Survey of Texas Dentists



1. How do you feel about the future of dentistry in Texas?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely Bright	4.8%	3
Favorable	17.7%	11
Good, but I have concerns	51.6%	32
Poor	25.8%	16

May we ask why?

40

answered question 62

skipped question 1

2. What should be done to promote and/or safeguard Texas dentists? (select all that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Stronger association representation	59.7%	37
Lobbying law makers in Austin	54.8%	34
Reform of Medicaid	74.2%	46
Public Relations campaign on oral health	40.3%	25
Stronger self regulation	43.5%	27
Other (specific below)	9.7%	6

Other (please specify) 13

answered question	62
skipped question	1

3. What changes does Texas need to make to ensure the success of dentistry?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Having a strong association representing dental interests		58.1%	36
Lobbying and legislation in dentists' favor		50.0%	31
The problem of Medicaid solved		71.0%	44
More effective regulation of members by association		25.8%	16
Other (specify below)		11.3%	7
	Other	(please specify)	10

answered question	62
skipped question	1

4. Are you a Medicaid provider?

Response Count	Response Percent	
48	77.4%	Yes
14	22.6%	No
38	May we ask why?	
62	answered question	
1	skipped question	

5. Why is it important to be a Medicaid provider?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Help kids and families	95.3%	41
Somebody has to do it	27.9%	12
Because the parents will come in also	4.7%	2

Other (please specify)

8

43	answered question	
20	skipped question	

6. What should be done to improve Medicaid?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Increase reimbursement rates	64.4%	29
Simplify Medicaid reimbursement procedures	75.6%	34
Increase provider rights	68.9%	31
Increase number of covered services	53.3%	24
Get rid of the HMOs / less regulation	62.2%	28

Other (please specify)

8

answered question	45
skipped question	18

7. Anything else you wish to add? Response Count 13 answered question 13 skipped question 50

Page 1,	Q1. How do you feel about the future of dentistry in Texas?	
1	Insurance companies dictating treatment as opposed to the clinicians professional judgement. Insurance companies will say something is not medically necessary, yet they do not specify what constitutes medical necessity.	Dec 12, 2012 6:09 PM
2	There is no advocate for the children at the State Level	Dec 12, 2012 10:00 AM
3	shifting blame for gov. shortcomings on medicaid population and those that treat them	Nov 17, 2012 3:18 PM
4	In all justification, medicaid patients are not receiving the care they need.	Nov 17, 2012 10:59 AM
5	I'm sick of being persecuted. I can't wait for retirement, and EVERY day, rather than enjoying my profession, I am expecting them to raid my office again.	Nov 16, 2012 11:51 AM
6	Medicaid is NOW not about our children's concern/benefit. It is about how much money can the insurance companies steal from the state and dentist by denying benefits to our children. Because of this, many dentist, like myself, are deciding to no longer participate in this scheme. Also, we are targets for criminal fraud by Medicaid "Just because".	Nov 14, 2012 8:09 PM
7	Media coverage portrayal of dentists	Nov 14, 2012 4:12 PM
8	Recent changes in Medicaid are making very difficult, if not impossible to provide adequate care for patients.	Nov 14, 2012 1:14 PM
9	Because of the TDA's position on the future of organized dentistry	Nov 12, 2012 5:30 PM
10	Texas, in general, is in a good position within the dental field to meet the need of the growing population. Much of Texas' population is needy and the current Medicaid system has doctors running and needs a complete overhaul	Nov 12, 2012 4:18 PM
11	Both Fraudulent claims that are being billed out and the mco's barbaric regulatiobsare ruining the future of dentistry	Sep 11, 2012 5:18 PM
12	The TDA works hard to stay on top of all the issues that affect Texas dentists.	Sep 4, 2012 1:39 PM
13	Unfortunately, there has been fraud by a group of dentists abusing the system. This has affected the children who are getting treatment (they may not need) and the rest of us dentists who are honest and conservative. The changes that are being implemented are making it impossible for us to practice as we did before. We are being asked to "bundle" surfaces- we are getting paid less and we are having to chart differently which the Texas State board strictly states we should chart exactly as we do. These insurance companies handling TMHP are making money and are making it impossible for us to practice efficiently. The paperwork required now is so time consuming. The people who have abused the system-have not been reprimanded and continue to do their dishonest work. I have seen pts for years who have required no treatment, and after having gone once to Corporate clinics, return to my office with multiple crowns and restorations which were not needed. Pts were enticed to go by getting "free things" offered to them for their visit. Marketing tools that are illegal So much,, I could go on, but have honest dentistry to do	Sep 4, 2012 10:29 AM
14	economy is bad lots of people going back to school I think there will be "too	Sep 3, 2012 8:08 PM

