

Dental Policy Review Committee Members Present

Pam Cuffle, Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS)
James Thommes, Dental Director DentaQuest of Illinois
Henry Lotsof, Avesis
Mary Margaret Looker, Central Counties Health Centers
Mary Pat Burgess, Chicago Department of Public Health
Mona VanKanegan, Illinois Department of Public Health
Gregory Dietz, Children's Center for Dentistry
Kathy J. Shafer, Southern Illinois University
Jorelle R. Alexander, Cook County Health & Hospitals System
Jason Grinter, Onsite Dental
Randall Markarian, Orthodontics
Danny Hanna, University of Illinois (UIC)

Dental Policy Review Committee Members Not Present

Cyrus Oates, Oates Dental

HFS Staff Present

Christina McCutchan (BPAS), Shelly Defrates (BPAS), Mary Richey (OIG)

DentaQuest Staff Present

Kelly Pulliam

Interested Parties

Jana West, Hancock County Dental
Maria Bell, Avesis
Liliana Carrasco, Avesis

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

A quorum was established, and a motion was put to the floor by Dr. James Thommes to call the February 5, 2020 meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.; it was seconded by Dr. Henry Lotsof and passed unanimously.

II. Introductions

Mrs. Christina McCutchan thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Dental Policy Review Committee (DPRC) members, Illinois Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) staff and interested parties were introduced in Chicago and Springfield.

Mrs. Christina McCutchan reminded attendees that the committee is comprised of selected board members that are committed to share their expertise, review policy and procedures, express challenges they are experiencing and make

recommendations to the Department to positively impact the health of our dental members. She reminded attendees that this committee is not a managed care committee and will only deal with fee-for-service issues.

III. Old Business

November 13, 2019, Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Christina McCutchan announced that she had emailed the board members the minutes with a few minor corrections so that all board members had a chance to review. Mrs. Christina McCutchan asked for a motion to accept and post November 13, 2019 meeting minutes. Dr. Henry Lotsof made the motion to accept and post the revised minutes to the floor; it was seconded by Dr. James Thommes and passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

Announcements

Mrs. Christina McCutchan announced the following:

- On February 1, 2020, the DCFS Former Youth in Care children and the Special Needs Kids populations were moved into HealthChoice Illinois.
- The Enrollment for DCFS Current Youth in Care has been moved to April 1, 2020.

She also reminded everyone that providers need to check MEDI for eligibility and verification each time they are scheduled to see a Medicaid participant.

HFS Administrative Announcements

Mrs. Christina McCutchan announced the following:

- Mr. Brad Hart has retired after 8 years of being the Department's Inspector General. Currently, Mr. Patrick Conlon is the Acting Inspector General.
- Mr. Doug Elwell's, our current Medical Programs Administrator, last day will be 02/14/20.
- Mr. Mark Huston has accepted the Bureau Chief of Hospital and Provider Services (otherwise known as IMPACT or Provider Enrollment) position.
- Ms. Edna Canas is now Acting Bureau Chief of Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services (BPAS), which the Dental program resides under.

V. Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) – Division of Oral Health (DOH) Updates

All Kids School Program Update

According to Dr. Mona VanKanegan, Oral Health Chief at IDPH, HFS sent an email to all Enrolled School Providers stating:

- The removal of the 270-day limitation for D0120 exam in a school setting was effective January 1, 2020.
- CDT Code D0120 will now be allowed once per school year. A school year is defined as August 1st – July 31st.
- For providers that have provided services in school setting between July 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019, they must submit the completed school information to DPH.OralHealth@illinois.gov by February 15, 2020.

2018-2019 Healthy Smiles Healthy Growth Data

Dr. Mona VanKanegan informed the committee that IDPH is nearing completion of the analysis collected on the Healthy Smiles Healthy Growth Data on Sealant Measures Survey of Illinois 3rd grade children. The 2018-2019 survey data shows that 53% of 3rd grade children surveyed had at least one dental sealant on a permanent molar and 22% had untreated decay. The full data and report will be made available at the February 28 at the 2020 American Dental Association event.

