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# Webinar II: Implementing School-Based/Linked Programs and Integrating Dental Referrals

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# Housekeeping Tips

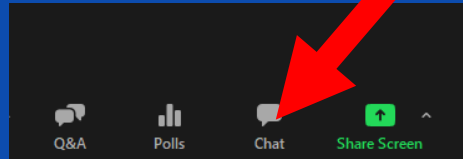
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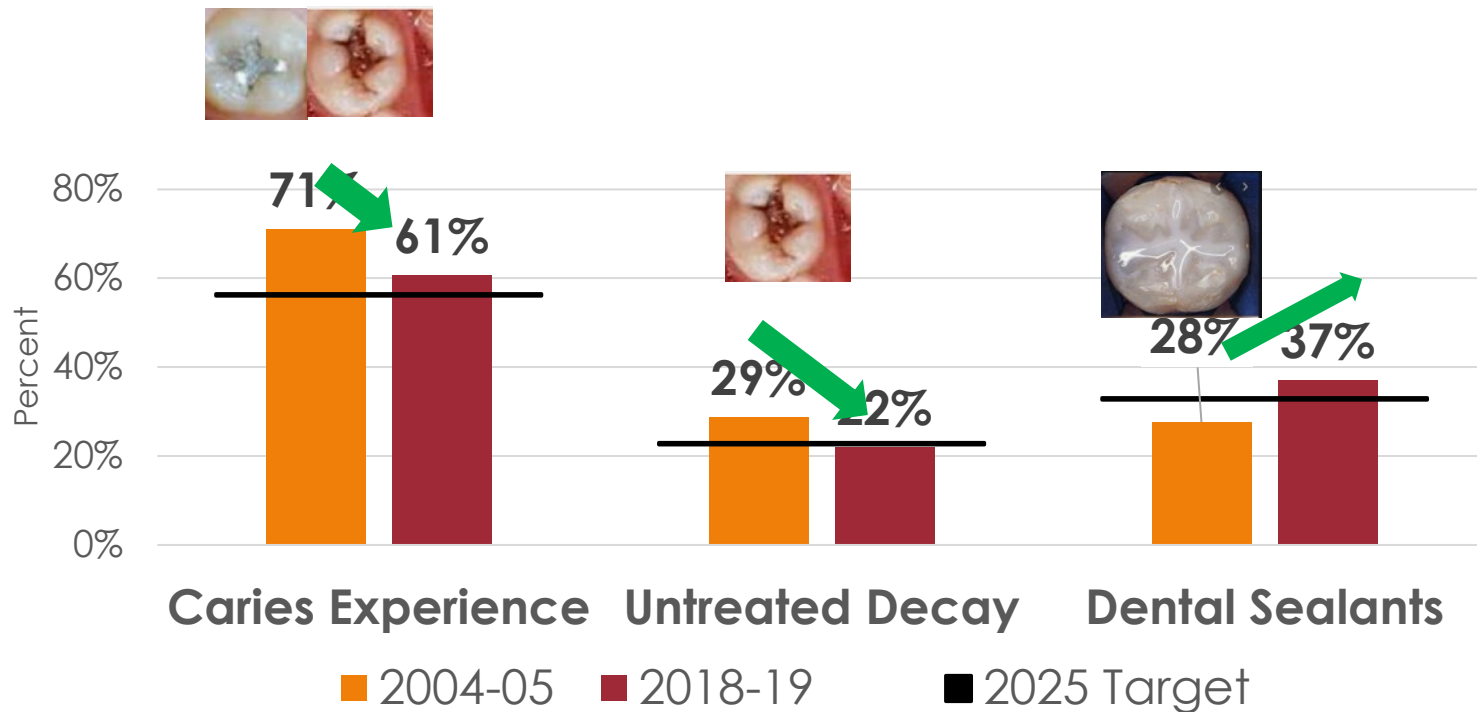
# Local Oral Health Program Oral Health Initiatives

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# California Smile Survey: Results from 2004-2005 and 2018-19



