

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 for children and adults 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 under Medi-Cal. The following represents achievements of MCDAC in 2020 and goals for 2021.

MCDAC 2020 Efforts and Accomplishments:

- Supported projects and policies to improve utilization and access issues, such as the Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI) and the Center for Oral Health's 'Early Smiles Sacramento' project.
- No new DMC contract requirements were issued by DHCS so no input was given to the contracted dental plans or DHCS for new contracts.
- Participated in the CalAIM Stakeholder Meetings and the now renamed Healthier California for All. The implementation was delayed one year to January 1, 2022.
- Monitored access to General Anesthesia/Intravenous Sedation to reduce barriers for beneficiaries needing this service. Released the Special Needs Report July 2020 [\SpecialNeedsGAWorkgroup\Sacramento-County-GA-Dental-Study-June-2020.pdf](#). Four MCDAC Special Needs/General Anesthesia (SNGA) subcommittees are following up to implement the 14 report recommendations.
- Maintained 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 60% has not yet been met by the contracted dental plans and DHCS.
- Supported and promoted 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.
- Supported the California Department of Public Health Dental Director and participated in implementation of the State Oral Health Plan.
- Continued to monitor the impact of an increasing number of adult and child Medi-Cal beneficiaries to ensure timely access and utilization of dental services.
- Assisted the Sacramento County Department of Health 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.
- Provided regional stakeholders the opportunity to bring dental issues for discussion, problem solving and action.

- Worked with legislative leaders in 2020 to facilitate improvements in accessing care in Medi-Cal Dental and Fee-for-Service Dental for beneficiaries.

MCDAC 2021 Goals

- Implement the 14 recommendations from the MCDAC SNGA Report, “Painful Realities: General Anesthesia Access in Sacramento GMC Dental Managed Care through the four SNGA Subcommittees and the Sacramento County Oral Health Program.
- Recommend a MCDAC member to fill the oral health seat on the newly formed Sacramento County Health Authority Commission. Provide communication to the Health Authority on MCDAC’s work and bring back Health Authority information to MCDAC.
- Work closely with Sacramento County Oral Health Program and the state dental director (Dr. Kumar) to implement Prop 56 recommendation and the state and local Oral Health Plan.
- Monitor and provide input to DHCS on recommendations in the Governor’s Budget 2021-22 regarding managed care dental (MCD) and fee-for-service (FFS) systems.
- Monitor and assist with dental messaging during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Continue participating on the CalAIM Workgroup when it reconvenes for the 2022 CalAIM implementation.
- Work closely with DHCS to improve access and utilization of Medi-Cal dental services for children and adult beneficiaries. .
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