

Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee

Pursuant to W&I Code §14089.08, Sacramento County was authorized to establish the Sacramento County Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee (MCDAC), comprised of providers, dental plans, researchers, advocates, and beneficiaries. MCDAC's purpose is to provide input on the delivery of oral health and dental care services, including, but not limited to, prevention and education services, as well as collaborate and examine new approaches to beneficiary care and maximize dental health for children and adults by recommending improvements to DHCS. MCDAC holds bimonthly meetings to discuss findings and potential improvements to DMC and FFS in Sacramento County and may submit written input for consideration to DHCS regarding policies that improve the delivery of oral health services under Medi-Cal. The following represents achievements of MCDAC in 2021 and goals for 2022.

MCDAC 2021 Efforts and Accomplishments:

- Updated the MCDAC Charter to include an additional FQHC member to better represent providers serving the Medi-Cal population and added a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) seat.
- Selected a MCDAC member to fill the newly established Health Authority Commission Oral Health Seat to provide oral health input to the Commission in reviewing and selecting new Medi-Cal health plan providers in Sacramento County starting 2024.
- Supported projects and policies to improve utilization and access issues, such as the Center for Oral Health's 'Early Smiles Sacramento' project.
- No new DMC contract requirements were issued by DHCS so no input was given to the contracted dental plans or DHCS for new contracts.
- Participated in the CalAIM Stakeholder Meetings. The implementation was delayed one year to January 1, 2022.
- Monitored access to General Anesthesia/Intravenous Sedation to reduce barriers for beneficiaries needing this service. Released the Special Needs Report July 2020 [\SpecialNeedsGAWorkgroup\Sacramento-County-GA-Dental-Study-June-2020.pdf](#). Three MCDAC Special Needs/General Anesthesia (SNGA) subcommittees are following up to implement the 14 report recommendations.
- Maintained a meaningful partnership with DHCS to accomplish the State's oral health goals for children and adults. The Little Hoover Commission's recommended utilization goal of 60% has not yet been met by the contracted dental plans and DHCS.
- Supported and promoted the work of the Dental Plans to provide education and outreach to beneficiaries by reviewing materials, recommending effective approaches, facilitating access to beneficiaries in community locations, and other relevant activities.
- Supported the California Department of Public Health Dental Director and participated in implementation of the State Oral Health Plan.
- Continued to monitor the impact of an increasing number of adult and child Medi-Cal beneficiaries to ensure timely access and utilization of dental services.
- Assisted the Sacramento County Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health, in the implementation of the Sacramento County Oral Health

Plan and the implementation of other Prop 56 funded activities by serving on and coordination with the Sacramento County Oral Health Advisory Committee.

- Provided regional stakeholders the opportunity to bring dental issues for discussion, problem solving and action.
- Worked with legislative leaders in 2020 to facilitate improvements in accessing care in Medi-Cal Dental Managed Care and Fee-for-Service Dental for beneficiaries.

MCDAC 2022 Goals

- Participate on the Sacramento County Health Authority Commission and provide input on Medi-Cal DMC and FFS delivery systems for beneficiaries. Work to fold in requirements for health plans to conduct oral health assessment and referrals to dental plans.
- Implement and participate in the Adult Dental Study, if funding is approved by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in January 2022.
- If Dental Managed Care is discontinued in 2022, assist with the transition to the FFS delivery system in Sacramento County.
- Implement the 14 recommendations from the MCDAC SNGA Report, "Painful Realities: General Anesthesia Access in Sacramento GMC Dental Managed Care through the three SNGA Subcommittees and the Sacramento County Oral Health Program.
- Work closely with Sacramento County Oral Health Program and the state dental director (Dr. Kumar) to implement Prop 56 recommendation and the state and local Oral Health Plan.
- Monitor and provide input to DHCS on recommendations in the Governor's Budget 2022-23 regarding managed care dental (MCD) and fee-for-service (FFS) systems.
- Monitor and assist with dental messaging during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Continue participating on the CalAIM Workgroup when it reconvenes for the 2022 CalAIM implementation.
- Work closely with DHCS to improve access and utilization of Medi-Cal dental services for children and adult beneficiaries. .
- Continue to monitor the impact of an increasing number of adult and child Medi-Cal beneficiaries to ensure timely access and utilization of dental services.
- Provide regional stakeholders the opportunity to bring dental issues for discussion, problem solving and action.
- Work with legislative leaders in 2022 to facilitate improvements in accessing care in Medi-Cal Managed Care Dental and Fee-for-Service Dental for beneficiaries.