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

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# Housekeeping Tips

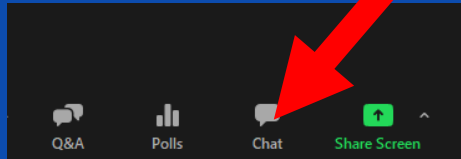
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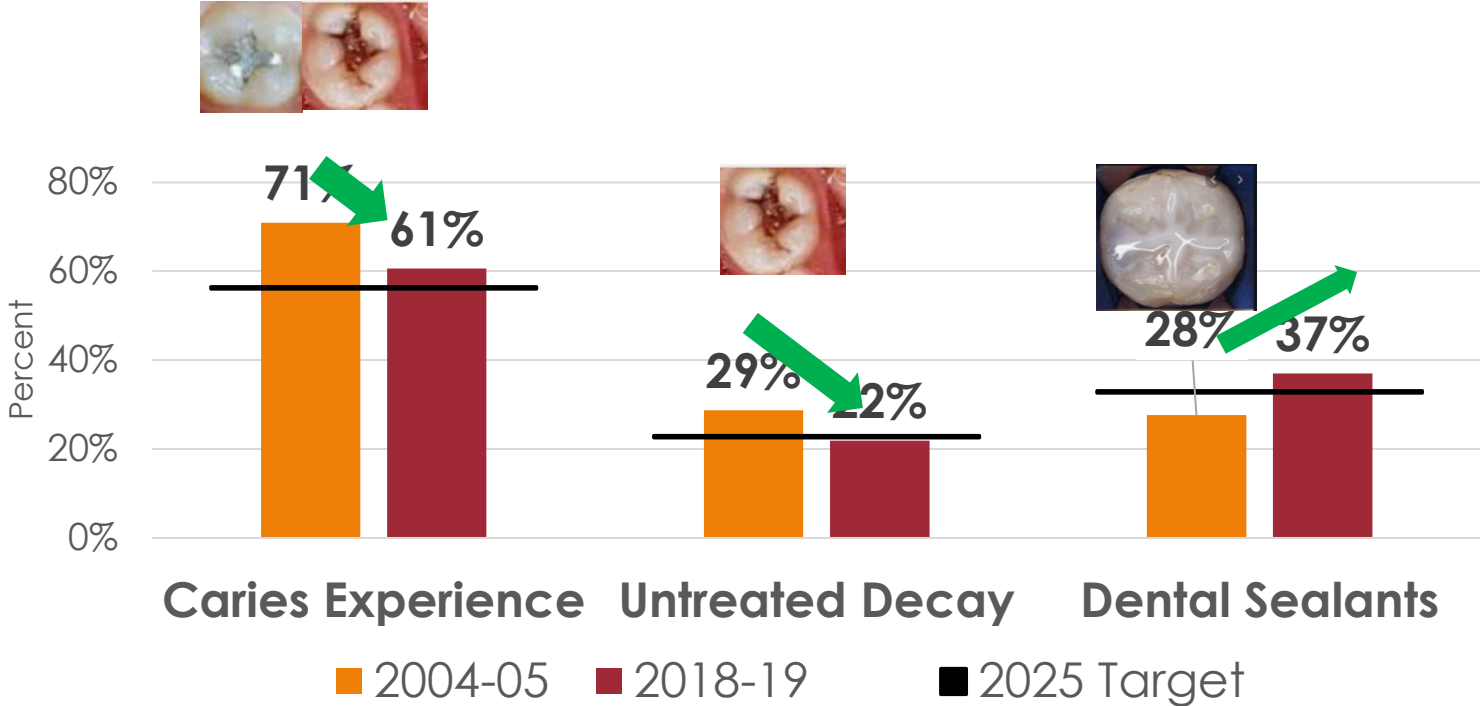
# Local Oral Health Program Oral Health Initiatives