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	many" dentists in the future. Also, I think public esteem of dentists is going down we're seen as just another salesman in a way.	
15	Insurances tend to try to dictate treatment of patients. My treatment standards are and can be backed by evidence based decisions and guidelines set forth by the ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY! One bad APPLE should not by any means spoil the whole bunch. Corruption is everywhere (the Church, OUR GOV'T, Wall STREET, THE HOUSING INDUSTRYetc, but this doesn't mean the vast MAJORITY IS PARTICIPATING. WE ALL MUST BE PUNISHED! I think rules should be changed. You have business owners setting companies up and the dentist working are being punished for they do not know RULES ARE BEING BROKEN SO YOU HAVE THIS POWERFUL BUSINESS OWNER THAT WONT ALLOW YOU TO VERIFY CHARGEOUTS OR COLLECTIONS AND THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW YOU ARE COMMITTING MEDICAID FRAUD. Handing out school supplies, picking up patients, and charging out fees that associates may not even know is illegal, but the business owner does. There is nothing you can do about it. Several associates can't even receive a DAY SHEET! It's rediculous. Then you are pressured to do work that is not ethical, and if you are not strong willed then you cave or loose your job or even worse not given patients and forced out of a practice you helped to grow!	Sep 3, 2012 11:47 AM
16	The way Medicaid and being controlled by other insurance carriers which will all be controlled by Obamacare should he winI may as well practice in Canada or Europe and enjoy the scenery!	Sep 1, 2012 12:40 PM
17	all the negative media, particularly regarding medicaid providers and medicaid fraud by a small few has me concerned that major cuts and regulations will occur and I will have to close down in the near future.	Aug 31, 2012 12:26 PM
18	Medicaid froze funds for the orthodontic company I work for because of "credible" evidence of fraud. This forced the company to either go bankrupt or release the medicaid pts in active tx. It was a 100% financial freeze on medicaid reimbursements with over 13,000 pts in treatment. Medicaid handled this so poorly and now is asking the dentist to continue treating the patient free of charge because it is the "ethical" thing to do. How is a financial freeze "ethical" when even after 8 months from the initial freeze there has been no allegations of fraud. It is a big mess. The worst thing is that all these claims by the media and patient abandonment make the dentist look like the villain. The problem as I see it is Medicaid approved all the treatment and after they realized they made a financial mistake they handled it the worst way they could. They blamed the dentist for fraudulently scoring the patients, stopped paying in the middle of treatment, and gave no reason and no representation on why they do what they do. How do they continue to get away with what they are doing?	Aug 30, 2012 6:21 PM
19	Corporation takeover	Aug 30, 2012 4:11 PM
20	Dentist will become second class practitioners after mid level providers takes hold.	Aug 30, 2012 3:00 PM
21	Too much corporate clinics taking over market and providing less than desired dentistry	Aug 30, 2012 2:00 PM
22	We are Medicaid providers and it's horrid, from the incompetent, greedy	Aug 30, 2012 1:55 PM

