

March 3, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Proposed Elimination of Dental Managed Care – OPPOSE

Dear Governor Newsom:

The California Federation of Teachers opposes the elimination of the Dental Managed Care program as proposed in your 2020-21 budget. If enacted, this proposal would disrupt dental benefits for Medi-Cal enrollees and jeopardize the jobs of hundreds of union members who service this program. Union members work for Liberty Dental which serves the counties of Sacramento and Los Angeles.

The Dental Managed Care program has been a success in providing preventative care and access to much-needed oral care to Medi-Cal enrollees. It is part of an overall trend toward more managed care in the health care delivery system and in the Medi-Cal system.

Eliminating this important program will disrupt a successful, existing program and will jeopardize quality union jobs. We respectfully urge you to reconsider this proposal and maintain this important program.

Sincerely,



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cc: Speaker Anthony Rendon
President pro Tempore Toni Atkins
Senator Richard Pan, Chair, Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3
Assemblyman Joaquin Arambula, Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1