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Discontinuation of Proposition 56 Supplemental Payments

Please be aware that with the 2025-2026 California State Budget (Senate Bill 101) decisions, Proposition 56 (Prop 56) supplemental incentive payments to Medi-Cal Dental providers will discontinue effective July 1, 2026. Claims submitted for date of service on or after July 1, 2026, will be reimbursed solely at the Schedule of Maximum Allowances (SMA) amount.

What to Expect

- The last supplemental payments will be issued for services rendered on or before June 30, 2026.
- A one-year claims runout period begins July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 for submission of any outstanding claims for services.
- Effective July 1, 2026, only SMA Medi-Cal reimbursement rates will apply for affected procedure codes.
- Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statements will include notification language: "Prop 56 supplemental payments are discontinued for dates of services on or after July 1, 2026. For more information on the discontinuation of Prop 56, go to <https://dental.dhcs.ca.gov>."

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TRAINING SEMINARS

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Steps You Can Take Now

- Review your current reimbursement structure and identify procedures currently receiving Prop 56 supplemental payments.
- Calculate the financial impact on your practice effective **July 1, 2026**.
- Assess your Medi-Cal Dental patient care capacity and scheduling considering the reduced reimbursement.
- Ensure that your billing staff understands the **June 30, 2026 deadline** for supplemental payment eligibility and verify that all claims are submitted before the runout period expires. The runout period is from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. For additional information regarding reimbursement during the runout period, please review [Claim Submission and Timeliness Overview \(claim sub\)](#).

For detailed information on affected procedure codes and current Prop 56 schedules, visit the [Medi-Cal Dental Manual of Criteria \(MOC\) and Schedule of Maximum Allowances \(SMA\)](#).

Failure to submit claims by the runout deadline may result in claims being denied or paid at base rates only. Ensure the accurate tracking of all service dates to maximize supplemental payment recovery before the effective date of July 1, 2026.

If you have questions or need additional support, please contact the Medi-Cal Dental Telephone Service Center (TSC) toll-free at (800) 423-0507. Medi-Cal Dental representatives are available to answer phone calls between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday to assist you. For general program information, the Medi-Cal Dental Interactive Voice Response System (IVR) is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, using the automated system. For assistance with claims submission and documentation, please visit the [California Outreach Map](#) to contact your regional representative.

Training Reminder: Strengthening Many Young Lives Everyday

Medi-Cal Dental is releasing a new provider training opportunity, Strengthening Many Young Lives Everyday (SMYLE), available on the Medi-Cal Dental [Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#).

SMYLE is an additional training option providers may choose to satisfy the one-time mandatory training requirement to receive payment for the Caries Risk Assessment (CRA) bundle benefit. Providers may choose to complete SMYLE or the Treating Young Kids Everyday (TYKE) course to meet the requirement.

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This training is a mandatory requirement to receive payment for the Caries Risk Assessment (CRA) bundle benefit. Fee-For-Service (FFS) providers must provide Medi-Cal Dental with an attestation form and proof of course completion via email to: Medi-CalDentalEnrollmentDept@gainwelltechnologies.com.

Dental Managed Care (DMC) and Safety Net Clinic (SNC) providers must keep a completed attestation form and proof of course completion on file for auditing purposes.

Course certifications will be available for download and emailed to the email address associated with your account upon completion of this course.

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