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	insurance companies to the overbearing, disingenuous OIG/HHS. Can't wait to get out of my profession.	
	Insurance is less than adequate and lab bills keep increasingour compensation is at a new low.	Aug 30, 2012 12:39 PM
	I am a dentist anesthesiologist. I recently moved to McAllen, TX. I have looked into medicaid for in office general anesthesia and IV sedation and was shocked to find the reimbursement to be lower than for oral sedation. In talking with dentists in the area, Medicaid covers the cost of healthy patients going to the hospital for GA for dentistry. I believe this can be safely done in the office but the reimbursement is so low, its impossible to treat medicaid under GA. GA is much more involved that oral sedation.	Aug 30, 2012 12:06 PM
25	medicaid is cutting down prices for procedures.	Aug 30, 2012 9:46 AM
	Quality of dentistry will decrease because public desire of wanting as "cheap as be gotten."	Aug 30, 2012 8:34 AM
27	Too many mistakes on the insurance company side	Aug 28, 2012 7:14 AM
28	Grow of population and not enough providers.	Aug 27, 2012 3:02 PM
	it has always been a good profession but as government gets more into dentistry it concerns me	Aug 27, 2012 1:28 PM
	Because there are still more honorable people practicing than those who worship the almighty dollar.	Aug 24, 2012 3:17 PM
31	lost of people needs the dental services	Aug 23, 2012 7:53 PM
32	TOO MANY DENTISTS, DENTAL CORPORATIONS, DENTAL INSURANCES	Aug 22, 2012 5:57 PM
33	There are always people in need	Aug 21, 2012 5:21 PM
	There has been talk that dentists are trying not to see Medicaid pts any longer. Because of the reduction in fees (bundling) and the consumption of time from the employees and all the paper work.	Aug 20, 2012 8:05 PM
	Greed. Dentists, patients, government, insurance companies, suppliers, labs, pharm, everybody wants more, more, more.	Aug 20, 2012 4:02 PM
36	OIG has begun treating dentists as criminal.	Aug 20, 2012 12:48 PM
	Medicaid is in dire need of reform. I signed up to help children and now am caught in the middle of changes that nobody understands.	Aug 20, 2012 11:53 AM
38	No support from the city, state or Feds.	Aug 20, 2012 11:51 AM
39	Dentist have become money mad and or not thinking about the people.	Aug 10, 2012 5:34 PM
40	Poor legislation by the state in government funded dental programs.	Aug 9, 2012 3:27 PM

	Q2. What should be done to promote and/or safeguard Texas dentists? all that apply)	
1	bill of rights with a strong backing of the fundamental idea of inocent, till proven diffrently	Nov 17, 2012 3:18 PM
2	Require medicaid to have more professional specialist to review claims. People who are not qualified are making wrong decisions regarding patient care.	Nov 17, 2012 10:59 AM
3	Texas dentists are currently under assult by HHSC/OIG. For example, 10 years ago I started practicing dentistry. I am an orthodontist who was in private practice and did not take Medicaid. An HHSC representative came to my office and wanted to recruit me to become a Mecicaid provider. I agreed that the need was there so I became a Medicaid provider. To assist our office the dental director came to our office and trained us to score the "HLD form" necessary for patients to get approved for treatment. To get treatment we would submit, among other things, x-rays, photographs, and the HLD score form for each patient. It was not up to us to approve the case, it was up to the State. In my case I had outside auditers, old state employees, audit my office to assure compliance and that things were being done correctly. In orthodontics patients are treated for two years. Six to eight years later, long after the orthodontic cases were finished the State decided that our cases were not Medically necessary. The wanted all of the funds back in addition to fines, fees, penalties and interest. As a provider all we can do is follow the rules. We did that and now the State is attacking calling all the cases we treated Fraudulent. My case is not unique and providers are dropping out of the system and urging others to drop out as well. The basic need, the children, will ultimatly be the ones hurt by the abusive system. If changes were wanted or needed than they should have been made rather than attempting to put dentists out of business and recoup funds from years ago. Especially since the State approved all of the services.	Nov 12, 2012 4:18 PM
4	I think if we proved that we really care about the community while making a living for ourselves that this would help our image. Too many dentist just get cought up making money.	Sep 5, 2012 12:04 PM
5	by reform of medicaid I simply mean that I think that entitlement programs are inherently a huge drain on society, and they skew the marketplace. I think they should be eliminated.	Sep 3, 2012 8:08 PM
6	There needs to be control on both parts: legislation and bu the Dentist. It will never be equal. I have been doing this a long time. I habe seen personally where business owners far to much are GREEDY and on the flip side the others are strict in regards to abiding by the rules.	Sep 3, 2012 11:47 AM
7	Vote for Mitt Romney	Sep 1, 2012 12:40 PM
8	I believe that there will be a class action law suit against the state of Texas in the future because of how they handled this situation. The worst part is that they will drag dentistry through the mud claiming that the dentist is the one at fault.	Aug 30, 2012 6:21 PM
9	even the playing field	Aug 30, 2012 4:11 PM
10	Give the state board power to prosecute unlicensed providers	Aug 30, 2012 2:00 PM
11	Quit treating dentists like criminals. We are professionals.	Aug 30, 2012 1:55 PM

