



Provider Bulletin

APRIL 2024
Volume 40, Number 18



THIS ISSUE

pg 1 Program Updates for Dental Hygienist Providers

Program Updates for Dental Hygienist Providers

To expand the ability for Registered Dental Hygienists (RDHs), Registered Dental Hygienists in Extended Functions (RDHEFs), and Registered Dental Hygienists in Alternative Practice (RDHAPs) to participate in the Medi-Cal Dental Program, and better align Medi-Cal Dental with the state’s scope of practice laws, Medi-Cal Dental updated the associated supervision levels and referral requirements.

Consistent with their scope of practice and licensure requirements, Medi-Cal Dental requires all RDHAPs to provide documentation of an existing relationship with at least one dentist for referral, consultation, and emergency services upon enrollment. The Medi-Cal Dentist relationship is no longer required, however if the hygienist is unable to refer to a Medi-Cal Dentist, an online care coordination referral form must be completed.

All licensed dental hygienists must refer all patients they treat to a Medi-Cal dentist the dental hygienist has a referral agreement with, or to a Medi-Cal dentist by submitting a referral to the patient’s dental care coordination team within Medi-Cal. The online [Care Coordination Referral Form](#) can be completed by the member or anyone on their behalf.

For more information, please refer to [Section 5 \(Manual of Criteria and Schedule of Maximum Allowances\)](#) of the Medi-Cal Dental Provider Handbook.

SIGN UP FOR OUR EMAIL LIST

Learn the latest Medi-Cal Dental news and information by signing up for our Medi-Cal Dental Fee-For-Service Provider email distribution list [here](#).

TRAINING SEMINARS

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

PROVIDER ENROLLMENT

To enroll in the Medi-Cal Dental Program, or check the status of an existing enrollment application, click [here](#) or email PAVE@dhcs.ca.gov.



Medi-Cal Dental

dental.dhcs.ca.gov