



JENNIFER KENT
DIRECTOR

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



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
GOVERNOR

DATE: November 21, 2017

TO: ALL MEDI-CAL DENTAL MANAGED CARE PLANS

SUBJECT: APL 17-007: ONE-YEAR SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN DENTAL SERVICES USING PROPOSITION 56 TOBACCO TAX FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THE 2017-18 STATE FISCAL YEAR

The purpose of this All Plan Letter (APL) is to inform Medi-Cal Dental Managed Care (DMC) plans about additional funding allocated for supplemental payments for dental services under the Medi-Cal program for providers who bill under DMC plans. Assembly Bill 120 (Statutes of 2017, Chapter 22, §3, Item 4260-101-3305) appropriated Proposition 56 funds for specified Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) health care expenditures during state fiscal year 2017-18. The supplemental payment categories for dental services will include restorative, endodontic, prosthodontic, oral and maxillofacial, adjunctive, and visits and diagnostic services. The supplemental payment will be at a rate equal to 40 percent of the Dental Schedule of Maximum Allowances (SMA) for the specified codes for dates of service during the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. DHCS is not changing the SMA for these procedures, but rather, is providing a supplemental payment in addition to the SMA.

The SMA list is published in the Dental Provider Handbook, Section 5, pages 5-106 through 5-126, and is available on the [Denti-Cal website](#). Supplemental payments for these services will be made based on claim submission for the specific applicable dental procedures within the aforementioned categories and that meet criteria for medical necessity as stated in the Manual of Criteria. You can access the list of Current Dental Terminology Codes for Proposition 56 Supplemental Payments on the [DHCS Medi-Cal Dental](#) website.

Please forward this information to your dental plan providers. In addition to this APL, DHCS will post updates on the [DHCS Medi-Cal Dental](#) website. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Brookins, Acting Chief, Provider and Beneficiary Services Section, at (916) 445-8385.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Alani C. Jackson, Chief
Medi-Cal Dental Services Division