

**June 15, 2020**

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Toni Atkins  
Senate President pro Tempore  
State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Phil Ting  
Chair Assembly Budget Committee  
State Capitol, Room 6026  
Sacramento CA 95814

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

Dear Assembly Budget Chair Phil Ting,

My name is Dr. Jasmine Aghajani I am writing, as a local Los Angeles County dentist, in opposition to a provision in the recently proposed FY 2020-21 State Budget. **I strongly urge you, as my Assembly Budget Chair to join me in actively opposing this provision which would eliminate the Denti-Cal Managed Care (DMC) Program in Los Angeles County.**

I am proud of 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. We jointly coordinate care and take responsibility for ensuring the highest quality oral health care is delivered so that my 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.

**Given the significant turmoil in dental practices because of the COVID-19 pandemic it is even more crucial that the Dent-Cal Managed Care Programs continue and that there is no further disruption to dental care for Medi-Cal beneficiaries.**

Your consideration in this important matter is extremely crucial to not just my team, but also to our most underserved and vulnerable population. In a strictly Fee for service platform with dental patients would lose the specialty care they need as dental specialists avoid FFS dental due to poor reimbursement and the time-consuming aspect of getting paid at all. A loss of providers is inevitable under a strictly FFS platform and would be detrimental.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



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