



MEMORANDUM

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TO: California County and District Superintendents of Schools and Charter School Principals

FROM: Dental Health Foundation and the California Dental Association

As school districts throughout California struggle to provide even the most basic services to their students during these difficult economic times, many are beginning to receive solicitations from mobile/portable dental care providers offering school-based dental services for students. Because most schools/districts do not have full-time nurses or dental professionals on staff, some have expressed a need for assistance in deciding whether and under what conditions to contract with these private providers.

In order to assist school districts approached by mobile/portable dental care providers, a statewide group of dental and education professionals have developed the enclosed information kit, which includes a one-page overview of issues to consider, a more detailed set of guidelines, and a sample memorandum of understanding.

This information kit is not intended to lead schools/districts to a particular decision; rather, it is intended to give decision-makers some tools and ideas to help make the best choice for a particular situation. We hope these materials are helpful, and we encourage you to contact any of the organizations listed below for additional information.

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