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Good evening

Related to the proposed updates, can you elaborate on which craniofacial anomalies will become autoqualifiers?

Thanks



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Subject: Proposed Changes for Orthodontia Treatment

To Whom It May Concern:

The Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS), representing over 6,000 Illinois dentists, hereby submits formal comments to the Department's proposed changes in updating the automatic qualifiers for medically necessary orthodontia treatment.

ISDS appreciates the ability to comment and provide input on the proposal. ISDS would like to take this opportunity to comment and request a change in one of the qualifiers.

ISDS would like to thank the Department for moving forward with the proposed changes following the enactment of Public Act 103-0593. ISDS has advocated for changes to the qualifiers for orthodontia treatment for over two years. The current system is difficult for providers and patients to navigate and determine when orthodontia treatment will be covered by the Medicaid program.

While ISDS is supportive of the automatic qualifiers listed in the public notice, there is one change that needs to be addressed. The automatic qualifiers list "posterior crossbite with gingival recession involving 3 or more teeth." This automatic qualifier needs to be changed to "anterior crossbite with gingival recession involving 3 or more teeth." Through our discussions with the Department, we had requested that the crossbite be anterior and not posterior.

Following the previous request is made, ISDS will be fully supportive of the proposed changes for automatic qualifiers to cover orthodontia treatment.

ISDS thanks you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal, and we look forward to continuing to work with the Department to implement the automatic qualifiers. If any additional information is necessary, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at lwagahoff@isds.org or via telephone at 217-525-1406.

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