



CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

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The Honorable Pedro Nava
Chairman, Little Hoover Commission
925 L Street, Suite 805
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Nava:

The California Society of Pediatric Dentistry (CSPD) appreciates the invitation of the Little Hoover Commission to participate or contribute to the study examining California's Denti-Cal program.

CSPD is the professional membership organization of California's over 700 pediatric dental providers, educators and researchers. Our members provide primary and specialty oral health care to infants, children and adolescents, with a mission of serving our members and the public by advocating for the optimal oral health of California's pediatric population. We are the state unit of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and have been active in state oral health planning and advocacy since our founding in 1975. Our members provide nearly a third of all pediatric oral health services in the state and are even more highly involved in care delivery to the very young and to patients with disabilities and special health care needs.

Our members have firsthand knowledge of working in both the Denti-Cal fee-for-service and dental managed care programs. We are vitally interested in modifications to the program that will enhance beneficiary utilization and oral health outcomes, improve program oversight, and increase provider participation and satisfaction. Achieving these objectives will require change not just in reimbursement levels, but also in Denti-Cal administrative elements such as the provider enrollment process, preauthorization constraints, and documentation requirements.

CSPD is prepared to offer our expertise to the Little Hoover Commission on any work groups or in any other capacity that would assist in the study. Please contact me directly or through the offices of the Society in this regard at any time.

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