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



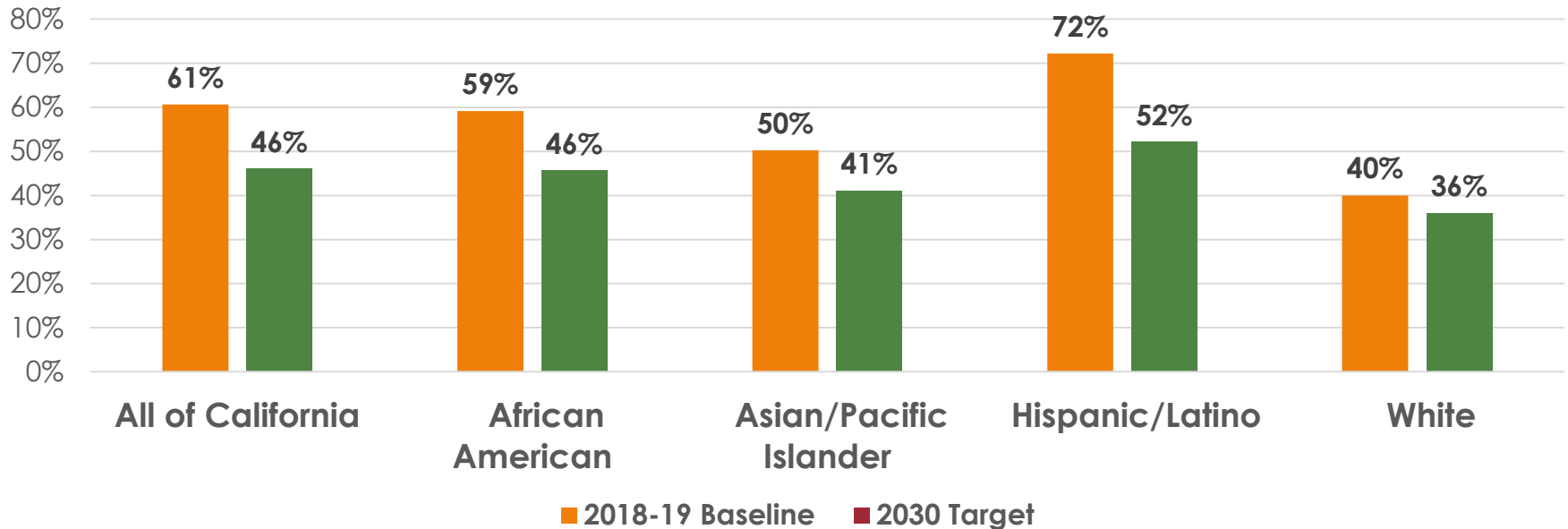
# Caries Experience by Region, California Smile Survey 2018-2019

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%



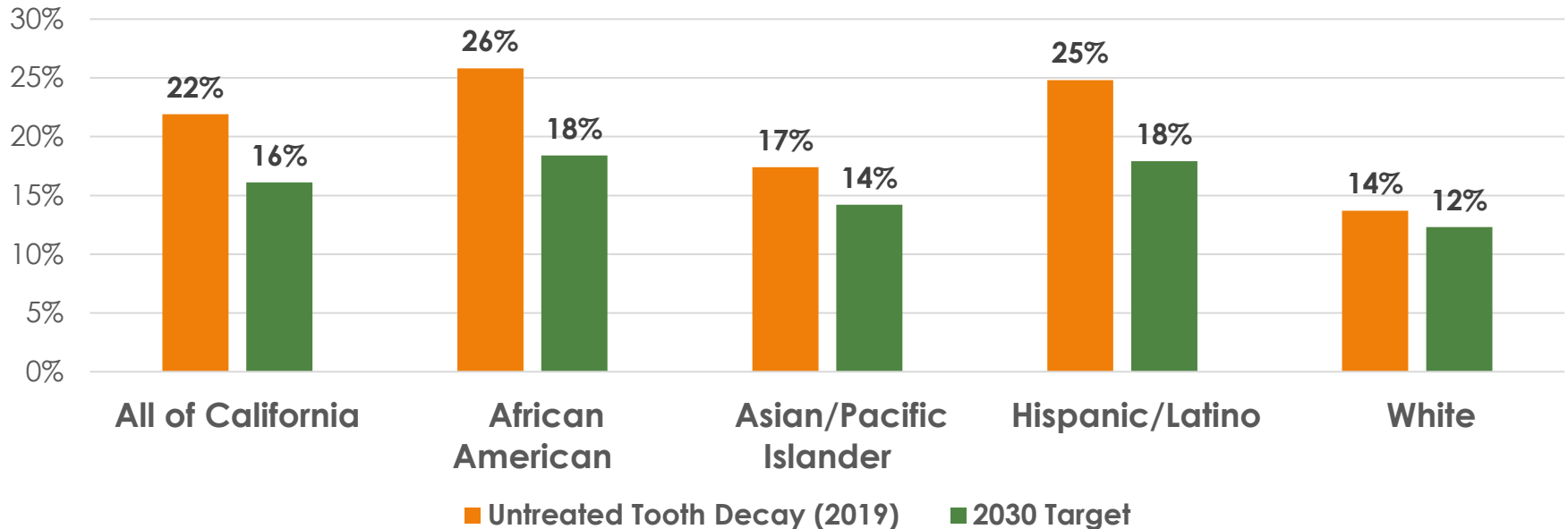
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### Caries Experience