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12	The Medicaid insurance companies in Texas are doing a much better job of controlling costs and fraud. As time goes along it will get smoother for the providers.	Aug 24, 2012 3:17 PM
13	do not give the power away to any kind of dental insurances, invest on oral health education, people really want to know	Aug 23, 2012 7:53 PM

Page 1,	Q3. What changes does Texas need to make to ensure the success of dentistry?	
1	get the crooks out of dentistry, unfortunately our state board has no balls when it comes to taking dental licenses away. We have to face it there are some crooks out there, they have to be stopped.	Dec 19, 2012 3:09 PM
2	State advocate for children	Dec 12, 2012 10:00 AM
3	ffs just reduce fee's if needed	Nov 17, 2012 3:18 PM
4	HHSC and OIG need to be regulated and a fair system of adjudication needs to be established to help solve the fraud, waste and abuse problem.	Nov 12, 2012 4:18 PM
5	A divine intervention. These kids need this service. I want to know who and what profession has to work on a moving target 8 hours a day and think of creative ways not to harm the patient and calm both parent and child. It is tooooo MUCH!	Sep 3, 2012 11:47 AM
6	The TDA should demand more transparency from medicaid. Hold medicaid responsible for the financial commitments they started and need to finish. Where is the representation? Why are state officials allowing this to happen? The people who suffer the most are the patients first and foremost then the dentist.	Aug 30, 2012 6:21 PM
7	Promote the value of preventive dentistry and the lack of value of dental insurance	Aug 30, 2012 2:00 PM
8	Realistic solutions to Medicaid problem. If they don't want to provide specialist services, then don't cover them. This overzealous effort at recoupment following treatment in an effort to get no cost care to patients and balance the budget on the backs of dentists is horrible.	Aug 30, 2012 1:55 PM
9	the bundling of fees and the non payment of ortho cases that are already started are killing us financially	Aug 27, 2012 1:28 PM
10	Keep delivering good service to pur patients!	Aug 21, 2012 5:21 PM

Page 1,	Q4. Are you a Medicaid provider?	
1	to seerve the underserved and just take care of the kids!	Dec 19, 2012 3:09 PM
2	Because it is about the children and doing what is best for the children. As a Pediatric Dentist, THAT is my job. When MCO's start to tell the dentists what treatment is correct, it is very disheartening to be a Medicaid provider.	Dec 12, 2012 6:09 PM
3	will always work in low income areas no matter what	Nov 17, 2012 3:18 PM
4	Because most of the patients in Brownsville are in great need of oral surgery and are not able to afford it. I am 81 years old, in great health and this is my way of giving back to my community.	Nov 17, 2012 10:59 AM
5	I started my career doing indigent health care, and I enjoyed the work. And frankly, I do make a nice living. But I find Medicaid patients to be low stress.	Nov 16, 2012 11:51 AM
6	I believe in helping our children to live a life free from dental disease. Also, treat them when they are in need.	Nov 14, 2012 8:09 PM
7	To be able to provides services to every group in my community.	Nov 14, 2012 1:14 PM
8	I would love to be a provider for the children but am unwilling to risk my employees and doctors to the abuse of HHSC/OIG	Nov 12, 2012 4:18 PM
9	Because everyone needs access to care. No matter what insurance they have.	Sep 11, 2012 5:18 PM
10	I am a periodontist. All my patients are typically adults. Also so many problems with medicaid, makes me not want to be a part of this situation.	Sep 11, 2012 7:07 AM
11	Not interested.	Sep 4, 2012 1:39 PM
12	There is a tremendous need in my area. I have provided much needed conservative treatment and services to so many kids. I would hate to discontinue seeing these patients- because it makes me nervous of some of these new corporate clinics where more than likely they will end up. It breaks my heart to see so much unnecessary treatment being done to these kids.	Sep 4, 2012 10:29 AM
13	With the bad economy and me having recently graduated, I benefit from having patients who accept treatment. I don't like the concept of entitlement programs, and would vote to end them, but as long as they exist, I might as well take the best opportunities I can find.	Sep 3, 2012 8:08 PM
14	I come from a family of physicians, lawyers, and educators. My dentist and uncle both provided services for the indigent.	Sep 3, 2012 11:47 AM
15	Tryiing to help the underprivileged. I have done this for 30 yrs and am back on what I used to get paid iin the 1980's. Also, because I am STUPID I guessbut my heart is there!	Sep 1, 2012 12:40 PM
16	To help those who cannot afford dentistry	Aug 31, 2012 1:03 PM
17	because i feel everyone deserves treatment and because my passion is treating children and teens.	Aug 31, 2012 12:26 PM
18	When the company decided to release the medicaid patients they terminated my	Aug 30, 2012 6:21 PM

