

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency Department of Health Care Services



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TO: ALL MEDI-CAL DENTAL MANAGED CARE PLANS

SUBJECT: APL 15-019: MODIFICATION OF ADJUDICATION CRITERIA FOR D0145

The purpose of this All Plan Letter (APL) is to inform the Medi-Cal Dental Managed Care (DMC) Plans that the adjudication criteria for Current Dental Terminology (CDT) code D0145 will be modified effective January 6, 2016, for Sacramento County Geographic Managed Care (GMC) and Los Angeles Prepaid Health Plan (PHP).

The criteria for CDT code D0145 will be revised to state that it is a benefit once every three (3) months for patients under the age of three (3). The criteria will specify that the procedure is for recording the oral and physical health history, evaluation of caries susceptibility, development of an appropriate preventive oral health regimen, and communication with and counseling of the child's parent, legal guardian, and/or primary caregiver.

DHCS expects that the DMC Plans will adhere to this criteria change. DMC plans shall inform all providers of this new policy as necessary once approved materials are shared by DHCS and posted to the Denti-Cal website. All materials developed by the DMC plans for the purposes of notifying their contracted providers of their options shall be submitted to DHCS for review and approval prior to distribution. The new adjudication criteria for CDT code D0145 will be revised for the next regulatory package update.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact DHCS at <u>dmcdeliverables@dhcs.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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