

DHCS Responses to Follow-Up Items from June 28, 2017

Agenda Item/Topic	DHCS Response	DHCS Follow-Up
<p>Updates – Dental Recommendations Letter to DHCS</p> <p><i>Jan Schumann:</i> The schedule of max allowances is not changing, which was an item we addressed in our dental recommendations letter to DHCS. I want DHCS to be aware that the four key areas under item four are still a concern. The first bullet of the third item still needs to be addressed.</p> <p><i>Wendy Longwell:</i> I would like more information on the supplemental payments, especially on access to anesthesia for disabled children. Will the supplemental increase encourage more local dentists to go down that road?</p>	<p><i>Jennifer Kent, DHCS:</i> I believe we made some changes around dental anesthesia. We'll share the rate details when they are published.</p>	<p>Information about Proposition 56 supplemental payments is available on the DHCS Medi-Cal Dental website. A Provider Bulletin was also shared in August 2017: http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov/provsrvcs/bulletins/Volume 33 Number 09.pdf</p> <p>Supplemental information about general anesthesia for dental procedures under Dental Managed Care was posted in Dental All Plan Letter (APL) 17-004, available on the DHCS Medi-Cal Dental Managed Care All Plan Letters website. Supplemental information about general anesthesia for dental procedures under Dental Fee-for-Service was posted in the July 2017 Dental Provider Bulletin on the DHCS Denti-Cal website.</p>
<p>Children’s Health Measures – Pediatric Dashboard Update</p> <p><i>Paul Reggiardo, D.D.S:</i> The methodology used for 2015 was very clear regarding the 90 days. What methodology was used for 2013-14? Is there any way DHCS can reconcile the different measurements used for 2013-14 for an apples-to-apples comparison?</p>	<p><i>Anastasia Dodson, DHCS:</i> We will review the data and look at providing clarification on the methodology and data that is consistently across multiple years.</p>	<p>DHCS will be posting an updated children’s health dashboard as well as data on the DHCS Dental Data Reports website that will include data from 2013 through 2016 using a consistent methodology across multiple years.</p> <p>In the prior version of the Children’s Health Dashboard, Calendar Year (CY) 2013 data for Dental Fee-for-Service data used a different denominator than CY 2014 and 2015 in calculating utilization percentages. The</p>

		<p>denominator for CY 2013 was based on beneficiaries eligible at least 11 out of 12 months with no more than a 1 month gap in eligibility for the measurement year. The denominator for CY 2014 was based on beneficiaries with at least 90 days of continuous eligibility.</p>
<p>Children’s Health Measures – Pediatric Dashboard Update</p> <p><i>Paul Reggiardo, D.D.S:</i> For figure 7, the use of sealants category refers to FFS and not Dental Managed Care data?</p>	<p><i>Anastasia Dodson, DHCS:</i> Yes, we can fix that.</p>	<p>Future iterations of the Pediatric Dashboard will include both Fee-for-Service and Dental Managed Care data.</p>