



## **Pediatric Dental Coverage: Update and Options**

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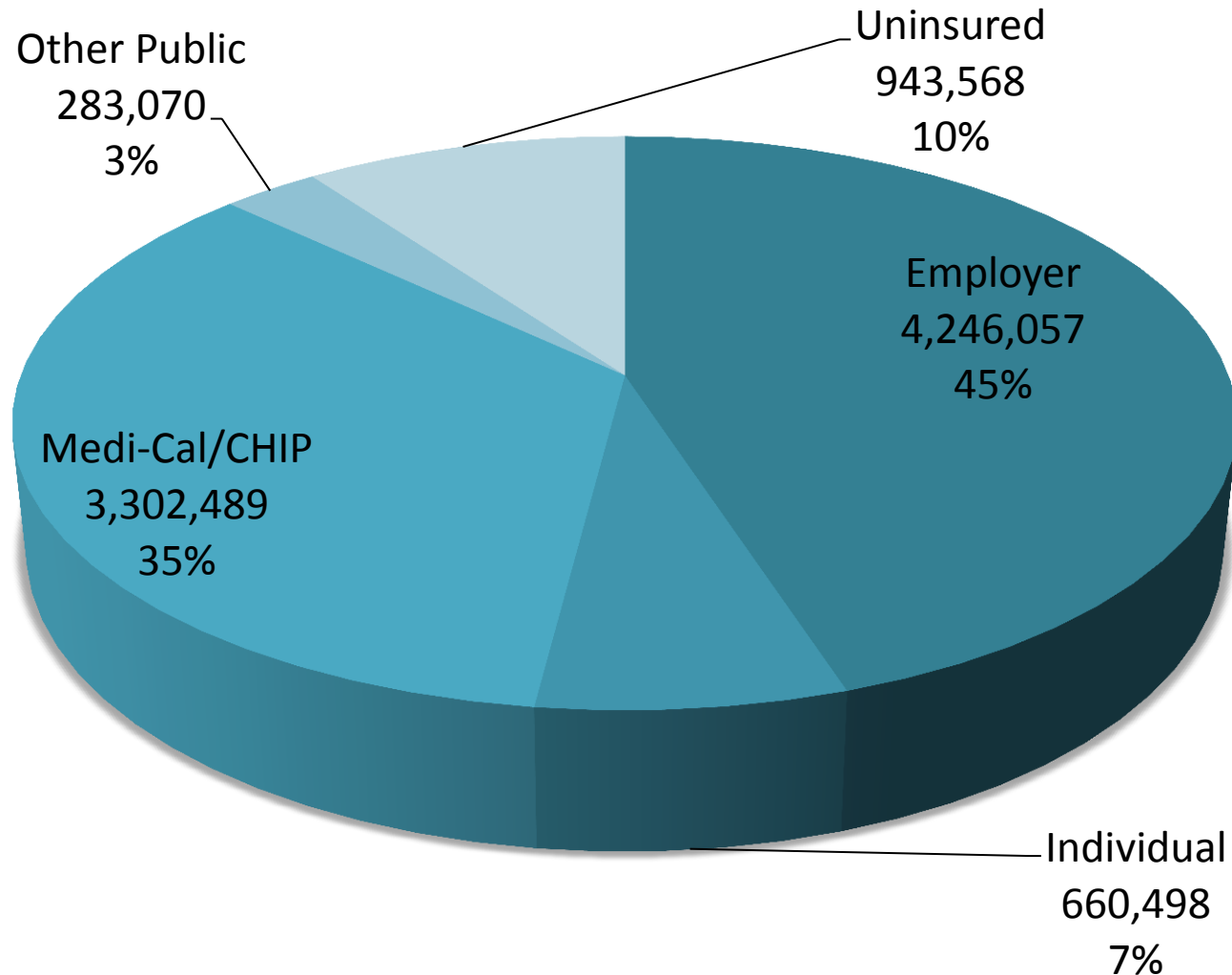
# COVERED CALIFORNIA PEDIATRIC DENTAL

- What's at stake
- Where we are
- What we've done
- Who we've engaged
- Where we're going

