

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Dental Policy Review Committee
April 23, 2025

Dental Policy Review Committee Members Present

Dr. David DePorter, Envolve
Dr. Danny Hanna, University of Illinois Chicago
Dr. Flavia Lamberghini, University of Illinois Chicago/Apple Dental Care
Dr. Henry Lotsof, Avesis
Dr. Sharon Perlman, Oral Health Consultant/Illinois State Dental Society
Dr. James Thommes, DentaQuest
Dr. Mona VanKanegan, Vice Chair, Illinois Department of Public Health
Ann Tuscher, Chicago Department of Public Health
Dr. Cyrus Oates, Oates Dental

Dental Policy Review Committee Members Not Present

Dr. Jason Grinter, Chair, Delta Dental, Onsite Dental
Dr. Kathy Shafer, Macoupin County Public Health
Dr. Ryan Tuscher, PCC Community Wellness Center
Lindsay Wagahoff, Illinois State Dental Society

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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
Mary Richey, Office of the Inspector General
Bradley Ray, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services

Other Interested Parties

Dr. Dan Kettelman, Interim Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs, SIU-SDM
LaDessa Cobb, DentaQuest

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. In the absence of Dr. Grinter, Dr. VanKanegan, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm. Motion by Dr. Perlman second by Dr. Lotsof.

2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

With 8 members present, a quorum was established.

3. INTRODUCTION OF HFS STAFF

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Meeting Minutes from October 23, 2024**
 - i. Motion by Dr. Hanna second by Dr. Lamberghini. Minutes approved.
- b. **Meeting Minutes from January 15, 2025**
 - i. Motion by Dr. Hanna second by Dr. Lamberghini. Minutes approved.
- c. **Provider Revalidation**
 - i. IMPACT provider revalidations are still underway.
- d. **January 15, 2025 discussion of D3240, D3222, D1353, D1301**
 - i. Discussed benefit limitations for sealant retention in All-Kids School Based Dental Program and in an office setting. Retention requirements differ.
 - ii. A subcommittee of committee members will be created to discuss these codes and bring a recommendation back to the committee meeting in July.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Committee Member Term Date 2025**
 - i. Committee members whose term ends this year need to submit their bios to HFS.
 - ii. Dr. Kathy Shafer informed HFS she will be stepping down from her position.
 - iii. Voting for the Chair and Vice Chair seats will take place during the July committee meeting.
 - iv. Committee members need to take the mandatory training found on One Net.
- b. **Dental Program Updates**
 - i. [HB4901](#) (2024) 33% Increase Anesthesia Codes – was implemented with retro effective date of 01/01/2025.
 - ii. [PA 103-0593 \(2024\)](#) Updated the auto qualifiers on HLD scoring tool form and requires if the dental vendor denies a prior authorization request for orthodontic treatment, the dental vendor shall provide the HLD scoring tool, and the score that led to the decision to deny the claim, to the provider who submitted the request was implemented with retro effective date of 01/01/2025.

c. IDPH Update

- i. Proof of School Dental Exam form was updated
- ii. IDPH would like to create a subgroup of committee members to consider coverage for dental sealants on primary molars ages 3-5 using glass ionomer (GI).

d. ISDS Update

- i. ISDS has submitted three legislative proposals for rate increases.

e. Dental School Updates

- i. University of Illinois Chicago College of Dentistry, Chicago
 - a. Dr. Hanna thanked Kathryn Klein of DentaQuest and Dr. Lamberghini for their presentation to the dental students.
- ii. SIU School of Dental Medicine, Alton
 - 1. No update

6. OPEN DISCUSSION

- a. For benefit package 21 and older, the limitation for D4910 is one per year per patient.

7. ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- a. First step for dental office to become an ambulatory surgical center would be to fill out application found on [IDPH website](#).
- b. There are many authorizations being submitted with D4341 Periodontal scaling and root planning - four or more teeth per quadrant that do not meet medical necessity. Ms. Pulliam advised if there are concerns with FWA or overutilization, DQ send the names of these providers to HFS.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to adjourn by Dr. Thommes second by Dr. Lamberghini. Meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m. Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.