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HSD OUTREACH TOOLKIT



DATE: July 13, 2026
TO: Benefits Collaborative Members
FROM: County Human Services Department
SUBJECT: **Updated Upcoming Changes to Medi-Cal Dental Coverage**

ABOUT

As a result of the California state budget passed on June 30, 2026, full routine Medi-Cal dental coverage for certain adults without a qualifying immigration status, will end on July 1, 2027—a full year after the date initially scheduled.

Because Medi-Cal dental coverage was initially scheduled to end July 1, 2026, for certain adults without a qualifying immigration status, many Medi-Cal recipients who may be impacted by this change were previously notified that non-emergency dental coverage would end July 1, 2026. This toolkit aims to educate impacted people that they remain eligible for full dental coverage for one additional year.

Please note: Emergency dental services will still be covered by Medi-Cal even after 7/1/2027, if treatment is needed right away to stop severe pain or to treat serious dental problems.

TOOLKIT

Please use this toolkit, along with the corresponding assets linked on our [Benefits Collaborative Toolkit Collaterals](#) website, to share information on changes to Medi-Cal dental coverage for adults without a qualifying immigration status. Once assets are downloaded, please amplify messaging with those you serve in the following ways:

- **PRINT FLYERS:** Use the link above to locate the **MC Dental Coverage Changes** toolkit. Then locate, click, download and print our 8.5 inch x 11 inch flyer in English and Spanish (double-sided), to post and/or distribute to clients served in your organizations and offices, and wherever you are directly serving the community.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA:** Images for use on your social media pages in English and Spanish can be downloaded from the page linked above. Here is our recommended post text:

ENGLISH:

!!👉IMPORTANT MEDI-CAL UPDATE ON DENTAL COVERAGE👈!!

ENDING ROUTINE DENTAL CARE for adults without qualifying immigration status, initially scheduled to start July 1, 2026, has been DELAYED BY ONE YEAR, TO JULY 1, 2027!

✅ Once implemented on July 1, 2027, adults without qualifying immigration status will no longer

be able to get routine dental care like cleanings and checkups through Medi-Cal. Until then, all adults on Medi-Cal can still access full Medi-Cal dental care, regardless of immigration status. Healthy Smiles Start Now - Don't Wait!

Questions?

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SPANISH:

!!😬ACTUALIZACIÓN IMPORTANTE DE MEDI-CAL SOBRE LA COBERTURA DENTAL 😬!!

¡LA ELIMINACIÓN DE LA ATENCIÓN DENTAL de rutina para adultos sin un estatus migratorio elegible, programada inicialmente para comenzar el 1 de julio de 2026, se ha POSPUESTO UN AÑO, HASTA EL 1 DE JULIO DE 2027!

✅ Una vez que se implemente el 1 de julio de 2027, los adultos que no tengan un estatus migratorio que cumpla con los requisitos ya no podrán recibir atención dental de rutina, como limpiezas y chequeos, a través de Medi-Cal. Hasta entonces, todos los adultos con Medi-Cal podrán seguir accediendo atención dental completa de Medi-Cal, independientemente de su estatus migratorio.

¡Sonrisas Saludables Comienzan Ahora - No Espere!

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