

Medi-Cal Healthier California for All 1/6/2020 Meeting: Questions for Stakeholders

Proposal 2 – Coverage of a Caries Risk Assessment (CRA) Bundle for children ages 0 to 6 years

1. Stakeholders have suggested that Registered Dental Hygienists in Alternate Practice (RDHAP) be allowed to render and bill for Caries Risk Assessment (CRA) and the application of Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) – D1354. What would post CRA caries management look like if the RDHAP was billing for the CRA, particularly treatment planning and coordination of care for moderate and high risk?
2. A stakeholder recommended that the “motivational interviewing” component of Caries Risk Assessment (CRA) which is not included in the current proposal, be replaced with patient education. Do stakeholders have a specific code in mind (ex: D9994) for billing patient education? Please provide the Department with additional feedback/examples of what a patient education component would include as well as a suggested SMA.
3. Stakeholders suggested that the Department expand training for the motivational interviewing/nutritional counseling components of Caries Risk Assessment (CRA). Please provide the Department with additional feedback/examples of what expanded training would include.

Proposal 3 – Performance Payment: Establish and Maintain Continuity of Care through a Dental Home

1. Stakeholders have suggested that care coordination be incorporated into Proposal 3. Please provide the Department with suggestions or examples of what codes stakeholders have in mind for care coordination services falling under the continuity of care pay for performance as well as how these would complement one another to establish and maintain a dental home.

General

1. Stakeholders have requested that the highest possible rates be awarded on both Proposal 1 and Proposal 3 pay for performance proposals. Please provide the Department with concrete suggestions regarding dollar amounts for the highest possible rates.
2. Stakeholders have suggested that the Department add additional codes to the proposals to serve populations of special need. Examples given included pregnant women, diabetics, etc. Please provide the Department with further details about this suggestion, which additional codes stakeholders would like to see included in the proposals, and/or examples or definitions of “populations of special need”.