Local Dental Pilot Programs: Letter of Intent Instructions

The Local Dental Pilot Program (LDPP) is a five-year program authorized under California’s Medi-Cal 2020 waiver to address one (1) or more of the three (3) following Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI) domains:

1. Increase preventive services utilization for children;
2. Increase caries risk assessment and disease management; and
3. Increase continuity of care

Detailed information on the requirements for participating in a LDPP can be found in the Special Terms and Conditions of the Medi-Cal 2020 waiver. Additional information is also posted on http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/DTI.aspx

Purpose
The purpose of the Letter of Intent is to assess the level of interest to participate in the LDPPs across the state, obtain preliminary LDPP design information that will assist DHCS with finalizing the LDPP application, and provide an opportunity for potential applicants to submit questions. Submission of this Letter of Intent is voluntary and non-binding. Failure to submit a Letter of Intent will not preclude a lead entity from applying to participate in the LDPP. DHCS anticipates releasing the LDPP pilot application in the Spring of 2016, with applications due 60 calendar days after release. The initial release of the application will be in draft format with an opportunity for interested parties to provide feedback via a future planned webinar.

DHCS recognizes that organizations are at the beginning stages of planning for the LDPPs and therefore may not be able to provide details on their plans for the pilot’s design, but the state would appreciate any information that is available at this time.

Submission Instructions
Entities that are interested in participating in the Medi-Cal 2020 LDPP are strongly encouraged to submit a Letter of Intent to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) by close of business on May 10, 2016. Letters of Intent should be submitted by the entity that would apply to be the LDPP lead entity. The letter should be submitted via email to DTI@DHCS.CA.GOV and addressed to René Mollow, Deputy Director, Health Care Benefits & Eligibility, Department of Health Care Services. The Letter of Intent should be no more than two pages long.

LDPP entities can be 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 Program, a University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) campus. Each LDPP must designate the Lead Entity that will be responsible for coordinating the LDPP and be the single point of contact for DHCS and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). The Lead Entity will be responsible for identifying other entities that will participate in the LDPP.
The Letter of Intent should include the following information:

**Lead Entity Contact Information**
1. Lead Entity Name and Mailing Address
2. Point of Contact Name, E-mail Address, and Telephone Number

**Preliminary LDPP Design**
1. Include a statement about your organization’s interest in participating in a LDPP.
2. Describe the geographic area in which the LDPP would operate and the target population(s) for the pilot.
3. List the potential participating entities that would work in partnership with your organization as part of the LDPP.
4. Describe possible interventions and infrastructure that the LDPP may implement.

**Questions**
Include any questions related to the process or requirements for participating in the LDPP. Responses to selected questions will be added to the FAQ document and posted on the DHCS website.