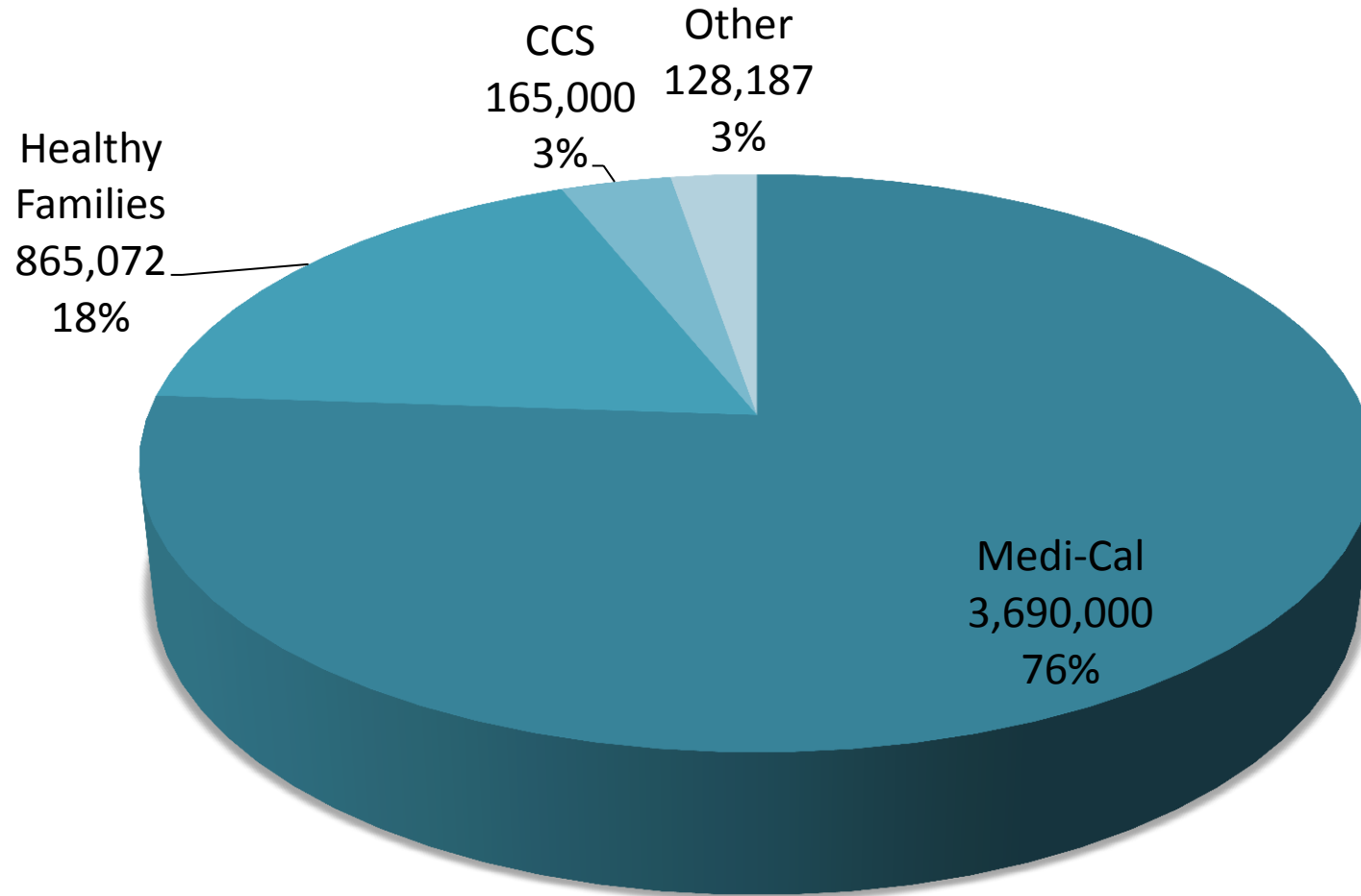
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