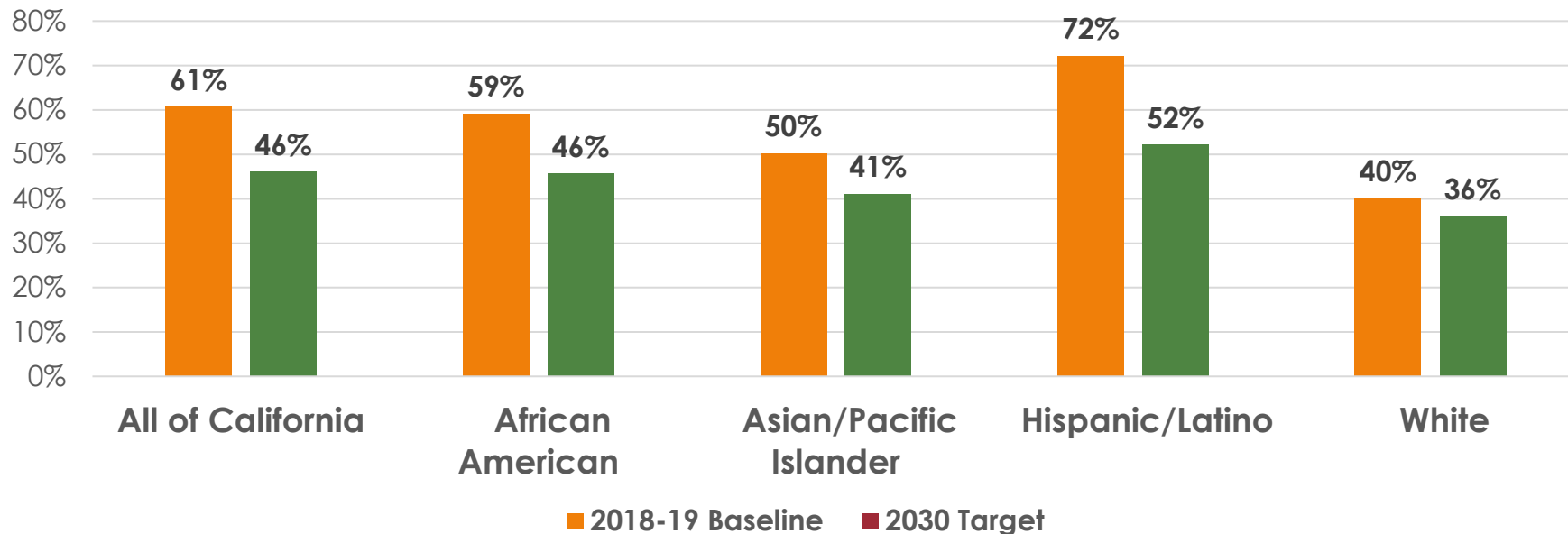
# Caries Experience by Region, California Smile Survey 2018-2019

| Region            | Caries Experience Percent |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>California</b> | <b>60.6%</b>              |
| Bay Area          | 45.4%                     |
| Sacramento        | 46.2%                     |
| Northern/Sierra   | 51.6%                     |
| Southern          | 60.4%                     |
| Central Coast     | 64.2%                     |
| Los Angeles       | 64.7%                     |
| Central Valley    | 75.9%                     |



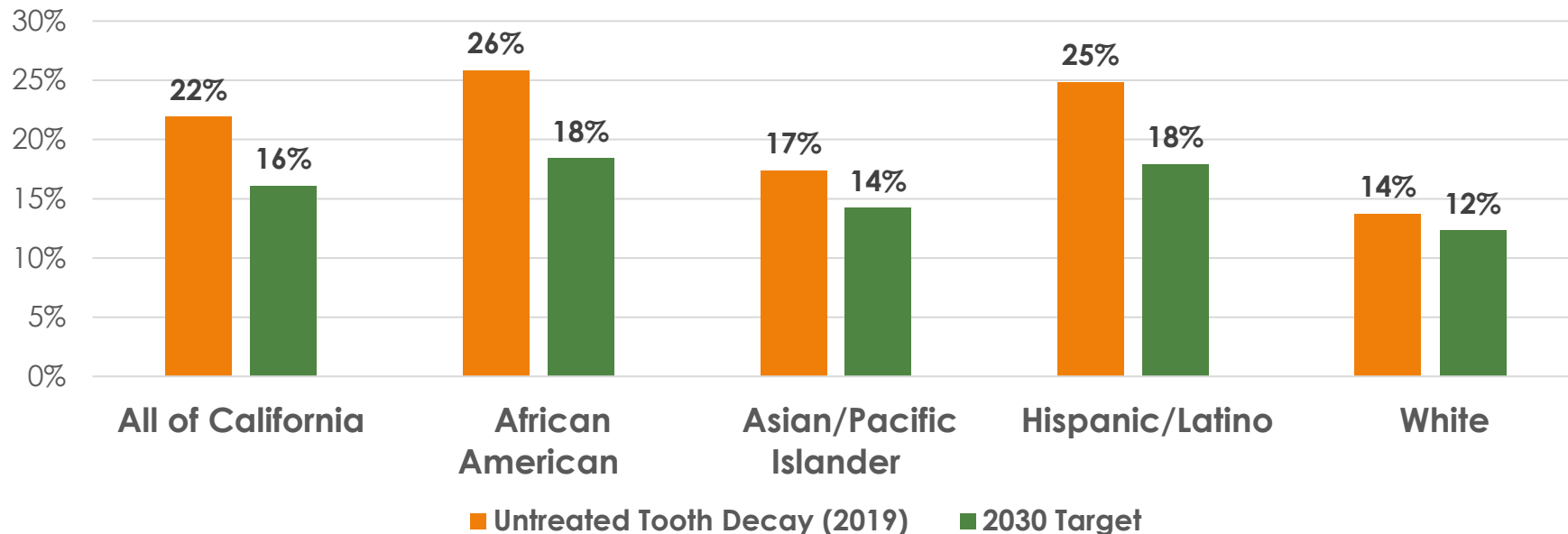
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### Caries Experience



