



COUNTY OF MARIN

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COUNTY RESPONDS TO DENTAL CLINIC SEARCH (Corrected date)

San Rafael, CA - On December 7, 2010, state and federal agents executed a search of the Marin County Dental Clinic, possibly linked to a past error by the County which was corrected nine months ago. The state and federal offices involved would not release the specific reasons for the search.

County officials assume the search stems from a past error regarding Denti-Cal billings, the states' dental insurance program for low-income families. Upon discovery last fall that the County had potentially been overpaid, the County self-disclosed the problem to the State Department of Health Care Services.

At that time, working with the State, the County determined that it received \$459,217.11 overpayments in Denti-Cal reimbursements. The County repaid the entire amount in March 2010, nine months ago, and considered the matter fully resolved. The State reviewed and accepted the County's findings and agreed that the State would consider

the matter closed upon the County's repayment of the funds, according to Deputy County Counsel Jennifer Vuillermet.

County officials expressed surprise by the State Department of Justice's search of the Marin County Dental Clinic at this time, given the County's self-disclosure in November 2009 and final resolution in March 2010.

Tuesday's surprise search forced closure of the clinic, which serves low-income families and provides care to about 20,000 individuals a year.

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