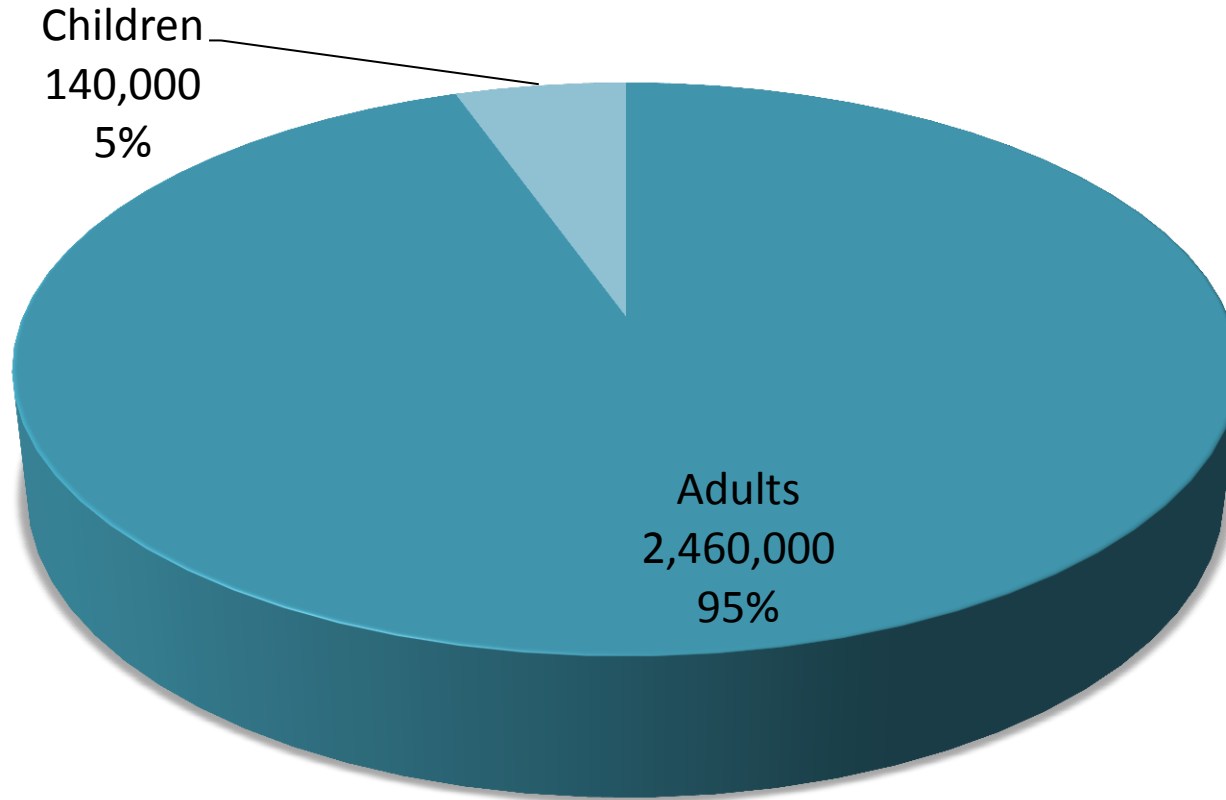
# SOURCES OF CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE IN CALIFORNIA, 2011



