

Beneficiary Dental Exception (BDE) August 2016 Reporting

Background:

Assembly Bill 1467 (Chapter 23, Statutes of 2012) was enacted July 1, 2012 to improve access to oral health and dental care services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries enrolled in dental managed care (DMC) plans in Sacramento County. The intent of the Legislature through the statute was to improve access to dental care by implementation of the Beneficiary Dental Exception (BDE) process by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The BDE process was implemented September 2012 and is available to Medi-Cal DMC beneficiaries in Sacramento County who are unable to secure access to services through their dental plan, in accordance with applicable contractual timeframes and the Knox-Keene Health Service Plan Act of 1975 (Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code).

The BDE shall allow a beneficiary to request to opt-out of Medi-Cal DMC and move into fee-for-service Denti-Cal where the beneficiary may select his or her own dental provider on an ongoing basis. The statute allows DHCS staff to work with the DMC plan to schedule an appropriate appointment within specified time frames, based on the identified needs of the beneficiary. If no such appointment is secured, the beneficiary will be transferred into fee-for-service Denti-Cal where he/she will remain until such time that he/she chooses to opt back into a DMC arrangement.

The BDE Process:

- If the BDE is submitted by mail/fax/email, DHCS staff will contact the beneficiary within three (3) business days to work with the beneficiary and the dental plan/provider to schedule an appointment within the applicable timeframes.
- If the beneficiary does not respond to the first initial contact, he/she will be contacted two (2) additional times before a letter is sent to notify the beneficiary of intent to close the BDE case and for him/her to contact DMC to re-file.
- If the BDE is submitted by phone at 1-855-347-3310, DHCS BDE representative will assist through a conference call to resolve/set an appointment with the beneficiary and provider/plan within the appropriate timeframes.
- Appointments are scheduled through a conference call with DHCS BDE representative, the beneficiary, and the dental plan/provider to ensure the appropriate timeframes are met and to follow-up with any questions or concerns including any additional details. Any other additional issues are resolved during the call as well.
- When an appointment is scheduled, the BDE case will be placed on hold pending follow-up calls from DHCS staff to the beneficiary after the appointment and inquire about his/her dental visit and satisfaction. If the appointment was successful and no additional access issues were identified, the BDE case will be closed, indicating no further action is needed.
- If the beneficiary does not show up for his/her appointment, DHCS staff will follow-up with a phone call to establish a new appointment. If the beneficiary does not respond to the follow up phone call, he/she will be contacted a second time before a letter is sent to notify the beneficiary of intent to close the BDE case and for him/her to contact DMC to re-file. If the beneficiary has two (2) no-shows, the BDE case will be closed and the beneficiary will remain with their dental plan.
- All "In Progress" cases are case managed until they are closed.

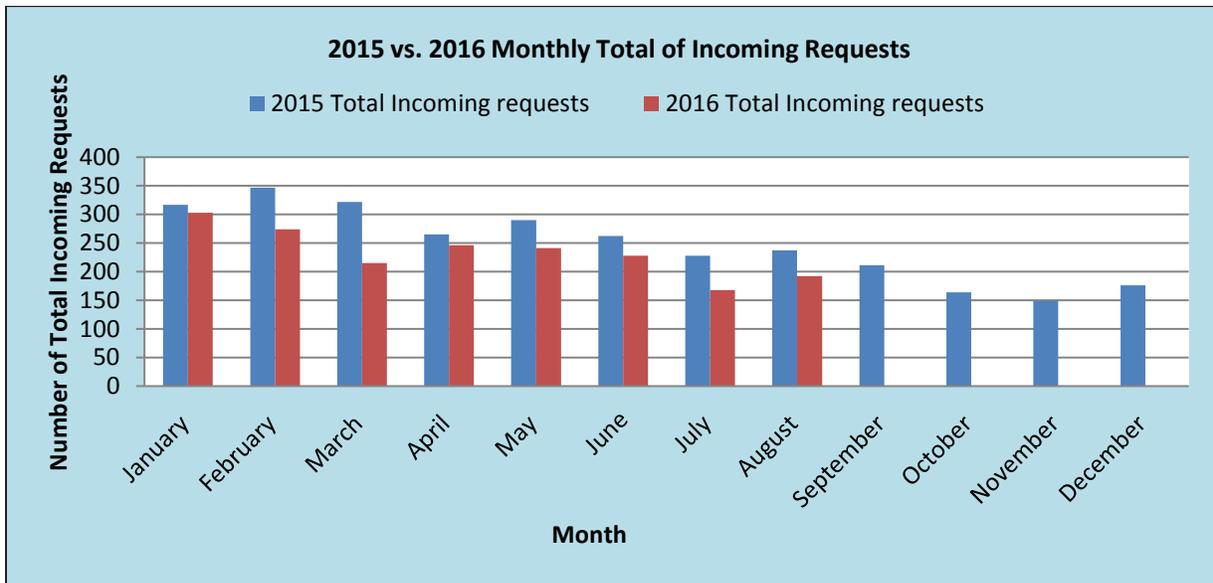
Total Summary from the Month of September 2012 through the end of August 2016:

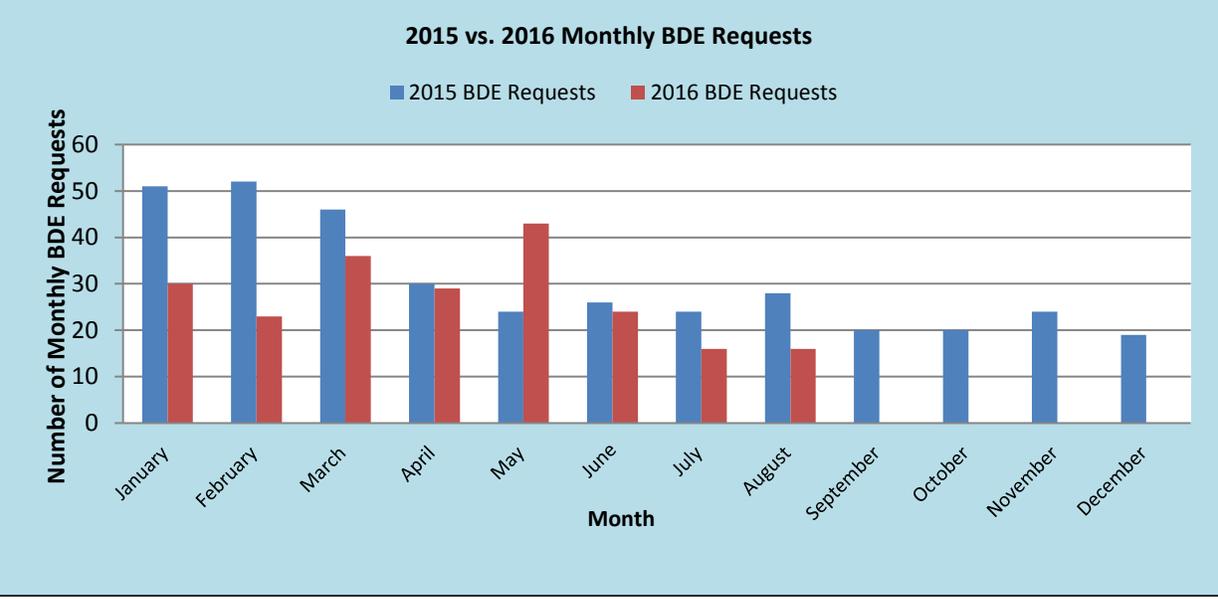
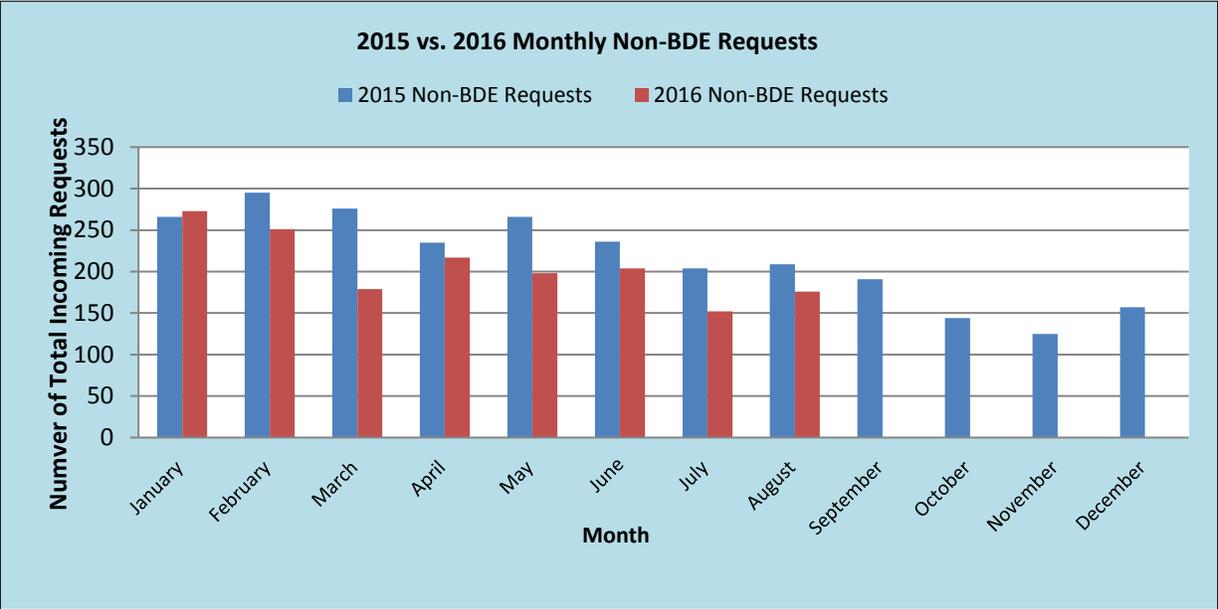
- As of August 31, 2016, there were 1,607 total BDE requests.
- 23 of the 1,607 (1%) total BDE requests are in progress to be completed to date.
- 1,584 of the 1,607 (99%) total BDE requests are completed and closed to date.
- None of the requests were transferred over to Fee-For-Service.

