Medi-Cal Dental Payment Schedule Change

Due to the Presidents’ Day holiday, the Medi-Cal Dental payment schedule has been adjusted for the week of February 18, 2019. All providers will be issued their regular payment on Friday, February 22, 2019.

Please check the Medi-Cal Dental website www.denti-cal.ca.gov for future notifications.

For questions, please call the Telephone Service Center at (800) 423-0507.

February is National Children’s Dental Health Month

National Children’s Dental Health Month (NCDHM) is going on now and aims to “promote the benefits of good oral health to children, their caregivers, teachers and many others.” Every February, the American Dental Association (ADA) sponsors NCDHM to raise awareness about the importance of oral health.

This year’s NCDHM campaign slogan is “Brush and clean in between to build a healthy smile.” The ADA offers downloadable flyers and posters, as well as planning guides and activity sheets.

In line with NCDHM’s mission, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI) further represents a critical mechanism to improve dental health for children. DTI provides up to $750 million of additional funds over five years with the goals to improve the oral health of children enrolled in the Medi-Cal Dental Program. This includes increasing the use of preventive dental services and oral health disease management for children, expanding prevention and risk assessment models focused on preventing and treating early childhood caries, and increasing continuity of care for children.

For additional DTI information, please visit the DTI website and direct any questions to DTI@dhcs.ca.gov. To learn more about National Children’s Dental Health Month please visit ada.org/NCDHM.

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Enrollment Assistance by Phone or Onsite

The Medi-Cal Dental Program offers scheduled, one-on-one enrollment assistance to providers interested in becoming a Medi-Cal dental Fee-for-Service (FFS) provider. Dental Enrollment Application On-Sites are intended to assist dental providers with the completion of their Medi-Cal Dental Enrollment Application Package. Those who are interested may register online and a representative will contact you to schedule a convenient time to meet at your office.

A number of resources are currently available on the Medi-Cal Dental website to help successfully guide providers with completing the enrollment application forms. Below is a brief list of the available resources:

- **Enrollment Toolkit**: A collection of tips, hints, application forms, and more all designed to help complete the enrollment application.

- **Provider Enrollment Assistance Line**: You may register to use the Dental Provider Enrollment Assistance Line or call the Telephone Service Center. The assistance line is offered every Wednesday 8:00am - 4:00pm.

- **Enrollment FAQs**: Have questions? Check out the Provider Enrollment Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for answers.

For any questions regarding the enrollment application forms or process, please call the Telephone Service Center at (800) 423-0507 and ask to have an Enrollment Specialist call you back, or check out “Section 3 - Enrollment Requirements” of the Provider Handbook for more information.