

Coalition for Affordable Dental Access



The Coalition for Affordable Dental Access advocates for increased access to affordable dental care through innovative healthcare programs like teledentistry. We support expanding teledentistry platforms so that more Californians have access to affordable, high-quality oral care.

Teledentistry is the use of technology to communicate patient information, imaging and treatment options through interactive audio, video and data-sharing platforms. It is an innovative tool used to practice professional dentistry, expand access to care and reduce cost.

How does Teledentistry improve access to care?

- Protects affordable dental options and opens the market to people who would otherwise be priced out.
- Expands access to treatment for people who live far from, or do not have access to in-office dental care.
- Eliminates travel time and minimizes time away from work or school.

Clear Aligner Therapy is a growing practice of using clear teeth aligners to straighten teeth. The treatment has impacted millions of Californians who desire straighter teeth.

What are the advantages of Clear Aligner Therapy?

- Straight teeth promote confidence and people with straighter teeth are more likely to secure good jobs than those with crooked teeth.
- Most clear aligner therapy programs are available online and cost up to 60% less than traditional braces.

Oppose AB 1998

AB 1998 creates new costs for dental care and adds unnecessary barriers for Californians to access quality care by requiring an additional in-person dental visit before accessing clear aligner therapies.

AB 1998 thwarts much of the progress already made in closing the disparity gap for underserved community's access to oral care.

AB 1998 does not actually improve healthcare and actually makes it more difficult for people who are currently priced out of getting the care and treatments they desire.