

Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee

Special Meeting Agenda

November 14, 2023

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

First 5 Sacramento

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Chair: Jonathan Porteus

Vice-Chair: Julie Gallelo

Join via Zoom: <https://sacounty-net.zoomgov.com/j/1602743336?pwd=YzBwZ3IDZEhTYkgxOTVhMU00SmFhQT09>

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Time	Agenda Item	Presenter
4:00 PM	Welcome & Introductions	Chair
4:05 PM	Discussion of DHCS parity evaluation and subsequent guidance intending to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide notice to 614,000 currently enrolled DMC members of their option to either stay with their current plan or disenroll and join FFS effective on December 1, 2023• Enroll all newly eligible Medi-Cal members by default into dental FFS effective December 1, 2023	Adrianna Alcalá-Beshara / All
4:30 PM	Establish a Network Adequacy Committee to track beneficiary outcomes as a result of the parity guidance (Action)	All
4:40 PM	Submit a letter to DHCS to express concerns regarding the impact on beneficiaries as a result of the parity guidance (Action)	All
4:50 PM	Elevate parity guidance and concerns to the Sacramento County Health Authority (Action)	All
5:00 PM	Adjourn	All

PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE GIVEN ON ANY AGENDA ITEM AND BEFORE A VOTE.

Purpose: The advisory committee provides oversight and guidance to improve Medi-Cal Dental utilization rates, the delivery of oral health and dental care services, including prevention and education services, in dental managed care and fee-for-service Medi-Cal Dental delivery systems. **Authority:** AB 1467 (Budget Committee), Effective July 1, 2012; Sacramento County BOS, Dec 11, 2012, Resolution No. 2012-0903 establishing a Sacramento County Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee & Resolution No. 2012-0904.

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Each voting member must comply with AB 1234 Ethics rules when voting on agenda items. If a real or perceived conflict exists, members must recuse themselves from the vote.

DHCS Determination Regarding Sacramento County GMC Plans

Background:

On October 9, 2023, the MCDAC Chair received a courtesy email from DHCS notifying him (on behalf of MCDAC) of some impending changes to the Managed Medi-Cal model in Sacramento. These changes are enshrined in the language below. DHCS notification went out shortly after noon that day. Several MCDAC members reached out to request a Special meeting of the Committee be convened to discuss the impact that the guidance will have on beneficiaries.

Guidance:

As part of the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) 1915(b) waiver Special Terms and Conditions (STC), the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) conducted a parity evaluation to assess the performance (utilization) of Sacramento County dental managed care (DMC) plans compared to the statewide dental fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system. The evaluation was based on utilization measures for calendar year 2022 in the following categories: annual dental visits, preventive dental services, and use of sealants for children and adults.

Based on the evaluations, DHCS determined that none of the three DMC plans operating in Sacramento County – Access Dental Plan, Health Net Dental, and Liberty Dental Plan – met parity with statewide FFS utilization averages in all required measures. As a result, members currently enrolled in DMC plans will have the option to enroll in FFS.

Beginning in November 2023, DHCS will send notices to approximately 614,000 members currently enrolled in DMC plans in Sacramento County. The notices will inform affected DMC members of their option to either stay with their current plan or disenroll and join FFS because their current DMC plan did not ensure adequate quality of services. This disenrollment will be effective on December 1, 2023. The notice will provide information on how members can access dental services if they choose FFS or their option to choose an alternate DMC plan only if the member is able to establish an access to care issue in FFS. This notice will be sent only once to currently enrolled DMC plan members in Sacramento County.

Additionally, effective December 1, 2023, newly eligible Medi-Cal members will be enrolled by default into dental FFS. Starting in November 2023, newly eligible Medi-Cal members in Sacramento County will no longer receive a Medi-Cal choice packet for DMC enrollment. Newly eligible individuals will instead receive a dental FFS welcome packet containing an insert informing the member of their option to select a DMC plan if the member is able to establish access to care issues within the dental FFS delivery system. The notice will direct members to contact Medi-Cal Dental to determine if an access to care issue exists, and if an access to care issue does exist, a choice packet to enroll in a DMC plan will be sent. The insert will continue to be mailed to newly enrolled members in Sacramento County until DHCS procures new DMC plans in the county.

To review dental FFS and DMC performance reports, visit the [Dental Data Reports webpage](#).