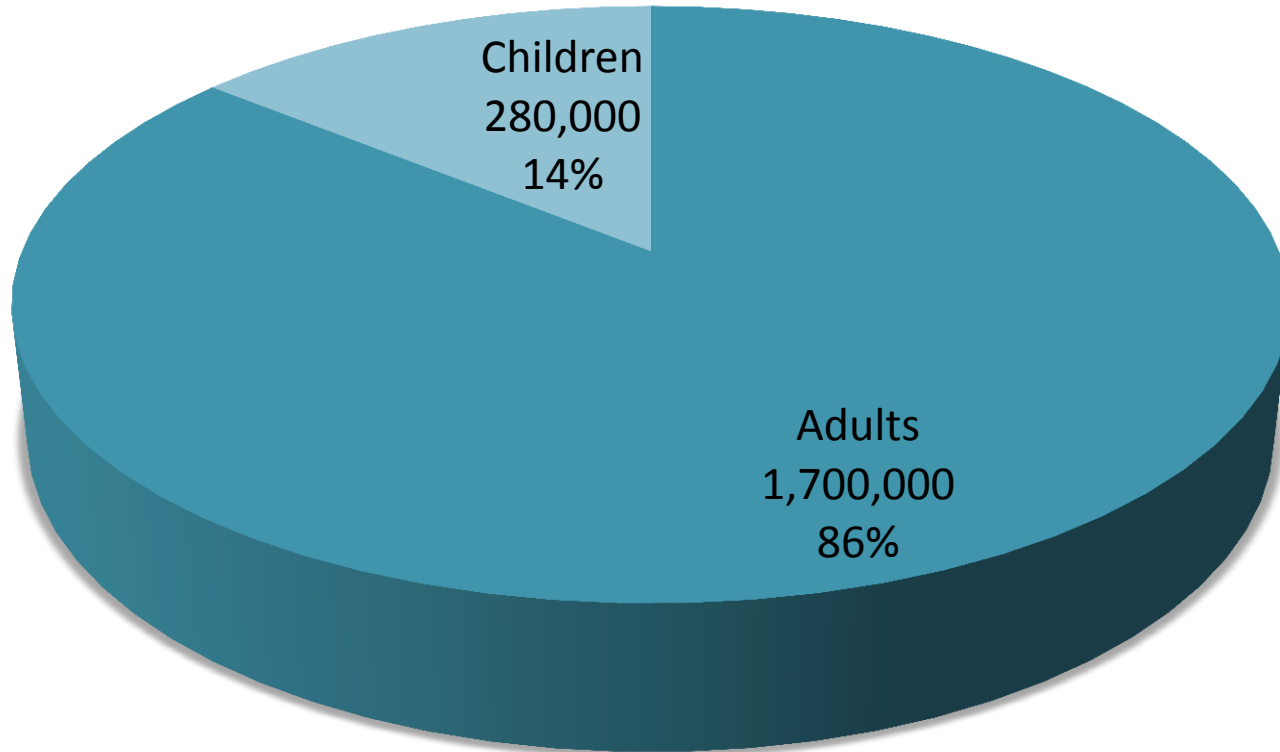
# ENROLLMENT IN CHILDREN'S PUBLIC INSURANCE PROGRAMS, 2011



# COVERED CALIFORNIA PEDIATRIC DENTAL SUBSIDY-ELIGIBLE CALIFORNIANS 2,600,000



# COVERED CALIFORNIA PEDIATRIC DENTAL NON-SUBSIDY ELIGIBLE CALIFORNIANS 1,980,000



# WHAT WE'VE DONE

TASK	DATE
Original QHP solicitation	November 2012
Stand-alone dental solicitation	January 2013
Federal rules released on QHP	February 2013
Bundled QHP solicitation	April 2013
Identified technical constraints	June 2013



# COVERED CALIFORNIA PEDIATRIC DENTAL WHAT WE'VE DONE (SINCE JUNE 2013)

- Stakeholder feedback
- Regulatory and legislative analysis
- Inquiry of QHP issuers

# COVERED CALIFORNIA CURRENT MEDICAL AND DENTAL NETWORK

- 12 Health Plans offering medical coverage
- 6 Dental Plans offering stand-alone
- DHMO, DEPO and DPPO offerings
- Dental pricing from \$10 per child/per month

DHMO	DEPO	DPPO
Blue Shield of CA	Liberty	Anthem
Delta Dental		Blue Shield of CA
Liberty		Delta Dental
Access Dental		Premier Access

# COVERED CALIFORNIA PEDIATRIC DENTAL PROTECTIONS

- Guaranteed issue
- Prohibition of preexisting conditions or exclusions based on health status
- Fair health insurance premium
- Guaranteed availability of coverage
- Guaranteed renewability of coverage
- Prohibition of discrimination against individuals on the basis of health status
- Nondiscrimination of health care
- Elimination of waiting periods as adopted in our standard dental plan designs
- Elimination of annual and dollar limits as adopted in our standard dental plan designs
- Network adequacy (although not required in the Affordable Care Act for dental plans)
- Timely access to care.

