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**Subject:** FW: Proposed Elimination of dental GMC programs

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As one of the VERY few Board Certified Pediatric Dentistry specialists who accepts DentiCal patients, I am writing to express my opposition to the Governor's proposal to eliminate the dental GMC program in the upcoming budget.

In the COVID impact that is affecting this upcoming budget, the lack of funding under the proposed FFS fees in the upcoming budget will DEFINITELY limit the availability of specialist service's to these most needy of the pediatric patients.

As a specialist, I am able to negotiate fees with the GMC program, that is not possible under the FFS program.

In light of the certain turmoil that is obviously going to come to the Dentical program in the proposed budget, and the further complications that will be caused by following the Governor's recommendation to eliminating the dental GMC programs, I most strongly must advise against the proposal.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone