provide access to GA/Intravenous Sedation for beneficiaries needing these services. In July 2019, established the MCDAC Special Needs/GA Ad Hoc Committee to identify issues, create a work plan and find solutions for barriers to care for children and adults. A Special Needs Study will be complete by June 2020 with specific recommendations.
- Worked with dental plans on projects such as Every Smile Counts!, Early Smiles Sacramento, and taking part in multiple community events throughout the year.
- Supported the California State Dental Director by assisting with implementation of the State Oral Health Plan.
- Monitored the impact of an increasing number of Medi-Cal beneficiaries, both children and adults, to ensure timely access and utilization of dental services.
- In partnership with the Sacramento County Division of Public Health, developed a Sacramento County Oral Health Strategic Plan.
- Provided regional stakeholders the opportunity to bring dental issues for discussion, problem solving and action.

MCDAC 2020 Goals:

- Support projects and policies to improve utilization and access issues, such as the Dental Transformation Initiative and the Center for Oral Health's 'Early Smiles Sacramento' project.
- Review DMC contract requirements and provide input to the dental plans and

DHCS for potential future contracts when the documents become available.

- Participate in the Cal AIM Stakeholder Meetings and the now renamed Healthier California for All.
- Monitor access to General Anesthesia/Intravenous Sedation to reduce barriers for beneficiaries needing this service. Release the Special Needs Report.
- Maintain a meaningful partnership with DHCS to accomplish the State's oral health goals for children and adults. The Little Hoover Commission's recommended utilization goal of 66% has not yet been met by the contracted dental plans and DHCS.
- Support and promote the work of the Dental Plans to provide education and outreach to beneficiaries by reviewing materials, recommending effective approaches, facilitating access to beneficiaries in community locations, and other relevant activities.
- Support the California Department of Public Health Dental Director and participate in implementation of the State Oral Health Plan.
- Continue to monitor the impact of an increasing number of adult and child Medi-Cal beneficiaries to ensure timely access and utilization of dental services.
- Assist the Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, in the implementation of the Sacramento County Oral Health Plan and the implementation of other Prop 56 funded activities by serving on and coordination with the Sacramento County Oral Health Advisory Committee.
- Provide regional stakeholders the opportunity to bring dental issues for discussion, problem solving and action.
- Work with legislative leaders in 2020 to facilitate improvements in accessing care in Medi-Cal Dental and Fee-for-Service Dental for beneficiaries.