Fluoride Varnish for Children and Pregnant Women

Dr. Mona VanKanegan informed the committee about a pilot program IDPH has had success with getting pregnant women in primary care to an oral health setting, if needed. This program started with training primary care staff on asking risk-based questions, providing oral health guidance, completing and documenting a mouth screening to make an appropriate referral to an oral health provider. The local health department participating seeks to provide fluoride varnish to pregnant women only during pregnancy. Dr. Mona VanKanegan is wanting the committee input in making fluoride varnish available to pregnant women during pregnancy as a covered benefit. Dr. Mona VanKanegan stated that Georgia, Iowa, Wisconsin and Nebraska currently provide this benefit to pregnant women.

Questions and support for services were raised included pregnancy specific Fluoride Varnish training and number of applications required to receive the full benefit of Fluoride Varnish. The committee decided research the information and discuss at the next meeting.

IDPH Site reviews

According to Dr. Mona VanKanegan, from 9/1/19 to 2/1/2020 Consultant review report and common findings included:

- Visual exam for calculus
- Calculus present
- If calculus present, remove
- Protective long sleeves out coat should cover clothes
- Instruments must be individually packed and sterile
- Adequate inventory of instruments
- Sterilization log of spore tests
- Written protocol for spore tests
- Containers should be marked biohazard
- Maintain written proof of quarterly testing of water quality

VI. Dental Policy Review Committee Board Updates

Ethics Training

Mrs. Christina McCutchan thanked all board members for completing the 2019 Ethics Training.

Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

Mrs. Christina McCutchan stated that there are still board members that have not completed the 2019 Sexual Harassment Prevention Training and asked that those members complete immediately as it is a requirement of each board member.

Future Meeting Dates

Mrs. Christina McCutchan announced that the DPRC future meetings are confirmed for:

- April 15, 2020
- July 15, 2020
- October 14, 2020

These dates will be posted on the website and will take place at the same location in Chicago (401 S. Clinton, 1st floor conference room) and in the new location in Springfield (201 S. Grand Avenue East, 1st floor).

VII. Chicago Public Schools (CPS)

As a follow up to the previous Dental Policy Review Committee meeting, Mrs. Christina McCutchan responded to the 6 areas of concerns proposed by CPS:

1. Parallel Billing – According to Mrs. Christina McCutchan, Exams are now allowed once per school year, instead of once every 271+ days, so this should not continue to be an issue.
2. Sealant Frequency – According to Mrs. Christina McCutchan, HFS will not be changing frequency at this time.
3. Sealant Placement on primary teeth, bicuspid and 3rd molars - According to Mrs. Christina McCutchan, HFS will not be changing allowance at this time.
4. Raise reimbursement rates - According to Mrs. Christina McCutchan, HFS will not be changing rates at this time.
5. MCO Billing Issues – According to Mrs. Christina McCutchan, MCO issues must be brought up to the MCO plan or sent into the MCO Complaint Portal on the HFS website.
6. Case Management – According to Mrs. Christina McCutchan, there will be no additional CDT codes added to the fee schedule at this time.

Mrs. Christina McCutchan went on to say that according to HFS Administration, HFS is working with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) looking at school health.

VIII. Dental Updates

2020 FQHC Rates

Mrs. Christina McCutchan stated that all FQHC 2020 rates were released at the end of November,

CDT 2020 Codes

Mrs. Christina McCutchan announced that a Provider Notice went out on 01/27/20 announcing the updated 2020 CDT codes.

Dental Fee Schedule

Mrs. Christina McCutchan stated that the updated 2020 Dental Fee Schedule was posted to the HFS website on 01/27/20.

CMS 416

As discussed at the previous meeting, Mrs. Christina McCutchan announced that the CMS 416 report has been rerun and submitted to Federal CMS.

Dental Office Reference Manual (DORM)

Ms. Christina McCutchan announced that the revised DORM has been submitted to committee members for review.

Committee member requested that the following changes be made:

- Format Changes
- D4910 added under Adults in Appendix B
- Dental Hygienist and Public Dental Hygienist definitions be updated
- Benefit limitations be updated in Appendix A, B and C

Dr. Jorelle Alexander made the motion to accept requested changes and post the revised DORM to the floor; it was seconded by Dr. Henry Lotsof and passed unanimously.

