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TO: ALL CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP) PROGRAM PROVIDERS AND MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE PLANS

SUBJECT: CHDP HEALTH ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES (HAG) REVISIONS: SECTION 21, DENTAL PERIODICITY

The purpose of this CHDP Provider Information Notice (PIN) No. 11-10 is to inform CHDP providers of the revised CHDP Dental Periodicity Schedule for Health Assessment Requirements.

The CHDP Periodicity Schedule for Dental Referral by Age has been extensively revised.

The following recommendations have been added to the dental periodicity schedule:

- At least an annual referral directly to a dentist beginning at age one (1) for maintenance of oral health.
- Moderate to high risk children should be referred every 6 months.
- For children with full-scope Medi-Cal, Denti-Cal benefits include preventive services once in every six (6) month period.
- Children with special health care needs can be referred up to four (4) times a year with documentation of oral or medical necessity.

The following links are included on the dental periodicity schedule:

- The Denti-Cal website link is included for locating a dental provider.
- The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) age one dental home policy recommendations and link are listed.
- Denti-Cal has adopted the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's periodicity schedule for frequencies of diagnostic and preventive procedures; the link is included.
- The link to the AAP "Caries Risk Factors for Early Childhood Caries is included.

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Children's Medical Services encourages you to review the updated section in its entirety. The revised Section can be downloaded from the following link:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp/Pages/Pub156.aspx>

We hope that this updated information will assist you in providing appropriate dental referrals in your practice. If you have any questions, please contact your local CHDP program.

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Table 21.2 CHDP PERIODICITY SCHEDULE FOR DENTAL REFERRAL BY AGE

Age (years)	12 Month Dental Referral	6 Month Dental Referral**
1* - 20	 Once a year <u>minimum</u>	 Most CHDP children are moderate to high caries risk. Refer every 6 months.*** Children with special needs may need more frequent referrals.

- A dental screening/oral assessment is required at every CHDP health assessment regardless of age.
- Refer children directly to a dentist:
 - **At least annually** beginning at age one for maintenance of oral health (mandated beginning at age 3).
 - **At any age** if a problem is suspected or detected
 - **Every six (6) months** if moderate to high risk for caries
 - **Every three (3) months** for children with documented special health care needs when medical or oral condition can be affected
- To help find a dentist for a child with Medi-Cal, contact Denti-Cal at 1-800-322-6384 or <http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov>. For families with or without Medi-Cal, the local CHDP program can assist in finding a dentist.

* The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) policy recommendation is to establish a dental home by age one: <http://aappolicy.aappublications.org/cgi/reprint/pediatrics;122/6/1387.pdf>.

** For Medi-Cal eligible children, Denti-Cal will cover preventive services (exam, topical fluoride application, and prophylaxis) once in a six month period and more frequently if there is a documented necessity. Denti-Cal has adopted the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's (AAPD) "Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Oral Health Care" which indicates frequencies for diagnostic and preventive procedures: http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov/provsrvcs/bulletins/Volume_26_Number_7.pdf. The AAPD emphasizes the importance of very early professional intervention and the continuity of care: http://www.aapd.org/media/Policies_Guidelines/G_Periodicity.pdf

*** Caries Risk Factors for Early Childhood Caries: http://www.aap.org/commpeps/dochs/oralhealth/pact/ch4_sect7.cfm

References

California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Subchapter 13, CHDP, Section 6843; Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, Section 440.40 (b), Part 441, Subpart B. CHDP Program Letter, 04-13. Denti-Cal Bulletin Volume 26, Number 7, March 2010.