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- The enacted budget for SFY'17 included savings based on a global 5% reduction to the children's dental fee schedule, effective 7/1/16 (Note that the adult dental fee schedule was not affected)
- DSS published notice of State Plan Amendment 16 - 0222 in the CT Law Journal

➤ *Based on comments and suggestions received from stakeholders, DSS has revisited the reduction and explored a number of alternatives.*

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- DSS reviewed and priced out a range of alternatives, and will move forward with a package of strategies designed to make up the required cost savings
- Phase one of this effort, which is expected to result in savings of approximately 3% and which will include the strategies listed on the next slide, will be effective on **August 1, 2016**
- Phase two of this effort, which will result in a total rate reduction of only 2% (as compared with the original 5%), will be effective on **September 1, 2016**

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Selected Rate Reductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rates paid for stainless steel crowns (codes D2930, D2932 and D2933) will be reduced slightly• Rates paid for Periodic Orthodontic Treatment (D8670) will be reduced slightly
Sealant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognizing improvements of access to oral healthcare and increased utilization of prevention services, sealants on premolar teeth will no longer be routinely covered (includes teeth 4, 5, 13, 14, 20, 21, 28, 29)• DSS will require that sealants that fall due to poor placement be replaced at the expense of the office that placed the defective sealants
Filling Restorations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognizing an overall reduction in dental decay, improved access to oral healthcare and improvements in dental materials, DSS will extend the lifetime expectancy of a filling to two years and require that defective fillings be replaced at the expense of the office that performed poor workmanship

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