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Welfare and Institutions Code (W&I Code) section 14131.10, enacted March 3, 2009, excluded Medi-Cal coverage for nine optional Medi-Cal services, effective July 1, 2009. The excluded optional services are specified in the [Elimination of Most Adult Dental Services Provider Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) on the Denti-Cal website. Providers and beneficiaries were notified of the exclusions prior to July 1, 2009.

On September 26, 2013, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in the case of *California Association of Rural Health Clinics, et al., v. Toby Douglas, Director of the California Department of Health Care Services, et al.*, issued a mandate based on the Court's September 17, 2013 decision, that three previously excluded optional Medi-Cal services, when provided by Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), are covered by Medi-Cal, namely: Adult Dental, Chiropractic, and Podiatric.

In accordance with the Court's decision, beginning for services provided on September 26, 2013, Adult Dental, Chiropractic, and Podiatric services are reimbursable Medi-Cal services when provided by FQHCs and RHCs.

The system modifications to adjudicate claims for these reinstated services are complete. FQHCs and RHCs may now submit Computer Media Claims (CMCs) or paper claims for services provided on or after September 26, 2013, to the Medi-Cal Fiscal Intermediary.

Updated manual pages will be released in a future *Medi-Cal Update*.

The Denti-Cal Program will issue a secondary clarification bulletin on the court ruling as it applies to adult dental services provided through Denti-Cal.

For more information, please call the Provider Customer Service Line at 1-800-423-0507.