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San Francisco Regional Office  
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**DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS**

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March 27, 2018

Mari Cantwell  
Chief Deputy Director, Health Care Programs  
California Department of Health Care Services  
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

Dear Ms. Cantwell:

Enclosed is an approved copy of California State Plan Amendment (SPA) 17-027, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on November 8, 2017. CA SPA 17-027 will restore comprehensive optional dental benefits for beneficiaries ages 21 and older, subject to medical necessity and utilization controls, that were not restored in May 2014 under CA SPA 13-018.

The effective date of this SPA is January 1, 2018. Enclosed are the following approved SPA pages that should be incorporated into your approved state plan:

- Limitations on Attachment 3.1-A, pages 3b, 3B.1, 3d, 3E and 15a
- Limitations on Attachment 3.1-B, pages 3b, 3B.1, 3d, 3E and 15a

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Young at 415-744-3598 or via email at [Cheryl.Young@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Young@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED

Henrietta Sam-Louie  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosures

cc: Rene Mollow, California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)  
Alani Jackson, DHCS  
Cynthia Smiley, DHCS  
Jim Elliott, DHCS  
Nathaniel Emery, DHCS

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF  
STATE PLAN MATERIAL  
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

1 7 — 0 2 7

2. STATE

California

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

January 1, 2018

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One)

NEW STATE PLAN

AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN

AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR sec. 440.225 and 42 CFR 440.100

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT

a. FFY 2018: Jan 1 - Sept 30, 2018 \$ 96,771,756

b. FFY 2019: Oct 1, 2018 - Dec 31, 2018 \$ 31,787,419

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Limitations on Attachment 3.1-A, page 15a  
Limitations on Attachment 3.1-B, page 15a  
Limitations on Attachment 3.1-A, page 3d, 3E, 3b and 3B.1  
Limitations on Attachment 3.1-B, page 3d, 3E, 3b and 3B.1

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

Limitations on Attachment 3.1-A, pages 15a  
Limitations on Attachment 3.1-B, pages 15a  
Limitations on Attachment 3.1-A, page 3d, 3E, 3B.1  
Limitations on Attachment 3.1-B, page 3d, 3E, 3B.1  
Limitations on Attachments 3.1-A & 3.1-B, page 3b

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Effective January 1, 2018, Medi-Cal Adult Dental Benefits will be restored to include all optional dental benefits, not restored in 2014, outlined in the state's manual of criteria.

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED

ORIGINAL SIGNED

13. TYPED NAME

Mari Cantwell

14. TITLE

State Medicaid Director

15. DATE SUBMITTED

11/8/2017

16. RETURN TO

Department of Health Care Services  
ATTN: State Plan Coordinator  
1501 Capitol Avenue, Suite 71.326  
P.O. Box 997417  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7417

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