

# 2023 MEDI-CAL DENTAL UTILIZATION FOR DUAL ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES

## Background:

This document shows 2023 Medi-Cal dental utilization among dual eligible beneficiaries in California. This includes beneficiaries in Original Medicare and any type of Medicare Advantage (MA) plan. Please visit this [webpage](#) for definitions on the type of MA plans.

Original Medicare is the primary payer for dual eligible beneficiaries and does not cover most dental services. However, **Medi-Cal covers a variety of dental services for all Medi-Cal beneficiaries, including dual eligible beneficiaries.**

Note: Some MA plans offer supplemental dental benefits. These are extra benefits beyond what Original Medicare covers. Supplemental dental benefits vary by plan. The data below does not include utilization of MA supplemental dental benefits.

**Table 1 – Medi-Cal Dental Annual Visits in 2023 by Age Group Among Dual Eligible Beneficiaries<sup>i ii</sup>**

Age Group	Not Used	Used	Total	Utilization Percentage
21-34	31,066	12,893	43,959	29%
35-44	44,988	19,033	64,021	30%
45-64	197,677	91,613	289,290	32%
65-74	557,567	216,541	774,108	28%
75 and older	413,395	147,363	560,758	26%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,244,693</b>	<b>487,443</b>	<b>1,732,136</b>	<b>28%</b>

**Table 2 – Medi-Cal Annual Dental Visits in 2023 by MA Plan Type  
Among Dual Eligible Beneficiaries**

Plan Type	Not Used	Used	Total	Utilization Percentage
Original Medicare	711,794	300,582	1,012,376	30%
Regular MA	218,808	59,966	278,774	22%
Medi-Medi Plan	157,573	75,061	232,634	32%
Non-EAE D-SNP	109,206	36,782	145,988	25%
Other*	47,312	15,052	62,364	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,244,693</b>	<b>487,443</b>	<b>1,732,136</b>	<b>28%</b>

\*Other includes the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), SCAN Fully Integrated Dual-Eligible Special Needs Plan (FIDE-SNP), Institutional Special Needs Plans (I-SNPs), and Chronic Condition Special Needs Plans (C-SNPs).

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<sup>i</sup> Utilization is calculated based on: **Numerator:** Number of members in the denominator who received any dental service (Current Dental Terminology (CDT) D0100-D9999 (Dental Visits), D9999 or Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) 99188), including dental encounters at safety net clinics (SNCs). CalHHS Open Data Portal (ODP) dental data includes additional ICD10 diagnosis codes accompanying the procedure codes for Annual Dental Visits. **Denominator:** Number of dual eligible members with at least 90 days of continuous Medi-Cal eligibility in calendar year 2023.

<sup>ii</sup> Data Source: Medi-Cal Dental Fee-For-Service (FFS) claims processed through the California Dental Medicaid Management Information System (CD-MMIS); Medi-Cal Dental Managed Care (DMC) claims received via encounter data submission from the DMC plans; CPT 99188 and SNC claims processed through the California Medicaid Management Information System (CA-MMIS) as of **December 10, 2024**.