



Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee (MCDAC)

An Update Presented to the
Medi-Cal Managed Care
Advisory Committee
12/07/2015



Main Items for Today

- General Anesthesia update and All Plan Letter 15-012
- Internal State Audit
- Little Hoover Commission
- State Dental Director
- MCDAC Activities
- Coordination between Dental Plans and Health Plans, and Other Considerations



General Anesthesia Update and APL 15-012

- MCPs must assist providers and beneficiaries with the prior authorization process as a form of care coordination to avoid situations where services are unduly delayed
- APL 15-012 issued/updated on 8/21/2015 continues to cause confusion and denials of requests for General Anesthesia services
- <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Pages/MMCDPlanPolicyLtrs.aspx>



Internal State Audit

- No established criteria for assessing utilization under Fee-For-Service model
- Some counties lack any active providers for children in Medi-Cal
- Annual review of reimbursement rates not done in more than 10 years
- Data collection insufficient to meet federal and state requirements
- Increase in individuals from 2.7 to 6.4 million possible with recent federal and state law changes
- <https://www.auditor.ca.gov/pdfs/reports/2013-125.pdf>



Little Hoover Commission

- A request from Senator Pan and Assembly Member Woods sent to Little Hoover Commission in April 2015
- Study undertaken: Two public hearings – September and November 2015
- Study results may be available in Spring 2016
- <http://www.lhc.ca.gov/>



State Dental Director

- The State Dental Director position was approved in last year's budget
- Some Federal funding opportunities are only available to States with Dental Directors
- Position finally filled this summer:
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Activities

- Continuing to connect with DHCS
- Providing input to procedures and policies via DHCS stakeholder input processes
- Support of Virtual Dental Home
- New Family Resource Center staff training by Dental Plan staff
- Individual member contribution at Little Hoover Commission Hearings on Denti-Cal



Coordination between Dental Plans and Health Plans and Other Considerations

- Ideas on ways to coordinate and increase access to care?
- Pediatricians involvement as a trusted professional
- Pediatricians can administer fluoride varnishes in office



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