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

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

http://www.childrenspartnership.org/
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