

HPSM Dental Integration Program

First 5 San Mateo County Commission Meeting
January 27, 2020



Background: Legislative Action Taken



- Permissive language that DHCS may authorize a six-year dental integration pilot in San Mateo County no sooner than July 1, 2019
- Requires a process for stakeholder input, objectives for utilization and access, and an HPSM readiness assessment
- Includes a formal evaluation by an external entity, focusing on the following categories:
 - Utilization of dental services, especially preventive care
 - Access to care
 - Dental provider network participation
 - Impact on medical costs, such as reduction in ER usage



Annual Dental Visit Percentages

Annual Dental Visits	Children	Adults
San Mateo Denti-Cal 2016	41.3%	16.8%
Statewide Denti-Cal 2016	43.7%	20.6%
National - All Populations 2016*	85%	64%

* CDC, United States Health, 2017, Table 78

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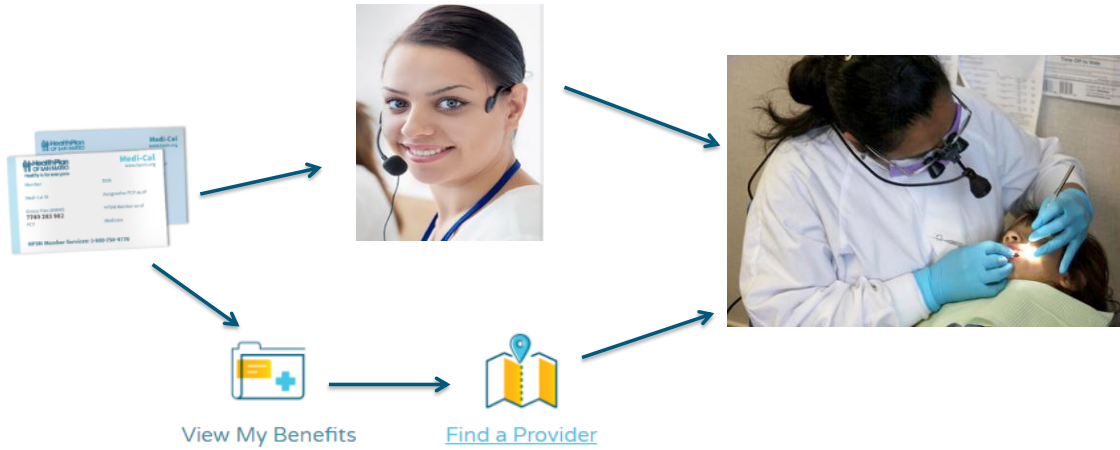
Goals of Dental Integration



- Improve access to care for dental services, especially preventive services
- Align quality incentives for improved oral health with overall health
- Demonstrate through formal evaluation that integrating medical and dental services for Medi-Cal is cost-effective
 - Investing in preventive dental care reduces overall medical care costs, especially for non-traumatic dental ER visits, hospital admissions, and costs for diabetic care

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Member Perspective



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Dental Integration Program Timeline



Task	Date
Health Commission Recommendation	October 9, 2019
State Approval Process	October 2019 – April 2021
Provider Recruitment	October 2020 – April 2021
Member Outreach	April – June 2021
Implementation Date	July 2021 (upon state approval)
Health Commission Check-Ins	TBD

Opportunities



- Build on existing program of fluoride varnish in primary care setting
- Potential Children's Health Initiative (CHI) funding to increase access for children, especially children with special needs
- Leverage initiatives already in place through the Oral Health Coalition, especially the Children's Work Group

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