

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Dental Policy Review Committee
October 22, 2025

Dental Policy Review Committee Members Present

Dr. Jason Grinter, Chair, Delta Dental, Onsite Dental
Dr. David DePorter, Envolve
Dr. Danny Hanna, University of Illinois Chicago
Dr. Ryan Tuscher, PCC Community Wellness Center
Dr. Cyrus Oates, Oates Dental
Ann Tuscher, Chicago Department of Public Health
Dr. Flavia Lamberghini, University of Illinois Chicago/Apple Dental Care
Dr. James Thommes, DentaQuest
Lindsay Wagahoff, Illinois State Dental Society

Dental Policy Review Committee Members Not Present

Dr. Henry Lotsof, Avesis

HFS

Dr. Arvind Goyal, Medical Director
Jose Jimenez, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services, Bureau Chief
Kelly Pulliam, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Seth Ovington, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Mary Richey, Office of the Inspector General
Bradley Ray, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Pamela Cuffle, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Keshonna Lones-Bureau of Managed Care, Bureau Chief

Other Interested Parties

Dr. Dan Kettelman, Interim Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs, SIU-SDM
LaDessa Cobb, DentaQuest
Riley Harper, DentaQuest
Kathryn Klein, DentaQuest
Elizabeth Nicely-Erickson, DentaQuest
Sheri Foran, Illinois Department of Public Health
Wendy Szymarek, Illinois Department of Public Health
Monica Dunn, Illinois Department of Public Health
Jazmeir Miller
Laura Baus

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. Mr. Ovington called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm. Motion by Dr. Thommes second by Ms. Wagahoff

2. ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

With 9 members present, a quorum was established.

3. VOTE ON 2ND TERM FOR CHAIR

- a. HFS nominated Dr. Grinter for another term.
- b. Dr. Thommes motioned to close the nominations Dr. DePorter second.
- c. Mr. Ovington began the roll call vote.
 - i. Dr. Thommes-Yea, Dr. Hanna-Yea, Dr. Oates-Yea, Dr. DePorter-Yea, Dr. Tuscher-Yea, Dr. Lamberghini-Yea, Ms. Tuscher-Yea, Ms. Wagahoff-Yea
 - ii. With 8 Yea's Dr. Grinter was approved. Mr. Ovington asked for a motion to approve. Dr. Thommes motioned and Dr. Tuscher second. Mr. Ovington advised that Dr. Grinter has been elected for an additional term and handed the meeting over to Dr. Grinter to continue the meeting.
- d.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Meeting Minutes from July 23, 2025**
 - i. Dr. Grinter asked if there were any comments, changes, suggestions, or revisions. Hearing none, Dr. Grinter asked for a motion to approve and post the meeting minutes. Ms. Wagahoff motioned with a second from Dr. Tuscher.
- b. **D3240, D3222, D1353**
 - i. Dr. Grinter handed the meeting over to Dr. Lamberghini to present Pulpectomy in primary teeth.
 - ii. Dr. Thommes motioned that codes D3240 and D3222 be considered to add to the program. Dr. DePorter second. All members voted Aye with no nays and no abstention.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Vote on Vice Chair**
 - i. HFS received a recommendation for Vice Chair for Dr. Lamberghini.
 - ii. Dr. Thommes motioned to close nominations and Dr. Hanna second.
 - iii. Dr. Thommes motioned to elect Dr. Lamberghini and Ms. Wagahoff second. Dr. Grinter asked for all those in favor to say aye, asked for nays or abstentions. Dr. Grinter congratulated Dr. Lamberghini
- b. **Nominations for Committee Members**
 - i. Dr. Grinter advised that HFS is asking for nomination for the committee to be submitted by November 28th and during the January meeting HFS will announce new committee members.
- c. **2026 CDT update**
 - i. Dr. Thommes advised of codes being removed.
 - 1. D1352, D1705, D1706, D1707, D1712, D9248
 - ii. Dr. Thommes advised of 31 new codes being added.
 - 1. D0426, D0461, D1720, D5877 D5878, D59XX, D6049, D6081, D6280, D6196, D9128, D9129, D9224, D9225, D9244, D9245, D9246, D9247, D9936 were discussed.
- d. **D2991**
 - i. Dr. Grinter presented a Policy Proposal for inclusion of CDT code D2991.
- e. **Dental Program Updates**
 - i. Not addressed

- f. **IDPH UPDATE**
 - i. No Update.
- g. **ISDS UPDATE**
 - i. ISDS working with HFS on streamline of communication between provider and agencies.
- h. **DENTAL SCHOOL UPDATES**
 - i. University of Illinois Chicago College of Dentistry, Chicago
 - 1. Dr. Hanna stated that they have been teaching influenza vaccine.
 - 2. Annual Flu/Influenza Clinic, primarily run by dental students, just finished.
 - ii. SIU School of Dental Medicine, Alton
 - 1. No update
- 6. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
- 7. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC**
 - a. None Heard
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**
 - a. Dr. Grinter advised of the 2026 meeting dates, January 28th, April 22nd, and October 21st. Motion to adjourn by Ms. Tuscher second by Ms. Wagahoff
Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 2, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.