



ABOUT CAO

The California Association of Orthodontists (CAO) is the California component of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO)—the largest and oldest dental specialty organization.

The CAO represents nearly 1,500 orthodontic members who practice in California. CAO members are specialists who have completed dental school and then successfully completed 2–3 years of additional training at an accredited orthodontic residency program. Our members are experts in diagnosing and treating all orthodontic problems in patients of all ages—from child to adult. CAO is engaged in legislative advocacy to protect patient health and improve access to care.

MISSION

CAO's mission is to:

- Support its members in their pursuit of excellence during their practice of orthodontics
- Promote the values of ethical practice as defined by the American Association of Orthodontists
- Advocate for its members in issues related to professional governance and regulation
- Provide continuing education opportunities for members
- Encourage the public to seek an orthodontic specialist when considering comprehensive orthodontic treatment

SUPPORTED LEGISLATION

1. **AB 1629** (Asm. Haney): Dental Insurance Network Transparency & Assignment of Benefits.
2. **AB 2029** (Asm. Sharp-Collins): Dental Insurance Provider Portal Transparency.
3. **SB 1311** (Sen. Wahab): Infection Control Certification Options for Dental Assistants.
4. **AB 1717** (Asm. Castillo): Medi-Cal Reimbursement for Dental Visits to Care Facilities.
5. **AJR 25** (Asm. Bonta): Federal Affordable Care Act Premium Tax Credits.
6. **SB 1137** (Sen. Valladares): Medical and Dental Expense Tax Deduction Expansion.
7. **SR 82** (Sen. Pérez): Children's Dental Health Month Resolution.

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