

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Dental Policy Review Committee
July 23, 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. Henry Lotsof, Avesis
Dr. Sharon Perlman, Oral Health Consultant/Illinois State Dental Society
Dr. Ryan Tuscher, PCC Community Wellness Center
Dr. Cyrus Oates, Oates Dental
Ann Tuscher, Chicago Department of Public Health
Lindsay Wagahoff, Illinois State Dental Society

Dental Policy Review Committee Members Not Present

Dr. Mona VanKanagan, Vice Chair, Illinois Department of Public Health
Dr. James Thommes, DentaQuest
Dr. Flavia Lamberghini, University of Illinois Chicago/Apple Dental Care

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

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, DentaQuest
Laura Baus

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. Dr. Grinter called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm. Motion by Dr. Tuscher second by Dr. Hanna.

2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

With 9 members present, a quorum was established.

3. INTRODUCTION OF HFS STAFF

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Meeting Minutes from April 23, 2025

- i. Brief discussion on the exclusion of D1206 & D1208 and added the codes to open discussion portion of the meeting.
- ii. Motion by Dr. Perlman second by Dr. Tuscher. Minutes approved with approved changes.

b. D3240, D3222, D1353, D1301

- i. Dr. Perlman voiced concern over the lack of quality and concern for abuse of code D1353. Dr. Perlman and Dr. Hanna are against adding the code.
- ii. Dr. Perlman motioned to recommend the adoption of code D1301 Immunization counseling. Motion failed.
 1. (3) Yea: Dr. Hanna, Dr. Tuscher, Dr. Perlman
 2. (4) Nay: Dr. Oates, Mrs. Tuscher, Dr. DePorter, Dr. Grinter
 3. (1) Abstain: Mrs. Wagahoff

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Dental Program Updates

- i. Mr. Ovington advised the committee of new application process for the committee and voting on the Chair and Vice-chair will be postponed.

b. IDPH UPDATE

- i. No Update.

c. ISDS UPDATE

- i. ISDS working with HFS on streamline of communication between provider and agencies.

d. DENTAL SCHOOL UPDATES

- i. University of Illinois Chicago College of Dentistry, Chicago
 1. No update.
- 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. Motion to adjourn by Dr. Tuscher second by Mrs. Tuscher. Meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m. Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.