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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

On Thursday, November 19, 2015, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on Denti-Cal, the program that provides dental care for Medi-Cal recipients. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in Room 437 of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

The November hearing is the Commission's second look at the Denti-Cal program. The Commission's first hearing in September focused on the current issues faced by Denti-Cal providers and participants. At this upcoming hearing, the Commission will explore possible solutions and alternatives to the problems currently experienced in the Denti-Cal program. At the hearing, the Commission will review several possible solutions or alternatives for Denti-Cal, including: targeted reimbursement increases, a greater emphasis on reaching the underserved in their neighborhoods, the dynamic between funding prevention versus restorative care and ideas for emerging dental technologies. The Commission also will hear testimony about the needs of adults in the Denti-Cal program following the restoration of adult dental coverage in 2014.

At the hearing the Commission will first hear from a representative who coordinates Medicaid dental benefits for children in Washington state and a former chief dental administrator from Alameda County's public health department. The second panel will include representatives from First 5 Amador and Sutter Amador Pediatrics, to discuss local success in increasing dental prevention and care for children. The next speaker will be the former director of the Texas Medicaid program. Another panel will feature the dental director at AltaMed Health Services and an associate director of the California Primary Care Association, who will provide information on Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). The final speaker will be a dental professor and community oral health director from the University of the Pacific's dental school.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments. Immediately following the hearing, the Commission will hold a business meeting in in Room 175 at 925 L Street in Sacramento.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's website, [www.lhc.ca.gov](http://www.lhc.ca.gov). If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Commission Executive Director Carole D'Elia at (916) 445-2125 or [littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov](mailto:littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov) by Thursday, September 17, 2015.



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**Public Hearing on Denti-Cal**  
**Thursday, November 19, 2015**  
**State Capitol, Room 437**  
**Sacramento**

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**Public Hearing: 9:00 a.m.**

***Targeted Rate Increases: Washington State and Alameda County***

1. Laura Smith, President and CEO, Washington Dental Service Foundation
2. Dr. Jared Fine, DDS, MPH, Former Dental Health Administrator, Alameda County Public Health Department

***When There Are No Dentists: Recruiting Pediatricians***

3. Nina Machado, Executive Director, First 5 Amador
4. Dr. David J. Stone, Pediatrician, Sutter Amador Pediatrics Center
5. Mindy Epperson, RN Site Supervisor, Sutter Amador Pediatrics Center

***Starting Fresh: The Texas Experience***

6. Billy Millwee, Former Texas Medicaid Director, 2009-2012, and Senior Strategic Advisor, Sellers Dorsey

***An Alternative Option: Federally Qualified Health Centers***

7. Dr. Rosa Arzu, DDS, Dental Director, AltaMed Health Services
8. Sean South, Associate Director of Policy & Legislation, California Primary Care Association

***Value Over Volume: A Smarter Way Forward***

9. Dr. Paul Glassman, DDS, Professor of Dental Practice and Director of Community Oral Health, University of the Pacific School of Dentistry

**Business Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 19, 2015**  
**925 L Street, Room 175**  
**Sacramento**

**(The Commission will consider agenda items I-IV at approximately 12:30 p.m. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair.) Members of the public will have an opportunity to make comments about Commission agenda items during the meeting.**

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from October 22, 2015
- II. Project Selection
- III. Implementation
- IV. Reports from the California State Auditor's Office