Domain 4: Local Dental Pilot Programs (LDPPs)

Domain Goals

The goals of Domain 4 are to increase dental prevention; caries risk assessment and disease management, and continuity of care among Medi-Cal children by LDPP innovative pilot projects through alternative programs, potentially using strategies focused on urban or rural areas, care models, delivery systems, workforce, local case management initiatives and/or education. Progress toward reaching pilot project(s) goals and objectives will be measured, tracked and reported by selected applicants with the potential for regional and/or statewide expansion of pilot project(s) demonstrating a positive impact on the oral health of target Medi-Cal populations.

Who can participate in this Domain?

A maximum of fifteen (15) LDPPs may be approved for participation in this Domain/ demonstration.. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will accept applications from a county, a city and county, a consortium of counties serving a region consisting of more than one (1) county, a Tribe, an Indian Health Services program, University of California or California State University campus, which will be designated as the LDPP "lead entity" with responsibility to coordinate the LDPP and be the single point of contact for DHCS and the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Other types of organizations may participate in the LDPP, as long as the organization has gained the sponsorship of an approved applicant. LDPP applicants may sponsor a single pilot project or multiple different pilot projects to test a variety of innovations aimed at meeting the Domain goals. DHCS reserves the right to suspend or terminate a LDPP at any time if enumerated goals are not met, corrective action has been imposed and not addressed, and/or poor performance continues despite corrective action.

Where will this Domain be implemented?

DHCS seeks to implement LDPPs throughout the State. The LDPPs may be implemented in various population densities, rural and/or urban settings. The Department intends to begin this effort in a variety of select locations and will then, subject to the demonstrated success of pilot project(s) and the availability of funding under the initiative, seek to implement on a regional and/or statewide basis any pilot project(s) determined to be successful.

What is the frequency of payment and who will the incentive be paid to?

Annual, quarterly or more frequent payments will be made to the LDPP will be dependent based upon a negotiated LDPP work plan and budget, inclusive of approved personnel costs, fringe benefits, operating expenses, equipment expenses, subcontractor expenses, travel expenses, other and indirect costs and will exclude covered services reimbursable by Medi-Cal Dental or other federal funding resources. The incentive funding available for preventive services, caries risk assessment and disease management, and continuity of care provided within this domain will not exceed the amount apportioned from the Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI) pool for Domains 1, 2, and 3 for the applicable Demonstration Year. Incentive funding is payable to enrolled Medi-Cal dental service locations only.

How will the funding be calculated?

Domain 4 total funding shall not exceed twenty-five (25) percent of the DTI total funding limit of $740M; equal to $185Mfor four (4) years, or approximately $46.25M each year. The funding for each LDPP will be based upon the LDPP application cost allocations, comparisons to similarly-sized pilot projects, target population demographics, project designs, and an assessment of available funding relative to the number of applications received.

What are the Performance Metrics?

Applications will be expected to detail a pilot project's specific goals, anticipated outcomes, data that will be used to measure whether the project is having the intended impact, and the frequency of performance metric measurements. The goals, outcomes and performance metrics for analyzing the success of the pilot project should be consistent with and build upon the performance metrics of the three (3) DTI domains and should not be wholly redundant of the approaches taken in the aforementioned domains.

The following are the performance metrics for Domains 1, 2 and 3, however, DHCS reserves the right to modify and amend the performance metrics:

1. **Increase Preventive Services Utilization for Children**
    a. Prevention
    CMS Oral Health Initiative Goal: To increase the utilization of children ages one (1) through twenty (20) enrolled in Medi-Cal who receive any preventive dental service, by at least ten (10) percentage points over a five (5) year period. 2020 is the five year target date for California.
    b. Access to Care
    Increase the number of actively participating providers in each county who provide preventative services.
2. **Carries Risk Assessment and Disease Management Pilot**
    a. Caries Risk Assessment
    Increase utilization of CRA CDT codes and monitor reductions in risk levels.
    b. Caries Management
    Increase ratio of utilization of preventive services versus restorative;
    Decrease utilization of use of emergency room and oral surgery for dental related reasons among children.
3. **Increase Continuity of Care**
    a. Continuity of Care
    Increase utilization of children continuously enrolled in the Medi-Cal Dental Program who received services performed by the same provider in two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5), and six (6) consecutive year periods.

What is the Costing Methodology?

On a cash basis, total funding for LDPPs is estimated to be:
$740M x .025 = $185M
$185M/Total Funding/Program Year = $46.25M/Program Year

Demonstration Year	TF	GF	FF
1	$46,250,000	$23,125,000	$23,125,000
2	$46,250,000	$23,125,000	$23,125,000
3	$46,250,000	$23,125,000	$23,125,000
4	$46,250,000	$23,125,000	$23,125,000
Total	**$185,000,000**	**$92,500,000**	**$92,500,000**