Page 1, Q4. Are you a Medicaid provider?

to release the patients. It has been the source of constant stress and anxiety. The staff, doctors, and management have bent over backwards to do all that is possible for these medicaid patients without going bankrupt. After this experience I don't expect to work with medicaid again because they are ruthless, heartless, and have the worst communication. The most frustrating thing is that no one is holding them accountable. Or there is no one with enough power to hold them accountable. There are a lot of angry frustrated dentists, but I don't see the texas dental association asking the hard questions and demanding answers. 19 needed in this area Aug 30, 2012 4:11 PM 20 I've been a Medicaid provider since I got out of dental school 23 years ago. I Aug 30, 2012 3:00 PM think of it as giving back to the underserved. 21 Aug 30, 2012 2:00 PM fees too low, have to run a lot of patients to be profitable and I believe that leads to over treatment and the patients have procedures that are not truely needed 22 Underserved population in the Valley needs providers. Now we are being Aug 30, 2012 1:55 PM flooded with them. We've been providers for about 20 years. 23 The reimbursement for IV sedation and GA in office would put me at a loss. Aug 30, 2012 12:06 PM 24 Cannot pay overhead with fees paid by Medicaid. Aug 30, 2012 8:34 AM 25 In my area, the majority of patients are medicaid. Aug 28, 2012 9:57 AM 26 I want to help treat some of the the most vulnerable and high risk in the Aug 28, 2012 7:50 AM population but it is becoming more and more difficult to do so and stay afloat. 27 Service to community. Aug 27, 2012 3:02 PM 28 I live in south texas and there are a lot of medicaid patients Aug 27, 2012 1:28 PM 29 When I started practice it was known as Head Start. It was more of a Aug 24, 2012 3:17 PM benevolence program because the fees didn't quite pay the overhead; only about half the appointments were kept(honored) by the patients; there was an average of about 5 other people who showed up with each patient, When the program changed to Medicaid my associate and I did not sign up so we could observe the program first. I eventually guit going to local association meetings because 90% of the time was taken voicing complaints regarding Medicaid. It was a headache for everybody. I think that the program is headed in the right direction now with the insurance companies offering better control, especially MCNA. There are still some kinks to be worked out; but, I know many of the people who are in MCNA. They are quality people who are looking out for the kids first and then cost control. I'm not as familiar with the two other companies; but, I'm sure they have the same goals in mind. 30 UNDER SERVED AREA Aug 22, 2012 5:57 PM 31 I am doing Ok without it. Aug 21, 2012 5:21 PM

enrollment with medicaid. I did not choose to discontinue my enrollment, but the company made a choice that in order to pay it's overhead, staff, and doctors had

Page 1	Q4. Are you a Medicaid provider?	
32	But not for long, because what sated above.	Aug 20, 2012 8:05 PM
33	too much red tape and bureaucracy	Aug 20, 2012 4:02 PM
34	I am wondering why at this point	Aug 20, 2012 1:10 PM
35	Need of patients and income	Aug 20, 2012 12:48 PM
36	To help the children in an under served area	Aug 20, 2012 11:53 AM
37	retired	Aug 10, 2012 5:34 PM
38	I reside in a low income area and medicaid is the majority of the patient pool.	Aug 9, 2012 3:27 PM

