



Los Angeles Unified School District
Board of Education

MÓNICA GARCÍA
Board Member, District 2

June 1, 2020

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

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

The Honorable Anthony Rendon Speaker of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 219 Sacramento, CA 95814

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

Subject: Oppose Elimination of Dental Managed Care in Los Angeles County

Dear Chair Ting:

I respectfully oppose the elimination of the Dental Managed Care program as proposed in your 2020-21 budget. If enacted, this proposal would disrupt dental benefits for Medi-Cal enrollees, thousands of whom are my constituent school children and their families. Eliminating benefits these families rely upon will lead to more dental pain for kids and more missed school days.

The Dental Managed Care program has been a success in providing preventative care and access to much-needed oral care to Medi-Cal enrollees. It is part of an overall trend toward more coordinated care in the health care delivery system and in the Medi-Cal system.

We respectfully also urge you to reconsider this proposal adding to more disruption during these trying times. I appreciate your consideration of this request and am happy to discuss further with you or your staff. As always, you can reach me directly at (213) 241-6180.

In the spirit of hope.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mónica García".

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