Agreement to Pay Form

Dr. Mary Margaret Looker posed a question to board members asking how they handle agreement to pay form due to eligibility changes and non-covered services. Practicing board members agreed that they have patients sign the agreement to pay form at every dental visit.

Orthodontia

Mrs. Christina McCutchan reminded providers that they should be using the most current version of the Handicapping Labio-Lingual Deviation (HLD) scoring tool that was released back in January of 2019.

Dr. Randall Markarian started a discussion on the inconsistency of scoring the HLD and requirements for braces. There were several issues that were discussed including Labio-Lingual Spread, Eruption of Teeth, Age of Member receiving braces, whether or not Impacted teeth should be considered Ectopic, etc. Board members agreed that it would be best for Dr. Randall Markarian to put issues in writing, so that members can investigate and circle back to discuss at the next meeting. Mrs. Christina McCutchan asked Dr. Randall Markarian to email her the issues and she will send out to all board members for review.

Ms. Pam Cuffle from ISDS announced that she had information regarding the Donated Orthodontic Service Program.

IX. Illinois State Dental Society Update

ISDS Staff Changes

Ms. Pam Cuffle, Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS) announced that they have a new Executive Director by the name of Eric Larson and a new Associate Director by the name of Leann Bean.

Legislation

Ms. Pam Cuffle announced that the following legislation has been proposed by ISDS:

- **HB4184/SB2493** Medicaid Dental Service Rates Increase. Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that, on and after July 1, 2020, targeted dental services that are provided to adults and children under the Medical Assistance Program shall be established and paid at no less than the rates established under the State of Illinois Dental Benefit Schedule and shall include specified dental procedures.
- **SB2484** Medicaid Adjunctive Dental. Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that the medical assistance program shall cover charges incurred, and anesthetics provided, in conjunction with dental care that is provided to an individual in a hospital or an ambulatory surgical treatment center if the individual is otherwise eligible for medical assistance and any of the following applies: (1) the individual has a medical condition that requires hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental care; or (2) the individual is a person with a disability. Defines "person with a disability" to mean a person, regardless of age, with a chronic disability if the chronic disability meets specified conditions. Provides that the medical assistance program shall cover charges incurred, and anesthetics provided by a dentist with a permit provided under the Illinois Dental Practice Act, in conjunction with dental care that is provided to an individual in a dental office, oral surgeon's office, hospital, or ambulatory surgical treatment center if the individual, regardless of age, is otherwise eligible for medical assistance and has been diagnosed with (i) an autism spectrum disorder as defined in the Autism Spectrum Disorders Reporting Act or (ii) a developmental disability. Defines "developmental disability".
- **SB2520** School Based Dental Program. Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that on and after July 1, 2020, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall administer a school-based dental program that allows for the out-of-office delivery of preventative dental services in a school setting to children under 19 years of age. Requires the Department to establish guidelines for participation by providers and set requirements for follow-up referral care based on each caries risk assessment code required for each student. Provides that every effort shall be made to ensure that children enrolled in the school-based dental program are assigned a primary dentist by allowing local dentists who practice within each school district the opportunity to participate in the school dental program prior to utilizing mobile dental services or dental providers outside the individual school boundaries. Provides that no provider shall be charged a fee by any unit of local government to participate in the school-based dental program administered by the Department.

Ms. Pam Cuffle stated that she would send the information on the legislation out to board members.

X. Open Discussion

Ms. Jana West from Hancock County Local Health Department stated that since HFS' Fee for Service population is now comprised of the most vulnerable individuals and will not be moved into an MCO, would HFS considered covering D1110 twice a year instead of just once per year. CDT Code D1110 is described as Prophylaxis for Adults 21 years and older. All Managed Care Plans, with the exception of IlliniCare, currently cover D1110 twice per year. All board members agreed that increasing coverage of this code would help patients that have limited dexterity and/or limited capabilities to maintain a healthy oral cavity. Mrs. Christina McCutchan stated that she would follow up with Administration to see if it was possible.

- XI. Adjournment:** Dr. Mary Margaret Looker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. Randall Markarian and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2020 at 1 pm.