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### Untreated Caries Experience



# Public Health and Population Health Management

## The 3 Buckets of Prevention



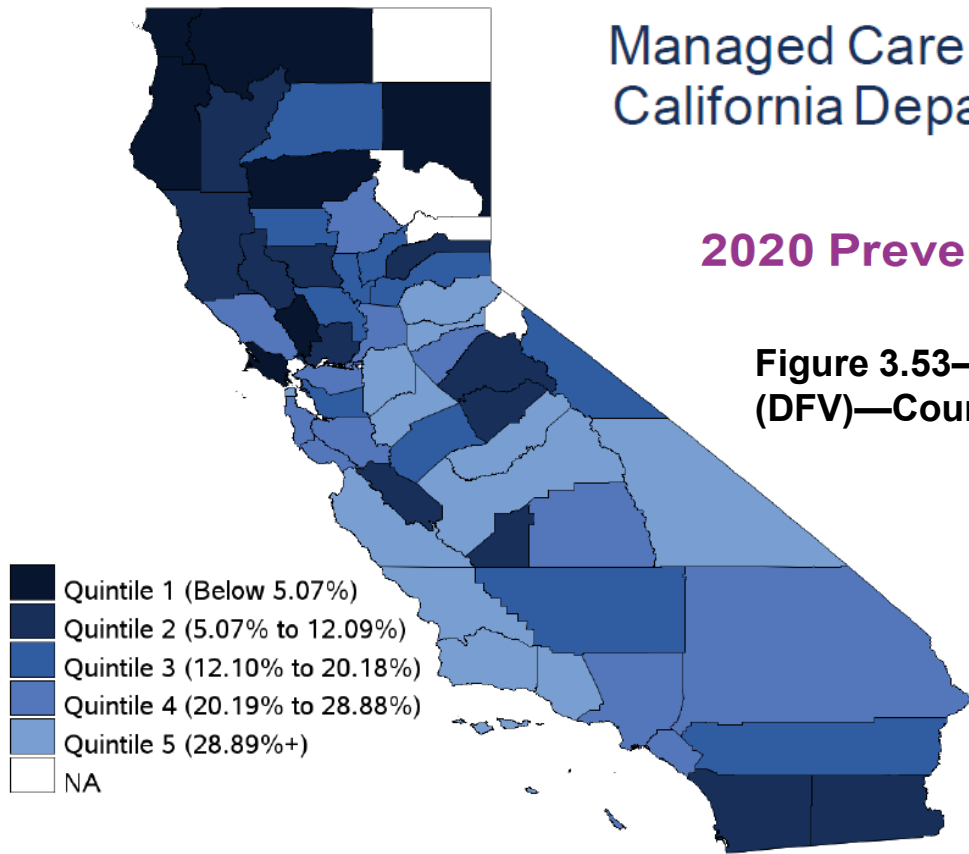
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Managed Care Quality and Monitoring Division  
California Department of Health Care Services

**2020 Preventive Services Report**

**Figure 3.53—Dental Fluoride Varnish  
(DFV)—County-Level Results**



“While the percentage of members receiving dental fluoride varnish treatments is 23 percent, only about 3 percent of members received treatments from a non-dental provider. This finding indicates MCPs have an opportunity to work with medical providers to ensure members receive dental fluoride treatments.”

