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TRAINING SEMINARS

To reserve a spot online or view a complete list of training seminars, go to the [Provider Training Seminar Schedule](#).

Please note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all seminars will be held as webinars.

PROVIDER ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE LINE

Speak with an Enrollment Specialist. Go [here](#) for more information.

Available every Wednesday
8am - 4pm

New 2022 Provider Network Capacity Survey

Medi-Cal invites dental providers to take the [2022 Provider Network Capacity Survey](#) now through **August 1, 2022**. The purpose of this survey is to identify potential access-to-care barriers within the Medi-Cal Dental Program. The survey is available on the Medi-Cal Dental [website](#) and the *Smile, California website*. Providers will also receive the survey by mail.

Please only take the survey once. Thank you for taking time to respond.

Reminder: 2022 Dental Provider Participation Survey

Medi-Cal invites dental providers, including allied dental professionals, to take the [2022 Provider Participation Survey](#) now through **May 16, 2022**. The goal of this survey is to understand the factors that influence a provider's decision not to participate in Medi-Cal. The survey is available on the Medi-Cal Dental [website](#) and *Smile, California website*.

NOTE: Please only complete this survey if you are not currently enrolled in Medi-Cal. Thank you for taking time to respond.

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Visit Us at the 2022 California Dental Association Convention in Anaheim (CDA Presents)

We invite you to visit the Medi-Cal Dental booth **in-person** at the [CDA Presents Event](#) in Anaheim on **May 12-14, 2022**. You can register by clicking [here](#).

Stop by Booth 763 to meet our Provider Training team, Outreach Representatives, and Dental Consultants. Our Medi-Cal Dental team will be available to answer general questions about:

- California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)
- Medi-Cal Dental Program criteria
- Proposition 56 (Tobacco Tax) Supplemental Payment program
- Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
- Provider training
- Enrollment application assistance
- *Smile, California* campaign
- And more

Whatever your questions are – we have answers! Come see us!

Tobacco Cessation Toolkit and On-Demand Webinar for California Dental Providers

Medi-Cal dental providers are encouraged to check out the [Tobacco Cessation website](#), which offers a webinar and a tobacco cessation toolkit. The [toolkit](#) will assist dental providers with integrating brief tobacco cessation interventions into their routine dental care workflows. It includes:

- » Trends in tobacco products and use in California
- » Dental professionals' role in tobacco cessation and why it matters
- » Tobacco dependence and the benefits of quitting

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- » Brief interventions for dental settings
- » The role of the entire dental team in tobacco cessation
- » FDA-approved medications for tobacco cessation
- » Resources available for providers and patients

To complement the toolkit, providers can also take a [1-hour video webinar](#). All dental providers in California, including dental hygienists, dental assistants, and dentists, are eligible to attend this course and have the option of receiving **1.0 CE credit upon completion**.

To access the toolkit and webinar, visit the University of California San Francisco California Oral Health Technical Assistance Center website [here](#).

Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment Program

The Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA) is a dental assessment requirement that helps schools identify children suffering from untreated dental disease and helps parents establish a dental home for their children. California law requires that children have a dental assessment 12 months before entering public school for the first time or by May 31st of their first year (Kindergarten or 1st Grade).

Upon registration, the school will give the child's parents/guardians a letter explaining the requirement and a form to be completed during the dental visit by the dental provider. Once completed, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to submit the assessment form to their child's school.

KOHA can be met by:

- » Performing a complete examination and treatment plan performed by a licensed dentist
- » A more basic oral health evaluation, such as a screening, which can be performed by a dentist, hygienist, or an extended function registered dental assistant with supervision

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Providers can reference the California Dental Association's [KOHA dental professionals webpage](#) for information about KOHA, including, but not limited to:

- What the law requires
- What to do when an existing or new patient calls needing the school required “oral health assessment” for their child
- How to fill out the state-required assessment form

Providers can direct their Medi-Cal patients to the *Smile, California* [Oral Health and School Readiness page](#) for KOHA details.