

May 24, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor of California
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

Our organization, UrbanMission Community Partners in Pomona, California, strongly supports the continuance of the Dental Managed Care (DMC) program in Los Angeles and Sacramento counties.

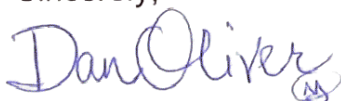
For the past six years, UrbanMission Community Partners has worked with family members and individuals in the Pomona Valley who are at risk from poverty, hunger, homelessness, incarceration, and/or *inadequate health care and education*.

One of the most pressing and ongoing needs we experience has been for dental services for the entire family. Our service partnerships with Western University of Health Sciences, East Valley Community Health Center, Institute for Public Strategies, and others concerned about the health and well-being of needy families have shown us that the absence of dental services for needy families often leads to other major health problems. Thus, not only do our underrepresented and at-risk communities need education and dental screenings, they also need to have access to managed and follow-up quality dental care.

Many of the families we serve in this community cannot afford insurance. It has been programs such as the Dental Managed Care program serving Los Angeles and Sacramento counties that have helped to "stand in the gap" to meet our community members' needs. Thousands of low-income children and families have been served by Dental Managed Care; it would be devastating to them -- and now to additional families struggling even harder during COVID-19 -- if Dental Managed Care were cut.

Governor Newsom, we urge you to take a stand in support of the Dental Managed Care program, as you have done so often in support of other quality-of-life initiatives for our most needy and at-risk families.

Sincerely,



Rev. Dan Oliver
Acting President