## School Dental Program

|       | Schools | K-6th Enrollment |
|-------|---------|------------------|
| Rural | 1223    | 398,008          |
| Urban | 3403    | 1,648,061        |
| Total | 4626    | 2,046,069        |

**Definition for targeting school-based or school-linked dental programs**

**All public elementary urban schools with > 50% of students on the free/reduced lunch program and all rural schools are considered eligible for a school-based/-linked sealant program.**

# California Advancing & Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Dental

- ▶ Caries Risk Assessment Bundle for young children (0 to 6 years of age) and Silver Diamine Fluoride for young children (0 to 6 years of age) and specified high-risk and institutional populations
- ▶ Pay for Performance for two adult and 17 children preventive services codes and continuity of care through a Dental Home

## Appendix H: Dental in Proposition 56 vs. CalAIM

| Dental Procedure Code | Description                                                                                   | Proposition 56 Supplemental Payment | CalAIM Performance Payment |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| D0120                 | Periodic oral evaluation – established patient                                                | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D0145                 | Oral evaluation for a patient under three years of age and counseling with primary caregiver  | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D0150                 | Comprehensive oral evaluation – new or established patient                                    | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D0601                 | Caries risk assessment and documentation, with a finding of low risk (children ages 0-6)      | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D0602                 | Caries risk assessment and documentation, with a finding of moderate risk (children ages 0-6) | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D0603                 | Caries risk assessment and documentation, with a finding of high-risk (children ages 0-6)     | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D1110                 | Prophylaxis – adult                                                                           | Yes                                 | No                         |
| D1120                 | Prophylaxis - child                                                                           | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D1206                 | Topical application of fluoride varnish (child)                                               | No                                  | Yes                        |
|                       | Topical application of fluoride varnish (adult)                                               | Yes                                 | No                         |
| D1208                 | Topical application of fluoride – excluding varnish (child)                                   | No                                  | Yes                        |
|                       | Topical application of fluoride – excluding varnish (adult)                                   | Yes                                 | No                         |
| D1310                 | Nutritional counseling for the control of dental disease (child)                              | No                                  | Yes                        |

| Dental Procedure Code | Description                                                                                                      | Proposition 56 Supplemental Payment | CalAIM Performance Payment |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| D1320                 | Tobacco counseling for the control and prevention of oral disease (adult)                                        | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D1351                 | Sealant – per tooth (child)                                                                                      | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D1352                 | Preventive resin restoration in a moderate to high caries risk patient – permanent tooth (child)                 | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D1354                 | Interim caries arresting medicament application – per tooth (children ages 0-6 and restricted adult populations) | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D1510                 | Space maintainer – fixed, unilateral – per quadrant (child)                                                      | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D1516                 | Space maintainer – fixed, bilateral, maxillary (child)                                                           | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D1517                 | Space maintainer – fixed, bilateral, mandibular (child)                                                          | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D1526                 | Space maintainer – removable, bilateral, maxillary (child)                                                       | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D1527                 | Space maintainer – removable, bilateral, mandibular (child)                                                      | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D1551                 | Re-cement or re-bond space maintainer – bilateral space maintainer, maxillary (child)                            | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D1552                 | Re-cement or re-bond space maintainer – bilateral space maintainer, mandibular (child)                           | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D1553                 | Re-cement or re-bond space maintainer – unilateral space maintainer – per quadrant (child)                       | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D1556                 | Removal of fixed unilateral space maintainer – per quadrant (child)                                              | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D1557                 | Removal of fixed bilateral space maintainer – maxillary (child)                                                  | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D1558                 | Removal of fixed bilateral space maintainer – mandibular (child)                                                 | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D1575                 | Distal shoe space maintainer – fixed unilateral – per quadrant (child)                                           | No                                  | Yes                        |
| D1999                 | Unspecified preventive procedure, by report (adult)                                                              | No                                  | Yes                        |

Thank you!

