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TRAINING SEMINARS

To reserve a spot online or to view a complete list of training seminars, to go the [Provider Training Seminar Schedule](#).

PROVIDER ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE LINE

Speak with an Enrollment Specialist. Go [here](#) for more information.

Available every Wednesday
8am - 4pm

Medi-Cal Dental to Implement Current Dental Terminology 2019

The Medi-Cal Dental Program is working diligently to update its Current Dental Terminology (CDT) code set from CDT-13 to CDT-19. This update is scheduled to implement in the spring of 2020 and more information will be provided as the release date draws closer.

Reminder: CalHealthCares Loan Repayment Application Period Opens January 2020

The Proposition 56 loan repayment program administered by CalHealthCares will begin accepting applications for year two in January 2020. **The application period opens January 13, 2020 and the deadline to submit is 11:59pm (PST) on February 7, 2020.**

Eligible dental providers may apply for either a loan repayment up to \$300,000 in exchange for a five-year services obligation or a practice support grant up to \$300,000 in exchange for a ten-year service obligation. All dental specialties are eligible. All awardees are required to maintain a patient caseload of 30 percent or more Medi-Cal members.

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Visit the [CalHealthCares website](#) for:

- Webinars
- Eligibility Requirements
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Checklist
- Applicant instructions
- Employment Verification Form
- Health Professional Shortage Area Instructions
- Information about important deadlines

Information about CalHealthCares was originally announced in Provider Bulletin [Volume 35, Number 13](#). If you would like to be added to the CalHealthCares email list, send an email with the subject “subscribe” to CalHealthCares@phcdocs.org. For questions about the CalHealthCares program, visit the website or contact Physicians for a Healthy California at (916) 551-2579.

New Year, New Resources from *Smile, California*

We are happy to share a new *Smile, California* resource! The *Smile, California* social media gallery is now live on the *Smile, California* website under the Partners & Providers tab [here](#). This resource is designed to make it easy for you to share *Smile, California* content with your patients through Facebook and Instagram. We invite you to review the gallery, select the images you like, and click to download. When you select an image, a list of suggested captions will appear. Choose a suggested caption or write your own; just remember to use the hashtag #SmileCalifornia in your post!

Download and share social media images from the *Smile, California* social media gallery to help encourage your Medi-Cal patients to have a healthy smile in the new year.

February is National Children’s Dental Health Month

National Children’s Dental Health Month is observed every February and brings together dedicated dental professionals, healthcare providers, and educators to promote the benefits of good oral health to children, their caregivers, teachers, and larger communities. This year, Smile, California is excited to introduce the Smile, California Children’s Dental Health Digital Education Package designed to teach children the importance of maintaining

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good oral health and familiarize them with dental visits. The Dental Health Education Package will be available in late January 2020 to download from the [Partners & Providers page](#) on SmileCalifornia.org. The package was designed to be used primarily by educators, but individual activities can be downloaded for use in your office. We encourage you to share these resources and activities with patients in your office and children in your community to teach them about the importance of oral health and help them feel comfortable visiting the dentist.

Outdated Versions of Treatment Authorization Request (TAR)/Claim Forms No Longer Accepted

Medi-Cal Dental is decommissioning outdated versions of the Treatment Authorization Request (TAR)/Claim form. **Effective January 30, 2020**, providers must use a current version of the TAR/Claim form when submitting to Medi-Cal Dental. The current TAR/Claim form numbers and revision dates are:

- DC-202 (R 08/13) and (R 10/19) - for filling in by hand
- DC-209 (R 07/13) and (R 10/19) - for pin-fed printers
- DC-217 (R 9/13) and (R 10/19) - for laser printers

Providers can confirm that they are using the most current version by checking the revision date at the bottom of the form. If you have outdated TAR/Claim forms in your dental office, please recycle the old forms and reorder new ones.

To order current TAR/Claim forms, please complete and fax the Forms Reorder Request to the number on the form. Providers can find the Forms Reorder Request on the Medi-Cal Dental website [here](#).

For information on how to complete the TAR/Claim form, please refer to the Provider Handbook [Section 6 - Forms](#), pages 6-6 and 6-7. For questions about the TAR/Claim form decommissioning effort, please contact the Telephone Service Center at (800) 423-0507.