

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 2022 and goals for 2023.

MCDAC 2022 Efforts and Accomplishments:

- Commissioned and collaborated on an updated Sacramento County Oral Health Needs Assessment to better understand the population of Medi-Cal beneficiaries in Sacramento County and challenges to accessing oral health care services.
- Implemented recommendations from the MCDAC SNGA Report, "Painful Realities: General Anesthesia Access in Sacramento Dental Managed Care" through the SNGA workgroups, including the addition of a Dental Coordinator to the clinical team at Alta California Regional Center to assist clients with navigating dental resources and work collaboratively with community partners to bridge the space between unique and individualized needs and service access of those with developmental disabilities. Additionally, the Dental Coordinator is charged with collaborating with community partners to ensure more equitable and timely access to dental services and care.
- Supported projects and policies to improve utilization and access, such as the Medical Dental Referral and Navigation system (MDRAN) and Early Smiles Sacramento project.
- Monitored access to General Anesthesia/Intravenous Sedation to reduce barriers for beneficiaries needing this service.
- Participated on the Sacramento County Health Authority Commission and provided input on Medi-Cal DMC and FFS delivery systems for beneficiaries. Worked to fold in requirements for health plans to conduct oral health assessment and referrals to dental providers.
- Monitored and assisted with dental messaging during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Maintained a meaningful partnership with DHCS to accomplish the State's oral health goals for children and adults.
- 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.

- 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.

MCDAC 2023 Goals:

- Release the updated Sacramento County Oral Health Needs Assessment.
- Work closely with DHCS to improve access and utilization of Medi-Cal dental services for children and adult beneficiaries.
- 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.
- Provide regional stakeholders the opportunity to bring dental issues for discussion, problem solving and action.
- Work with legislative leaders in 2023 to facilitate improvements in accessing care in Medi-Cal Managed Care Dental and Fee-for-Service Dental for beneficiaries.
- Work with DHCS to determine a suitable comparison county for MCDAC Fact Sheets.
- Revise MCDAC Committee Charter to include space for community-level representation.