



Date: March 13, 2020

RE: OPPOSITION TO ELIMINATE SACRAMENTO COUNTY DMC PROGRAM

Dear State Representative:

I am writing, in representation of multiple local dentists that are part of our practices, in opposition to a provision in the recently proposed FY 2020-21 State Budget. **I strongly urge 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 Sacramento County.**

We have been in practice in Sacramento for several years and have been a part of LIBERTY Dental Plan (LIBERTY) practicing general/specialty dentistry and provide care and services to low-income individuals, adults, children, and families in this mandatory program.

I am proud of the work we are doing for our patients in partnership with LIBERTY. We work closely together to help ensure the needs of our patients are met. We jointly coordinate care and take responsibility for ensuring the highest quality oral health care is delivered so that our patients can access care on a continuous basis. Moreover, LIBERTY is committed to our community. It provides educational opportunities, screenings, and other programs **FREE OF CHARGE** for community members -- regardless of whether someone is insured by LIBERTY.

Thank you for your consideration.

If you or your staff has any questions, I can be reached at (916)781-.6550.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Ortega", with a long, wavy horizontal line extending to the right.

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