Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Dental Policy Review Committee
April 15, 2026

<u>Dental Policy Review Committee Members Present</u>
Dr. Jason Grinter, Chair, Delta Dental, Onsite Dental
Dr. Flavia Lamberghini, University of Illinois Chicago/Apple Dental Care
Dr. David DePorter, Envolve
Dr. Danny Hanna, University of Illinois Chicago
Dr. Cyrus Oates, Oates Dental
Dr. James Thommes, DentaQuest
Dr. Henry Lotsof, Avesis
Dr. Ryan Tuscher, PCC Community Wellness Center
Lindsay Wagahoff, Illinois State Dental Society

<u>Dental Policy Review Committee Members Not Present</u>
Ann Tuscher, Chicago Department of Public Health

<u>HFS</u>
Dr. Arvind Goyal, Medical Director
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
Kelly Pulliam, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Jose Jimenez, Bureau Chief-Bureau of Professional and
Ancillary Services
Victoria Peebles, Division of Medical Programs

<u>Other Interested Parties</u>
Dr. Dan Ketteman, Interim Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs, SIU-SDM
LaDessa Cobb, DentaQuest
Kathryn Klein, DentaQuest
Elizabeth Nicely-Erickson, DentaQuest
Sheri Foran, Illinois Department of Public Health
Wendy Szymarek, Illinois Department of Public Health
Lisa Masinter, Illinois Department of Public Health
Melissa Stalets, Illinois Department of Public Health
Dr. Anushree Tiwari, Illinois Department of Public Health
Dr. David Avenetti, University of Illinois Chicago
Laura Baus
Amy Wallace

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
    a. Dr. Grinter called the meeting to order at
2. **ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
    With 9 members present, a quorum was established.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**
   a. **Meeting Minutes from October 23, 2025**
      i. Dr. Hanna noted a spelling error under New Business, Section 5d. Dr. Hanna requested that “CDR code” be correct to “CDT code.”
   b. **Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2025**
      i. Dr. Hanna noted that the meeting was not one of the routine quarterly meetings and requested that the minutes reflect that it was a special meeting.
      ii. Motion to approve the meeting minutes as written. Dr. Thommes motioned to approve followed by a second from Dr. Lotsof. Motion approved.
   c. **Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2026**
      i. Dr. Hanna requested that the minutes under New Business, Section 4.a.ii, be updated to state, “Dr. Hanna suggested a subcommittee be created in July and the committee vote on CDT code updates in October”
      ii. Motion to approve the meeting minutes for October 22, 2025, and January 28, 2026, meeting minutes with updates. Dr. Thommes motioned to approve followed by a second from Dr. Lotsof. Motion Approved
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
   a. **Coverage Recommendation-CDT Codes D7471, D7472, and D7473**
      i. Committee discussed coverage recommendations for CDT codes related to removal of exostosis and tori.
      ii. D7471-Removal of exostosis
      D7472-Removal of torus palatinus
      D7473-Removal of torus mandibularis
      iii. Dr. Thommes proposed the following:
      D7471 reimbursed at 1.5 times the fee for D7240; once per quadrant per lifetime.
      D7472 reimbursed at 1.85 times the fee for D7240; once per lifetime.
      D7473 reimbursed at 1.7 times the fee for D7240; once per lower quadrant per lifetime.
      iv. Dr. Lamberghini noted recurrence can occur in a small percentage of cases. Dr. Thommes stated exceptions could be reviewed through the appeal process.
      v. Dr. Tuscher motioned to make the recommendation. Dr. Lamberghini second the motion. Motion passed unanimously
   b. **Dental Program Updates**
      i. Mr. Ovington stated that there are open positions within the DPRC, and 2027 CDT code changes have been released, and discussion is being planned for next meeting. Reminders of yearly mandatory training will be emailed out.
      ii. Mr. Jimenez introduced Vicotria Peebles, the new Deputy Administrator of Operations for the Division of Medical Programs.
      iii. Mr. Jimenez requested the DPRC to create a subcommittee specifically tasked with reviewing the scoring tool for the school based dental program.

    iv. Dr. Lamberghini motioned to create the subcommittee and Dr. Hanna seconded the motion. All members voted in the affirmative and motion passed. Dr. Hanna nominated Dr. Lamberghini to serve as Chair of the subcommittee. Dr. Thommes second the nomination. All members voted in the affirmative and nomination passed.

c. **IDPH UPDATE**
    i. Ms. Stalets thanked the committee for their work and introduced Lisa Masinter and Anushree Tiwari, the new Oral Health Section Chief, both with IDPH

d. **ISDS UPDATE**
    i. Ms. Wagahoff stated that there is legislation trying to streamline the process for enrollment and revalidation as it is taking upwards of six months to get enrolled.
    ii. Ms. Wagahoff advised that Illinois is rated 50th in the country for dental rates for children. Ms. Wagahoff advised that the Access to Care conference is June 30th and is virtual.

e. **DENTAL SCHOOL UPDATES**
    i. University of Illinois Chicago College of Dentistry, Chicago
        1. Dr. Hanna stated that graduation time is here, and new dentists will be sent out and hopefully many will stay in Illinois.

5. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS
    a. None Heard

6. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC
    a. Dr. Avenetti discussed sealant retention concerns within the school-based dental program and requested future review of reimbursement and quality evaluation processes. Additional future discussion topics included pulpotomies in permanent teeth, zirconia crown reimbursement, telehealth clarification, minimally invasive dentistry, silver diamine fluoride limitations, and centralized benefit limitation guidance.

7. ADJOURNMENT
    a. Dr. Grinter advised of the next meeting on Wednesday, July 29th. Motion to adjourn by Dr. Tuscher, second by Dr. Lamberghini. Meeting adjourned at 2:05p.m.