

Fix Medi-Cal **Dental Coverage**



Millions of Children in California Are Not Getting the Dental Care They Need

More Than 1/2

of all children in California are enrolled in Medi-Cal

5.2 million children



Less Than 1/2

of kids (age 0-20) enrolled in Medi-Cal had a preventative dental visit in 2013

Less Than 1/4

of young kids (age 0-3) enrolled in Medi-Cal had a preventative dental visit in 2013





10 Worst

California is ranked as one of the 10 worst states in providing dental care to children enrolled in Medicaid

Tooth decay ranks as the most chronic health problem among children nationally and in CA



BIG IMPACT

83,000

Emergency room visits for preventable dental problems in 2007



874,000

Missed school days due to dental problems



ACTION PLAN



Increase
of dentists who
see children
enrolled in Medi-Cal



Provide dental care to children in schools, Head Start sites, and other community locations



Use technology to expand access



Educate families about their children's dental benefits

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