

June 9, 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 DENTAL MANAGED CARE “GMC” PROGRAM, SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Dear Assembly Budget Chair Ting,

My name is Richard F. Moorhouse. I am writing, as a local Sacramento County specialty care 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 Dental Managed Care (DMC) Program in Sacramento 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 continuously provides educational opportunities, screenings, and other programs **FREE OF CHARGE** for community members — regardless of whether someone is insured by LIBERTY.

If Dental Managed Care is eliminated, as a specialty care provider I will no longer have the resources to continue to serve our community as the reimbursement for specialty services rendered is insufficient to sustain my practice.

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

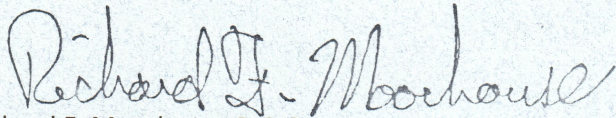
I have great concerns for the patients currently on the Dental Managed Care programs if the programs are eliminated. Obtaining dental care by qualified dental specialists will become scarce. As an oral surgeon in the Sacramento area for the past thirty years, our office has and continues to receive multiple calls daily from potential patients, looking for an oral surgeon who will accept the straight Medi-Cal/Denti-Cal program. The patients on the Denti-Cal program often mention during the call how many offices they have called seeking care but are rejected because their plan is not accepted. This raises concerns for acceptable dental care, simply because if the current Denti-Cal patients aren't able to

find specialty care now, how will all the Dental Managed Care patients find specialty care if their plans are eliminated and their only option for dental care is Denti-Cal.

Your consideration in this important matter is extremely crucial to not just my team, but also to our most underserved and vulnerable population.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard F. Moorhouse". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Richard F. Moorhouse D.D.S.