



JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE WESTERN REGION

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Governor Gavin Newsom
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom,

Your 2020 budget calls for the elimination of the Dental Managed Care (DMC) program in Los Angeles and Sacramento Counties. We strongly oppose such a cut which would have a harmful affect on working families and immigrants in our community.

I am President of Jewish Labor Committee Western Region. Our organization is deeply concerned about the many low-income families, immigrants and refugees who currently rely on DMC plans as their only access to dental care. Members of these communities would be devastated without the services which this program provides.

For over eighty-five years, the Jewish Labor Committee Western Region, a social and economic justice organization, has proudly advocated for the rights of working people and immigrants who through their hard work contribute greatly to our economy. Sadly, this same population is too often overlooked when it comes to receiving basic benefits which they need and deserve. The DMC program is an essential service for many working people. Its elimination would be cruel and would cause great hardship to a most needy population.

Judaism teaches that the collective is obligated to provide for the welfare of its people. In the tenth century, Jewish physician and philosopher Maimonides listed health care first on his list of ten essential communal services. Maimonides often spoke of the ethical obligation to provide health care services to everyone, regardless of their means and place in society. As an ethical and compassionate state, California must continue to lead the nation in providing necessary health benefits, including Dental Managed Care to those in need.

It is in the framework of this universal ethic and Jewish tradition, and for the sake of the most needy amongst us, that I respectfully ask that you reconsider the elimination of DMC in Los Angeles and Sacramento Counties.

In Solidarity,

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