



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Health Care Services



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor

March 15, 2017

The Honorable Jim Wood
Assembly Health Committee
State Capitol, Room 6005
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember:

ASSEMBLY 15 (AS INTRODUCED DECEMBER 5, 2016) – OPPOSE

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) must inform you of its opposition to Assembly Bill (AB) 15, which is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Health Committee on March 21, 2017. AB 15 would require DHCS to increase Denti-Cal provider reimbursement rates for the 15 most common prevention, treatment, and oral evaluation services to the regional average commercial rates.

As proposed, AB 15 would result in additional expenditures of \$401 million Total Funds annually (\$184 million General Fund). Adjustments to provider rates with fiscal implications are more appropriately addressed as part of the budget process.

ct me at 440-7500.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Carol Gallegos
Deputy Director

cc: The Honorable Brian Maienschein
Member of the Assembly
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Chair and Members, Assembly Health Committee

Assembly Republican Caucus
Assembly Floor Analysis