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### Untreated Caries Experience





# Public Health and Population Health Management

## The 3 Buckets of Prevention



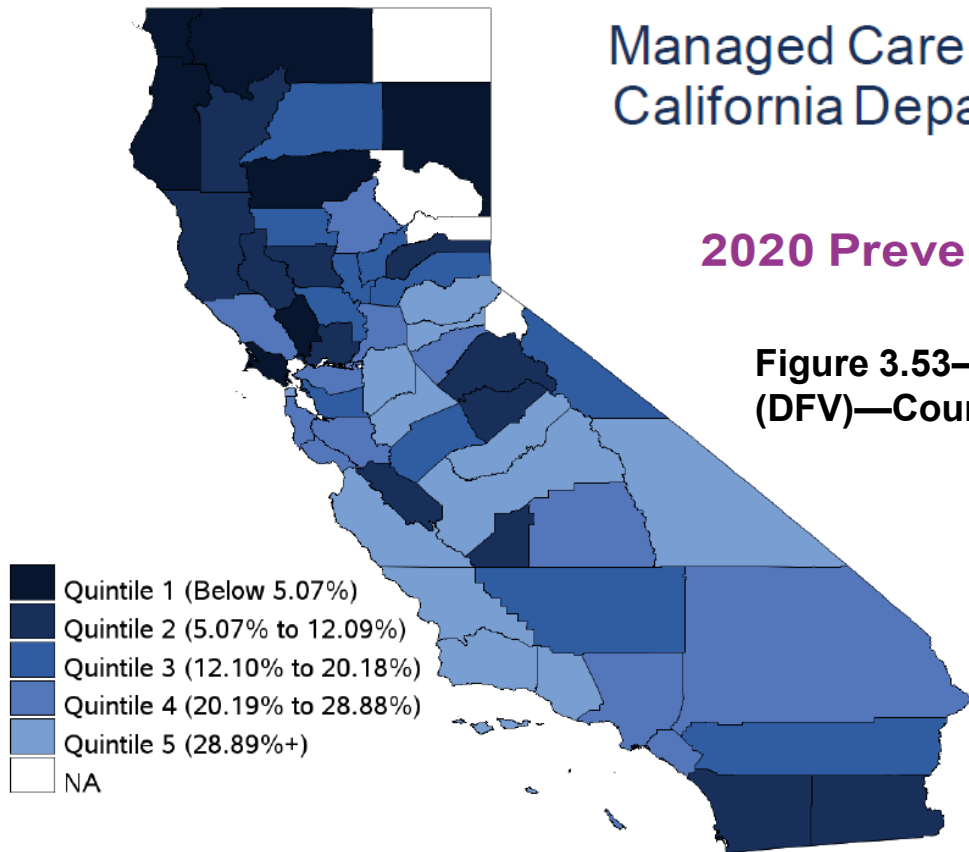
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Managed Care Quality and Monitoring Division  
California Department of Health Care Services

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

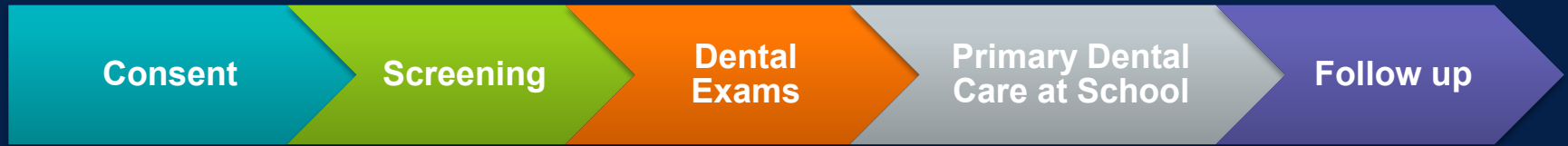


# School-Based Sealant Dental Programs



- 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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**Thank you!**