Page 2,	Q5. Why is it important to be a Medicaid provider?	
1	To give back. Try to educate the children	Sep 5, 2012 4:50 AM
2	our big source of revenue	Sep 4, 2012 7:01 AM
3	The SERVICES ARE NEEDED. If they were not provided the emergency rooms would be flooded with these cases and the cost would be astronomical.	Sep 3, 2012 11:49 AM
4	allow access to care that most families could not afford	Aug 30, 2012 6:26 PM
5	By no fault of their own, kids on Medicaid are not to blame for recieving Medicaid benefits.	Aug 30, 2012 3:01 PM
6	I enjoy it. For the most part, they're very good patients. And yes, you can do well as a Medicaid provider.	Aug 30, 2012 2:02 PM
7	Survival of practice	Aug 28, 2012 9:58 AM
8	Business- it's ok to have a profitable business	Aug 20, 2012 12:48 PM

Page 2,	Q6. What should be done to improve Medicaid?	
1	And if you want to audit me, FINE. I have NO problem with being audited. Just treat me like a professional and not a damn criminal. Work WITH me, not AGAINST me. I see the insurance companies, MFCU, and OIG as ENEMIES. I know they see me the same way.	Nov 16, 2012 11:57 AM
2	Reform the corruptive innuendos of Medicaid against the dental profession.	Nov 14, 2012 8:26 PM
3	Do not bundle fees. Investigate the clinics that are based on production and do unnecessary treatment on children.	Sep 4, 2012 10:32 AM
4	Demand accountability from medicaid when they make mistakes	Aug 30, 2012 6:26 PM
5	HMO experiment is a FAILURE. While the old TMHP system wasn't great, it worked. The changes the HHS desired could have been accomplished so easily, but when you deal with the government, nothing is easy.	Aug 30, 2012 2:02 PM
6	they are now bundling fees. so if I do two separate fillings on the same tooth they are bundled together. not only does that decrease an already low fee, it also causes a ton of paperwork adjusting off the difference. and either we adjust it off ourself or run the risk of embezzlement if we allow our employees to adjust it. that has already happened to us (embezzlement) because of this	Aug 27, 2012 1:31 PM
7	providers need better rights.	Aug 20, 2012 11:54 AM
8	I think HMOs could be a good regulation if done correctly. For example: I have been trying to contact Dentaquest for almost almost a month with no success? Is this practice ethical if the HMOs don't really care about the provider? I have all the records of me trying to contact the provider.	Aug 9, 2012 3:31 PM

Lawmakers are dumb if they think putting an extra layer management between the state and the dentists will save money and provide quality care. Get nid of the MCO's. 2 on paper it looks like we all comit fraud, but in person I have yet to meet the first fraudulent DDS 3 Reconstruction of medicaid rules and regulations, allowing fairness for services to the medicaid patient and the dentist. 4 I was one of the indicted dentists, so I have very raw nerves regarding this subject. I am still so angry about what they did and what it cost me, not in terms of money (but that too was enormous), but with regards to my family and my outlook on life and my profession is incalculable. 5 I am appalled and very concerned with the recent attacks by Medicaid on our dental profession. These sinister actions, which I would categorize as rape, are unfair, demeaning and one-sided with a potential destructive result. It is evident that our children are being neglected by Medicaid since it's focus is not geared at their best interest, but, the destruction of Medicaid dental providers. Who will be willing to treat our children with threats of incarceration? 6 Forbid purchase of acidic drinks and candy with food stamps!!!!! Nov 14, 2012 7:59 PM 7 It is unfortunate that so many honest providers are being affected by a few greedy non caring providers. 8 I would love to VOLUNTEER ON A NEW BOARD FOR THIS! 9 I have been a Medicaid provider for all my 30yrs. I saw it get better and now get worse. I hear my colleagues not wanting to take Medicaid at all, but being in the most impoverished area of the U.S., most of us care about others and not only ourselves. I have seen it all but this is the Worst and I can only see it as patient care getting worse. Not many and a very small percentage of dentists take Medicaid now. They withhold funds (government) at their discretion. So many unfair 'tactics' to providers! Disgusting!! 10 I have personally been ABUSED by the OlG and MFCU. These are horrible cretins who have become extortionists			
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