



To whom it may concern:

My name is Dr. Arash Aghakhani. I am a pediatric dentist and anesthesiologist. I operate a group practice with 14 general and specialist dentists and 14 staff members among whom, I have staff members who are fluent and familiar with Russian, Arabic, Spanish and Farsi and their cultures. The languages spoken by most of the patient population in the area. Following is the list of my dentists:

Arash Aghakhani DDS  
Charles Landis DDS  
Franklin Godfrey DDS  
Angela luque DDS  
Pablina Dhawan DDS  
Ruth Kenworthy DDS  
Estella Kim DDS  
David Westerhaus DDS  
Nolan Korando DDS  
Patricia Ramos DDS  
Christopher Chiu DDS  
Christine Yim DDS  
Alexander Moradzadeh DDS  
Feras Al Riyabi DDS

I currently serve approximately 20,000 Medi-Cal patients in my dental clinics located at 3315 Alta Arden Express Way, Sacramento, Ca 95825, where hundreds of my patients are special needs children requiring experienced and specialty care. I accept patients from LIBERTY and HealthNet Dental plans. In fact, it was LIBERTY Dental Plan that approached me and assisted me in establishing my Sacramento clinics in response to the urgent need for timely access and quality patient care.

I understand the State is considering the elimination of the SAC GMC / LA PHP program. If the GMC and PHP programs are eliminated, please know that I will shut down my multi-specialty practice to Medi-Cal patients as I will no longer be willing or able to participate in the Denti-Cal Fee For Service Program. It is frustrating to think that the State is not aware of how dramatic and potentially dangerous timely access will be affected by transitioning from a care management program administered by the dental plans to a "you are on your own" Denti-Cal program that by all measures, I've seen, is severely challenged. Eliminating a Program that has improved the quality of care for my patients, through timely and appropriate referrals and case management, and pays me more than Denti-Cal, would be a terrible mistake.

I am available to discuss this at any time and do assure you that I cannot afford to participate in the FFS Denti-Cal program without the added support and financial assistance offered by LIBERTY and Health Net Dental Plans.

Sincerely;

Arash Aghakhani DDS