

Medi-Cal Dental Los Angeles Stakeholder Meeting

May 7, 2026
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Agenda

- Fee-For-Service (FFS)
- Dental Managed Care
- Medi-Cal Dental
- Open Forum

FEE-FOR-SERVICE UPDATES

- Provider Enrollment
- Provider Accepting New Patients
- Provider Training
- Smile, California
- Member and Provider Outreach Efforts

Provider Enrollment

Billing Services

- At the end of **Q4 2025**, there was a total of **6,946** billing service office locations. There was a total of **2,580** billing service office locations in **Los Angeles** County.

Rendering Services

- At the end of **Q4 2025**, there was a total of **13,437** rendering providers. There was a total of **4,282** rendering providers in **Los Angeles** County.

New Provider Enrollments

Quarter 4 2025

- Total of 98 billing offices
- 67 General Dentists
- 14 Pediatric Dentists
- 6 Certified Orthodontists
- 1 Endodontists
- 2 Oral Surgeons
- 8 RDHAPs

Providers Accepting New Patients

- **Q4 2025**
- Total of 5,739 Billing service office locations accepting new patients
- 2,178 in Los Angeles County

Provider Training: Webinars and Seminars

- Quarter 4 (2025)
- 9 Basic and EDI Seminars/Webinars
- 101 Attendees
- 9 Advanced Seminars/Webinars
- 115 Attendees
- 2 Orthodontic Webinars
- 33 Attendees



For more information, contact the Telephone Service Center (TSC) at (800) 423-0507 or Medi-CalDentalSeminarReservation@gainwelltechnologies.com

Smile, California: Website Statistics

Quarter 4 (2025)

- 3,918,928 visits from 2,720,584 unique users
- 2,179,845 clicks to the "Find a Dentist" Button
- 233,004 Resource downloads
- Smile, CA received 6.4M impressions and reach of over 21.2K on Facebook, 1.8M impressions and a reach of over 9.8K on Instagram.

YouTube



Facebook



Instagram



Community Events

- » Quarter 4 2025
- » Community Events
 - » Attended **15** in-person events and **5** in-person meetings.
 - » Attended **18** virtual meetings and **1** virtual presentation.
 - » Contacted **931** agencies.

Provider Outreach

- Provider Outreach
 - 2026 Anaheim CDA Convention
 - 5/14/2026-5/16/2026
 - Los Angeles, CA 92109
 - 2026 California Dental Hygienist Association Spring Scientific Session
 - 5/15/2026
 - Anaheim, CA 92802

Member Outreach

- Member Outreach
 - CalOptima Health Costa Mesa Health Fair
 - 6/6/2026
 - Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Dental Managed Care (DMC) Transition

David Ferber
Branch Chief

Dental Managed Care Updates

- **Health net dental plan**
 - Dr. Timothy Martinez
- **California dental network**
 - Heather Castiaux
- **Liberty dental plan**
 - Destiny Rockwood

HealthNet Updates

- Big Smiles VBP Program
- Member Outreach
- Smile Dental Partnership
- Provider Outreach

DentaQuest Updates

- Dental Incentives
- Member Outreach
- Teledentistry
- Community Events
- Smile Dental
- Provider Outreach

Liberty Dental Updates

- Provider Outreach
- Member/Community Events
- Member Text Campaigns
- Teledentistry
- BRUSH

Medi-Cal Dental Updates

- CA State Budget and Federal Legislation Impacts
- CDA Presents in Anaheim
- Ordering, Referring, Prescribing Providers
- LASH Fact Sheet

California State Budget and Federal Legislation Impacts

Dana Durham

Division Chief

Elimination of Dental Benefits for UIS 19+

Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Terms:

- UIS members 19+ will move from DMC to Fee-For-Service.
- UIS members 18 and under will continue to receive full-scope Medi-Cal, which includes dental services.

Populations that are **not** affected include:

- Children under 19 years old with UIS
- Pregnant/12 months postpartum

ELIMINATION OF PROPOSITION 56 SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS

Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Terms: Eliminates approximately \$362 million annually for Prop. 56 supplemental payments. Prop. 56 is California's tobacco tax measure that provides supplemental payments to Medi-Cal Dental providers to increase access and incentivize utilization.

Bulletin: Volume 42, Number 3

Elimination of Prospective Payment System (PPS)

Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Terms: DHCS will remove PPS per-visit reimbursement for state-only services provided by FQHCs and RHCs. Only pregnancy and emergency services will remain eligible for federally funded PPS billing through Medi-Cal FFS. All other state-only services must instead be billed to Medi-Cal Dental FFS. Because dental benefits for adults in this population are also ending on July 1, 2026, the primary group requiring Dental FFS billing will be members under age 19 whose eligibility verification indicates no PPS.

6-Month Eligibility Checks

Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Terms: HR1 includes a provision requiring eligibility redeterminations for adult expansion enrollees, also known as the 'New Adult Group', to be conducted every six months.

Federal Re-Definition of Qualified Non-Citizens (QNC)

Effective Date: October 1, 2026

Terms: A QNC status determines who can get federally funded full-scope Medi-Cal benefits, and that includes dental coverage.

There are groups that are still considered to have satisfactory immigration status and can keep federally funded full-scope Medi-Cal dental coverage.

Medi-Cal Asset Limitations

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Asset limits:

- \$130,000.00 for one person
- + \$65,000.00 for each additional household member up to 10 people total
- Higher asset limits for some married couples and registered domestic partners if they qualify.

CDA Presents

The Art and Science of Dentistry

Noor Hasan

Dental Hygienist Consultant

Ordering, Referring, Prescribing Providers

Navish Reddy, Section Chief

Program Operations and Reporting Branch

Statewide Fact Sheet

Key Findings

Sarah Costa

Health Program Specialist I

Open Forum

- For questions, please use the hand raising function.
 - When you are called upon to speak, please unmute your microphone and introduce yourself.
- » You may also email **dental@dhcs.ca.gov**

Closing Remarks

Next Los Angeles Stakeholder Meeting

November 3, 2026

Provide any feedback at Dental@dhcs.ca.gov