

February 18, 2020

RE: OPPOSITION TO ELIMINATE LOS ANGELES COUNTY "PHP" DMC PROGRAM

Dear State Representative:

I am writing, as a local dentist, in opposition to a provision in the recently proposed FY 2020-21 State Budget. I am strongly urging you, as my County Supervisor/State Legislator/State Senator, to join me in actively opposing this provision which would eliminate the Denti-Cal Managed Care (DMC) Program in Los Angeles County.

I have been in practice in Los Angeles for over 10 years, am a member of the ADA and have been a part of LIBERTY Dental Plans for more than 4 years in General Dentistry practice for adults, children and families in the LA PHP Program.

I take pride in the work I am doing for my patients in partnership with LIBERTY. We work closely together to help ensure the needs of my patients are met at the highest standards. We jointly coordinate care and take responsibility for ensuring the highest quality of oral health care to be delivered so that my patients can access care on a continuous basis. Moreover, LIBERTY is committed to our community. It provides educational opportunities, screening, and other programs **FREE OF CHARGE** for community members – regardless of whether someone is insured by **LIBERTY OR NOT.**

The proposal to eliminate the Los Angeles County DMC Program completely contradicts the major tenet of the State's new and groundbreaking Medi-Cal Healthy CA for All Initiative. PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN TO OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

Thank you for your consideration.

If you or your staff has any questions, I can be reached at (562)988-7788

Respectfully,

Dr. Andrew Kim, DDS

