

Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee (MCDAC)

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.

MCDAC 2024 Efforts and Accomplishments:

- Established the MCDAC Work Plan Workgroup to engage in implementation planning for the seventeen recommendations in the Sacramento County Oral Health Needs Assessment, "Teeth for a Lifetime 2022."
- Established the Comparison County to determine a suitable comparison county for Sacramento County Data Fact Sheets.
- Revised the MCDAC Committee Charter to include four additional FQHC clinics. The additional interest and ability to expand membership has alleviated quorum issues, which MCDAC has experienced in the past.
- Established four workgroups: Provider Network Adequacy, Oral Health Equity, Oral Health & Health Integration and General Anesthesia Workgroups.
- Supported projects and policies to improve utilization and access issues, such as the Medical Dental Referral and Navigation system and Early Smiles Sacramento.
- Maintained a meaningful partnership with DHCS to accomplish the State's oral health goals for children and adults.
- Provided regional stakeholders the opportunity to bring dental issues for discussion, problem solving, and action.

MCDAC 2025 Goals:

- Continue implementation of the seventeen recommendations from the Sacramento County Oral Health Needs Study, "Teeth for a Lifetime? 2022."
- Work closely with the newly contracted DHCS Dental Managed Care Plans (Liberty, Health Net and DentaQuest) beginning July 1, 2025.
- Work closely with DHCS to improve access and utilization of Medi-Cal dental services for children and adult beneficiaries.
- Identify and work with legislative leaders in 2025 to facilitate improvements in accessing care in Medi-Cal Managed Care Dental and Fee-for-Service Dental for beneficiaries in Sacramento County.