

## **Sacramento County Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee 2015 Report To The Legislature**

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. The intent of MCDAC is to provide input on the delivery of oral health and dental care services, including prevention and education services, Dental Managed Care (DMC) and Denti-Cal Fee For Service (FFS), and to collaborate and examine new approaches to beneficiary care to maximize dental health by recommending improvements to DHCS. MCDAC holds monthly meetings to discuss findings and potential improvements to DMC in Sacramento County. The committee completed the following efforts in 2015:

### MCDAC Major Accomplishments

- Utilization rates for children ages 0 to 20 have increased from 20% in 2008 to 39.6% in 2014; MCDAC has continued to work on strategies to improve utilization such as providing dental messages with “Toothy” wall decals at preschools, Family Resource Centers and other places where families gather.
- Continued a partnership with the Dental Plans and provided training to new Family Resource Center staff on DMC, the Dental Plans and how to access care.
- Created and continued a Car Seat Program for medical and dental appointments for families without cars.
- Supported Virtual Dental Home Implementation (AB1174) and funding for Virtual Dental Home (AB 648).
- Members testified to the Little Hoover Commission during Hearings on Oral Health.
- MCDAC members advocated for the Sacramento District Dental Society (SDDS) Outreach Campaign to Pediatricians and Hospitals.
- Assisted with the “Sacramento Children and Dental Care: Better Served Than 5 Years Ago?” dental study by Barbara Aved Associates issued in December 2015, which updated the 2010 “Sacramento Children Deserve Better” Report.
- MCDAC members advocated for the First 5 Sacramento funded 6<sup>th</sup> children’s dental clinic to be located in Galt and operational in the first half of 2016.

### MCDAC 2016 Goals

- Continue to improve utilization and access issues.
- Work with DHCS to improve data transparency: timeliness and reporting.
- Develop a richer partnership with DHCS to accomplish goals.
- Work with Dental Plans on outreach and education.
- Continue work on hospital access to care and streamlining General Anesthesia (GA) Policy Guidelines.
- Explore recommendations from 2015 Dental Study “Sacramento Children and Dental Care: Better Served than 5 Years Ago?” for possible implementation.
- Work to increase reimbursement rates and increase providers.
- Explore options to establish a Virtual Dental Home (AB 1174) project in Sacramento County.
- Support the new California State Dental Director and pursue possible partnerships.
- Continue to monitor impacts of increased Medi-Cal beneficiaries, both children and adults.
- Work with legislative leaders in 2016 to improve dental managed care.
- Work with DHCS to possibly fund the CA Children Dental Disease Prevention Program (CCDDPP).
- Work with DHCS to implement a pilot in Sacramento County based on LA County outcome of their pilot.