# COVERED CALIFORNIA PEDIATRIC DENTAL PLAN YEAR 2014

- Health plans bid bundled 9.5 medical and .5 dental
- Dental plans bid stand alone
- CalHEERS functionality can do embedded and stand alone
- Covered California has reviewed:
  - Asking health plans to rebid embedded
  - New builds in CalHEERS to achieve bundled
  - Creating a separate pool for subsidy eligible children
- Result: No silver bullet for 2014 but future years provide opportunity to design a full solution.

# COVERED CALIFORNIA PEDIATRIC DENTAL WHO WE'VE ENGAGED

- Consumer, health, and children's issue-based groups
  - Consumer's Union
  - Health Access
  - CPEHN
  - Children's Partnership
  - Children Now
  - ....and more
- Health and dental plan partners
- Professional associations (CAPH, CDA, and more)
- CCIIO, DMHC and CDI
- Other experts (Milliman)

# HEALTH PLAN INFORMAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

<b>Responses to Informal Request for Information to Bidders for Pediatric Dental – July 2013</b>	
<b>TOTAL Plans Contacted</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Responses</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>No Response Provided</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Willing to develop embedded product</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Not willing to develop embedded product</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>No earlier than 2015 for developing embedded product</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Might develop in 2014 or before 2015</b>	<b>2</b>

# COVERED CALIFORNIA PEDIATRIC DENTAL POLICY QUESTIONS FOR PLAN YEAR 2014

- Questions for 2014
- Is purchase mandatory? For whom?
- If mandatory for families:
  - Require purchase at enrollment?
  - Require continued purchase throughout the benefit year?
  - What if a family discontinues paying dental? How does this affect continued medical coverage?

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*Staff Recommendation: Encourage enrollment in pediatric dental coverage, but not require.*

# COVERED CALIFORNIA PEDIATRIC DENTAL PEDIATRIC DENTAL 2015

## Policy

- Back to basics and architecting POLICY
  - *What is the “best” public policy for California’s children?*
  - *What should Californians be mandated to purchase?*
  - *Who should pay?*
- Policy decisions guide building the solution

## Product

- Based on Policy decisions build the PRODUCT
  - *Is it best to embed the benefit or bundle?*
  - *Should there be a single shared medical and dental OOPM? How will cost sharing work?*
  - *How will products be billed?*

## Portfolio

- Based on Policy decisions build the PORTFOLIO
  - *How many options are in the portfolio?*
  - *Which should be offered? Embedded, bundled or stand-alone?*
  - *What happens when you place a 10 EHB next to a 9.5 EHB?*



# CRITICAL FACTORS FOR 2015+ PLANNING

- Affordability and stability (including premium, cost at point-of care and availability of tax credit)
- Consumer protection/service (how the design assures consumers have clear options and effective protection)
- Alignment of Covered California's marketplace and the broader market
- Meeting federal and state requirements
- Operational feasibility – technically and administratively

# COVERED CALIFORNIA PEDIATRIC DENTAL NEXT STEPS

- August 8 Special Board Meeting
  - Mandatory enrollment vs. purchase for 2014
- QR 2013 Official Re-launch of Pediatric Dental Project
  - Begin with architecting the right policy
  - Follow with designing the product
  - Finish with building the portfolio
  - Target open enrollment for the 2015 plan year
  - Stakeholder transparency commitment
    - Seek input; communicate decisions

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• ***Staff Recommendation: Covered California should do full review of 2015 options, with consideration will be given to the option of only offering embedded plans along with stand-alone dental plans in 2015 to the extent allowable by federal rules. Covered California will explore the federal requirement to offer 9.5 QHPs, and how to do so as part of a portfolio with embedded plans.***

# COVERED CALIFORNIA PEDIATRIC DENTAL GO FORWARD TIMELINE

## Pediatric Dental Policy Development Proposed Timeline

Date	Milestone
August 22	Scope of work developed and shared at scheduled Board meeting
October 15	Draft analysis completed
October – November	Draft analysis shared with stakeholders for comment
November 21	Recommendations presented to the Board for discussion and public comment
December 19	Recommendations presented to the Board for action