

Dental Policy Review Committee
November 3, 2010
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Videoconference between Chicago, IL and Springfield, IL

Members Present: Mary Pat Burgess, Dionne Haney, Julie Janssen, Dr. Mary Hayes, Dr. Indru Punwani, Dr. Sheldon Rosenstein, Dr. Richard Perry, Dr. James Thommes, Dr. Gerald Dismer

Members Absent: Dr. William Goebel, Dr. Ronald Mizer, Dr. James Wahl

Others Attending:

DentaQuest: Sarah Tobias, Nick Barnette, Kelly Pulliam, Krista Smothers
Healthcare and Family Services: Gina Swehla, Debby Saunders, Heidi Johnson, Jim Monk, Shelly DeFrates, Jaci Vaughn, Shannon Stokes
IPHCA: Sharee Clough
UIC – DSCC: Leslie Frederick
IFLOSS: Judy Redick
DCFS: Karen Moredock
Guest: Dr. David Trost, Miles of Smiles

Meeting was called to order by Gina Swehla. Introductions were made.

Old Business

August 4, 2010 Dental Policy Review Committee Minutes:

Minutes from the August 4, 2010 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. Minutes were approved with minor corrections to names and titles. The minutes, as approved, will be posted to the Dental Program Web site at www.hfs.illinois.gov/dental/

New Business

Ethics Training

Shannon Stokes of the Office of the General Council informed committee members that they must complete mandated Ethics Training for Boards and Commissions by December 22, 2010 and fax the signed the agreement certificate to HFS.

HFS Report

ADA Code D2934 (Esthetic coated stainless steel crown) will be added as a reimbursable code, effective July 1, 2010. The reimbursement rate will be \$73.40 and the code will be added in the DORM. DentaQuest will add the code to their system in the next 24 hours.

It was suggested that a notice to the providers regarding the new code be mailed and posted to the DentaQuest Web Portal.

Shelly DeFrates reported on the Dental Clinic Grant Program. On October 15, 2010, the dental grant application was posted on the HFS Web site. The grant money is for local health departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and rural health centers. To qualify applicants must be creating a new dental clinic or expanding an existing dental clinic. Applicants will receive a total of \$100,000 for 2 years (\$70,000 the first year and \$30,000 the second year). The total funding is \$3 million, of which \$180,000 is committed to funding of the second year awards to six previously awarded grantees. \$2,000,000 in funding came from the Capital Development Capital bill. \$1,000,000 in funding is HFS grant money which may be used for supplies, software, renovations, etc. Inquiries from twenty potential grantees have currently been received. Deadline for submission is November 15, 2010.

Gina Swehla reported on the Local Government Claiming process. The State Plan has been amended to allow local entities to claim federal Medicaid match. Local health departments must have a signed interagency agreement before they can be eligible for the federal match. Claiming process is retroactive to October through December 2009.

Heidi Johnson reported on the Fluoride Varnish Initiative, Bright Smiles from Birth, a program that trains medical providers and advanced practice nurses to apply fluoride varnish to children ages 0 to 3 years. Fluoride varnish may be applied up to three times a year for children under 36 months of age. Originally, a pilot program in Cook County, it is moving to statewide expansion.

Gina Swehla reported on Public Act 096-0926 that allows licensed dentists to volunteer their services to not-for-profit health clinics without personally enrolling as a Medicaid provider. The clinics must be enrolled to receive reimbursement. HFS is currently developing the required Administrative Rule for this legislation.

Debby Saunders reported Illinois has been selected to partner with Florida on the CHIPRA project to look at indicators for quality in dental services. She emphasized the need for quality assurance measures in the school and discussed the school program in relation to the "dental home" initiative.

DentaQuest Updates

The Rolling Trend Report was presented.

Sarah Tobias reported on the DentaQuest conversion to the new Windward claims processing system. The new Provider Web Portal is working. Most claims are processing in 1 day. DentaQuest has been testing a portion of the claims to make sure that edits are working correctly in the Windward system.

Illinois State Dental Society

Dionne Haney reported that ISDS meeting next week is on Bridge to Health Smiles education. This is a new component. The focus is on Chicago/Cook County to figure out what clinics are opened, how they are staffed and where did the old equipment for the closed Chicago/Cook County clinics go.

The House of Delegates met the end of September. Covered topics included: availability of four continuing education credit hours to dentists who provide volunteer services and the registration of dental mobile vans through the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Next Mission of Mercy will June 8 and 9, 2012, at Lake County Fairgrounds.

IFLOSS

Judy Redick reported that the next meeting is scheduled in Chicago.

Illinois Department of Public Health—Division of Oral Health

Julie Janssen reported on the Early Childhood Program. FOHC's can now expand oral health in pediatric practices. IDPH held a dental sealant grantee workshop that focused on oral health education and social media. IFLOSS is working to build oral health access and education for special needs/ HIV population.

Lake County Health Department

Preauthorization code D5899 was discussed. Access and ease of use of the DentaQuest IVR system was also discussed.

Illinois Primary Health Care Association

Sharee Clough reported that IPHCA held August workshops. October was the annual conference that hosted 4 dental sessions.

Chicago Department of Public Health

Mary Pat Burgess reported that there are 93,000 children and 532 schools in the pre-K through grade 8. In August and September CPS worked with Chicago Head Start for exams and dental home follow up. The School-based Dental Program was delayed until October 15, 2010, because of immunizations. CPS is working with HFS to establish the scheduling of school-based dental exams using the Google calendar. CPS currently has 13 dental teams.

Dr. Mary Hayes reported that despite a successful three years launching and managing the Office of Head Start's (OHS) Dental Home Initiative in nearly 30 U.S. states, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) will no longer be responsible for overseeing the program as of December 31, 2010. More information about this can be found at:

<http://www.drbcuspids.com/index.asp?qu=office+of+head+start&Sec=sea&Sub=res&searchSec=article>

Dr. Punwani discussed the standard of care issue, including the possibility of mandatory dental exams before a child's first birthday.

School-based Program Dental Issues

The school-based program discussed quality assurance issues, what constitutes an exam in the school setting, how should referral be established by the school-

based provider, how many children should be seen in a day, how do the school-based providers make sure the 2's and 3's get follow up.

Questions were raised regarding monitoring of dental sealants when provided in a mobile dental van rather than a classroom, and the expansion of the types of dental services provided by a school-based provider using a mobile dental van.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.