Questions and Answers



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# Deciding Between School-Based or School-Linked and Provider Aspects

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# Overview

- School-Based versus School-Linked Dental Programs
- Dental Providers' Scope of Practice
- Overview of Providers' Billing Capability

## Results of the Survey to LOHPs: Potential Challenges:

- Sustainability and billing: 92%
- Tracking referral closure: 75%
- Identifying dental providers who will perform screening: 48%
- School based educational and preventive programs: 15%
- Identifying schools: 12%

# Some Main Questions:

- Provider Challenges: Challenges of volunteer dentist and establishment of Dental Home; Shortage of providers and short-staffed; RDH and RDHP availability in rural counties; no community clinics in a region who would be willing to go to schools
- Screening and other services: bringing providers up to speed; capacity for more services like sealants; passive consent

# Some Main Questions:

- Billing and contracting: dental director option; paying for screeners;  
Contracting: with providers to do screenings and manage the referrals
- Adopting to the a digital referral system and integrating with other systems:  
Training of staff and advertisement of referral system to parents
- Partnerships and relationships: Re-establishing relationship and trust with schools and integration with wellness programs; MOUs with schools; FQHCs and schools



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# School-Based versus School-Linked Dental Programs



# School Dental Program Models

## School screening

- Case identification and referral management (hearing & vision screening)

## Sealant Program

- One time contact for a long lasting clinical preventive service (e.g., Immunization)

## Primary care

- Establishing ongoing care for a child (Dental home)

# Active and Passive Consent

Communicate, Communicate, Communicate

## Passive

- Higher rate of return



## Active

- We can get more information like demographics and Medi-Cal ID

# School-Linked Dental Programs



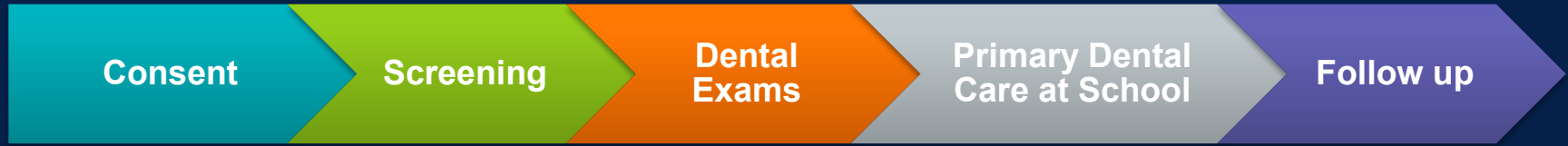
- Passive Consent

# School-Based Sealant Dental Programs



- Passive Consent for Screening
- Active Consent for Sealants or Start with Active

# School-Based Primary Care Dental Programs



- Passive Consent for Screening
- Active Consent for Exams and Treatments
- Some Start with Active Consent

# How to Decide Which One is the Right Match?

- School buy-in
- Availability of space at schools
- Best option for the children/community
- Cost and labor considerations
- Sustainability
- History of existing school dental programs
- Participation level
- COVID considerations
- Provider choice
- Availability of providers in the community
- Reach

# Consideration – A quick check

|                                    | School-Linked | School-based |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Availability of a billing provider |               | ✓            |
| Number is small (<2000/1 provider) |               | ✓            |
| Lack of adequate space             | ✓             |              |
| Limited resources                  | ✓             |              |
| Limited support from school        | ✓             |              |
| Sustainability                     | ✓             |              |

*You can always start with a screening program and expand but not the other way around!*

*Dr. Jay Kumar*



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# Dental Providers Scope of the Services in relation to School Dental Programs and Billing Capabilities

# Screenings/Assessments in School Setting

- Dentists
- Registered Dental Hygienists (RDH)
- Registered Dental Hygienists in Alternative Practice (RDHAP)
- Registered Dental Assistants with Extended Functions (RDAEF): under the direction of a dentist, RDHAP or RDH.
- Nurses or Nurse Practitioners who have been trained
  - Not for KOHA

# Dental Sealants

- Place dental sealants
  - Dentists
  - RDHs
  - RDHAPs
  - RDAEF or RDAs with a sealant certificate
- Screen for dental sealants
  - Dentists
  - RDHs
  - RDHAPs

# Fl Varnish

- Dentists
- RDH
- RDHAP
- RDAs
- Nurses or Nurse Practitioners
  - who have been trained



# Primary Dental Care

Cleaning; Scaling and Root Planing:

- RDH
- RDHAP
- Dentists

Restorative Care and Simple Extractions

- Dentists

# Billing

## Fee for Service

- Need Medi-Cal ID
- Screening not billable at the moment but honorarium through Office of Oral Health
- Dentists, RDHAPs

## Federally Qualified Health Centers

- Need to establish the school as an Extramural Site
- They can bill for the bundle of services

# Panel Discussion

## Guest Speaker:

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# Questions and Answers



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# Thank you!