

Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee (MCDAC)

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
- Collaborate and examine new approaches to beneficiary care
- Maximize dental health for children and adults by recommending improvements to the CA Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

MCDAC holds bimonthly meetings to discuss findings and potential improvements to Dental Managed Care (DMC) and Fee-for-Service (FFS) care in Sacramento County and may submit written input for consideration to DHCS.

MCDAC 2025 Efforts and Accomplishments:

- Continued implementation of strategies to address the seventeen recommendations from the Sacramento County Oral Health Needs Assessment, "[Teeth for a Lifetime? Oral Health in Sacramento, 2022](#)".
- Worked closely with the contracted DHCS Dental Managed Care Plans--Liberty, Health Net, and DentaQuest (beginning July 1, 2025).
- Worked closely with DHCS to improve access and utilization of Medi-Cal dental services for children and adult beneficiaries.
- Identified and worked with legislative leaders to facilitate improvements in access to care for Dental Managed Care and Fee-for-Service beneficiaries in Sacramento County.
- Provided regional stakeholders with the opportunity and forum to bring issues related to Medi-Cal Dental for discussion, problem solving, and action.

MCDAC 2026 Goals:

- Launch training for Community Health Workers (CHW), focused on Oral Health Strategies and Medi-Cal reimbursement opportunities.
- Continue the three workgroups established to address the seventeen recommendations to improve oral health care for Sacramento's Medi-Cal Dental beneficiaries (Oral Health Equity Workgroup, Oral Health Care Integration Workgroup, and the General Anesthesia Workgroup).
- Work closely with DHCS and contracted Dental Managed Care Plans to improve the Medi-Cal Dental Program by increasing utilization rates for

children and adults; facilitating connections to care when issues arise; recommending program changes when necessary and working to resolve provider complaints.

- Monitor fluoride activities and advocate to renew community water fluoridation contracts as they expire after 20 years in operation, beginning in 2027.
- Monitor the 2026/27 CA budget process for impacts on access to oral health.
- Work to mitigate the potential impacts of HR1 on adults who will no longer be eligible for dental health benefits beginning in 2026.
- Monitor network adequacy in the event Prop 56 supplemental payments to providers is eliminated in the Governor's 2026/27 budget.
- Collaborate with the Sacramento County Health Authority Commission and the Sacramento County Oral Health Program to advance oral health efforts.