Summary of August 2016 Incoming Totals		
Incoming Categories	Totals	% of Totals
Inbound Phone Call Total	112	58%
BDE	14	13%
Non-BDE	98	88%
Mail/Fax/Email Total	80	42%
BDE	2	3%
Non-BDE	78	98%
Total Requests	192	100%
BDE	16	8%
Non-BDE	176	92%

Summary of August 2016 Non-BDE Totals	
Non-BDE Categories	Total
Non-BDE	176
BDE Info/No Need	19
Benefits	6
Eligibility	9
Plan/Provider Info	71
No Answer/Left Message	37
Other / Remove	34

Transfers to Fee-for-Service as of the end of August 2016				
GMC Dental Plans				Totals
Access	Health Net	LIBERTY	Western	
0	0	0	0	0





Summary of Total BDE Requests from September 2012 to August 2016							
BDE Categories	GMC Dental Plans				Adults	Children	Totals
	Access	Health Net	LIBERTY	Western			
Emergency	239	171	187	31	479	149	628
Urgent	*	111	100	*	244	78	322
Routine	176	189	178	29	171	401	572
Specialist	*	33	36	*	35	50	85
In Progress**	*	*	*	*	*	*	23
Closed***	*	*	*	*	*	*	1,584
Total BDE (Call/Mail/Email/Fax)	528	504	501	74	929	678	1,607

* Values are not shown to protect confidentiality of the individuals summarized on the data

**See "Summary of Total Closed BDE" for specifics

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Notes:

Appointment Timeframes (as required by contract)

- Emergency – 24 hours
- Urgent – 72 hours (3 days)
- Routine – 4 weeks
- Specialist – 30 days from authorized request

Summary of Total Closed BDE from September 2012 to August 2016								
Closed BDE Categories		GMC Dental Plans				Adults	Children	Totals
		Access	Health Net	LIBERTY	Western			
Closed Unsuccessful - No-Show	Emergency	56	35	36	11	108	30	138
	Urgent	*	*	*	*	*	*	77
	Routine	51	38	42	11	43	99	142
	Specialist	*	*	*	*	*	*	13
Closed Successful - Completed Appointments	Emergency	183	133	151	20	369	118	487
	Urgent	*	89	73	*	180	63	243
	Routine	121	148	129	18	121	295	416
	Specialist	*	28	30	*	27	41	68
Closed Unsuccessful Total		134	98	109	29	219	151	370
Closed Successful Total		388	398	383	45	697	517	1,214
Closed Unsuccessful/Successful Total		522	496	492	74	916	668	1,584

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Notes:

370 out of 1,584 were unsuccessfully closed due to no-shows; patients were contacted to reschedule but did not answer or did not want to set up another appointment.

Unsuccessful Percentage – 23%

1,214 out of 1,584 were successfully seen and treated by the dentist; BDE was closed after patients received treatment needed.

Successful Percentage – 77%

No-Shows for BDE Cases Closed in August 2016			
No-Show Categories	Adults	Children	Totals
Personal	0	0	0
Sick	0	0	0
Schedule	0	0	0
Forgot	0	0	0
Transportation	0	0	0
No Response	2	0	2
Other	0	0	0
Total of No-Shows	2	0	2

**Dental Managed Care Plan
BDE Cases Closed in August 2016 – Adults**

Type of Visit	Service Provided	Timely Access (Business Days)	Beneficiary Satisfied*	Department Perspective
Urgent	Exam	3	N/A	Successful
Emergency	ER Exam/TAR submitted	1	N/A	Successful
Urgent	ER Exam/Referral	2	N/A	Successful
Routine	No Show - No Response	4	N/A	Unsuccessful
Emergency	No Show - No Response	1	N/A	Unsuccessful
Emergency	Exam/Follow up appointment	Same Day	N/A	Successful
Urgent	Exam/X-rays	2	N/A	Successful
Routine	Extraction	6	N/A	Successful
Emergency	X-rays/Pain meds/Antibiotics	1	N/A	Successful

Notes:

*Beneficiaries were asked to rate satisfaction on a scale of 1-5 (1= lowest satisfaction rate and 5 = highest satisfaction rate).

N/A - beneficiary satisfaction not available due to no response or no show.

9 out of 13 beneficiaries are Adults - 69%

2 out of 9 adults did not show for their appointment – 22% no show rate

7 out of 9 adults did show for their appointment – 78% show rate

**Dental Managed Care Plan
BDE Cases Closed in August 2016 – Children**

Type of Visit	Service Provided	Timely Access (Business Days)	Beneficiary Satisfied*	Department Perspective
Routine	Exam/ Follow up appointment	20	N/A	Successful
Routine	Exam/X-rays/Cleaning/Fillings	22	N/A	Successful
Urgent	ER Exam	2	N/A	Successful
Routine	Exam/X-ray/Referral	9	N/A	Successful

Notes:

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4 out of 13 beneficiaries are Children – 31%

0 out of 4 children did not show for their appointment – 0% no show rate

4 out of 4 children did show for their appointment – 100% show rate