

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Dental Policy Review Committee
November 17, 2025

Dental Policy Review Committee Members Present

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

Dental Policy Review Committee Members Not Present

Dr. Danny Hanna, University of Illinois Chicago
Ann Tuscher, Chicago Department of Public Health

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Dr. Arvind Goyal, Medical Director
Kelly Pulliam, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Seth Ovington, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Amy Wallace, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Bradley Ray, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Pamela Cuffie, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services

Other Interested Parties

LaDessa Cobb, DentaQuest
Riley Harper, DentaQuest
Kathryn Klein, DentaQuest
Elizabeth Nicely-Erickson, DentaQuest
Jazmeir Miller, DentaQuest
James Benz, DDS
Greg Cox, ISDS
Ken Rawson, DMD
Mary Hayes, DDS

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. Dr. Grinter called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm. Motion by Lindsey Wagahoff second by Dr. Lamberghini.

2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

With 8 members present, a quorum was established.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Meeting Agenda

Dr. Grinter asked for any changes to the agenda, hearing no changes, motioned by Dr. Lotsof and seconded by Dr. DePorter. Agenda was

approved.

- i. Meeting minutes for the October 22nd meeting minutes will be approved on the January schedule.

b. 2026 CDT Codes Updates. Effective January 1, 2026

- i. D9248- non-intravenous conscious sedation will be deleted. This code is currently a covered benefit.
- ii. D9224- in-office administration of minimal sedation – single drug – enteral. This is a new code. This currently is not a covered benefit.
- iii. D9225- administration of general anesthesia with advanced airway – each subsequent 15 minute increment, or any portion thereof. This is a new code. This currently is not a covered benefit.
- iv. D9244- in-office administration of minimal sedation – single drug – enteral. This is a new code. This currently is not a covered benefit.
- v. D9245- administration of moderate sedation – enteral. is a new code. This is a new code. This currently is not a covered benefit.
- vi. D9246- administration of moderate sedation – non-intravenous parenteral – first 15 minute increment, or any portion thereof. This is a new code. This currently is not a covered benefit.
- vii. D9247- administration of moderate sedation – non-intravenous parenteral – first 15 minute increment, or any portion thereof. This is a new code. This current is not a covered benefit.

Motion made by Dr. Thommes for D9224, D9225, D9244, D9245, D9246 and D9247 be added to the Medicaid dental benefit schedule, effective January 1, 2026, with the benefit limitation recommendations on the attached sheet. Seconded by Dr. DePorter. Motion passed unanimously.

4. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- a. Discussion took place surrounding the progress of implementation and reporting back to committee on the utilization of the new codes.
- b. Discussion on the length of time the exiting code will remain open while new codes are being added.

5. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

- a. None Heard

6. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to adjourn by Dr. Thommes second by Dr. Grinter. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.