

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Dental Policy Review Committee
October 18, 2023

Dental Policy Review Committee Member Present

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

Dental Policy Review Committee Members Not Present

Dr. Ryan Tuscher, PCC Community Wellness Center

HFS

Jose Jimenez, Bureau Chief-Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Kelly Pulliam, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Bradley Ray, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Mary Richey, Office of the Inspector General

Other Interested Parties

Lindsay Wagahoff, Illinois State Dental Society

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Jason Grinter called the meeting to order at 1:01pm. Dr. Mona VanKanegan made a motion to start the meeting. Dr. Henry Lotsof second the motion.

Dr. Grinter stated that there is a Quorum.

Dr. Grinter reminded everyone that the meeting is being recorded; adding that it's an open meeting so everyone is welcome to attend but asked that only board members speak until the Open Discussion at the end.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes From Previous Meeting

Dr. Grinter asked if anyone had changes or recommendations to the July 26, 2023, meeting minutes. Dr. Kathy Shafer stated that she was present at the meeting and

asked that to be changed. Dr. Grinter asked for a motion to change Dr. Shafer from not present to present and to post the minutes. Dr. David DePorter made a motion to approve and post the minutes. Ann Tuscher second the motion.

D1301 Update

Dr. Grinter began discussing old business from July regarding the D1301. He mentioned that a recommendation was made to add the D1301; however, it is not effective until 2024. At this time, the recommendation has been sent to HFS. No further updates.

D4346 Update

Dr. Grinter also mentioned that the committee previously discussed code D4346. The committee recommended to add to the school and office setting and to have the benefit limitation bounce up against a prophylaxis. At this time, the recommendation has been sent to HFS. No further updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Updates

Dr. Grinter began discussing new business. The first topic was regarding Dr. Goyal's Robert Rules training. Dr. Grinter thanked Dr. Goyal for taking time to train the committee. Dr. Grinter mentioned that Dr. Goyal recommended reviewing the current Bylaws. Dr. Goyal recommended that the committee update the way in which a quorum is reached and made multiple other recommendations. Dr. Grinter asked if any committee members would be interested in creating a group to discuss Bylaw improvements. Dr. Jim Thommes, Dr. Mona VanKanegan and Dr. Henry Lotsof volunteered. Dr. Grinter then stated that the group would meet and then he would present the recommendations at the January 2024 meeting. If an agreement is made, voting can be done in April.

Dental Program Updates

All Kids School Dental Program, D1999

Kelly Pulliam from HFS stated that the School Program kicked off in August. In 2022, Public Health Dental Hygienists were allowed to begin performing services in the school setting; however, the PHDH's are still billing under the dentist's name. The D1999 is now required on PHDH claims.

Anesthesia Cap

Ms. Pulliam also mentioned that the anesthesia cap has been removed and informed the committee that anesthesia is still based on medical necessity. HFS informed DentaQuest and the MCOs of this change. The DORM will be updated. Ms. Pulliam thanked the committee and for their recommendations. Dr. David DePorter interjected and asked for clarity regarding the start date of this change. Ms. Pulliam responded that November 1st, 2023 is the correct date.

Orthodontic Scoring Tool

Ms. Pulliam then made an update regarding the orthodontic scoring tool. Although the change was not brought forth thru legislation, HFS is working directly with the Illinois State Dental Society to update the HLD scoring tool. The recommendations are currently in process.

2024 Dates

Ms. Pulliam asked Dr. Grinter to provide the tentative dates for 2024. Dr. Grinter then stated that Wednesday January 24th, Wednesday April 24th, Wednesday July 24th, and Wednesday October 23rd have been tentatively set for 2024. Dr. Grinter also mentioned that the times for the meetings would remain from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Dr. Grinter asked the board if there are any objections to any of those dates. There were no objections from the board and Dr. Grinter asked Ms. Pulliam to schedule the dates. Ms. Pulliam stated that she will create the meeting invites for the upcoming year in the next couple weeks and send to the committee members.

Illinois Department of Public Health Update

Dr. VanKanegan stated that she had an update regarding the Healthy Smile Healthy Growth survey. Dr. VanKanegan asked for permission to share a Power Point presentation. Dr. Grinter gave Dr. VanKanegan permission. Dr. VanKanegan shared slides regarding the Healthy Smile Healthy Growth survey. She also stated that the survey is currently for third graders in 120 different schools and another calibration session is set for October 27th, 2023, at 11:00am. The session will be a Webex. Dr. VanKanegan stated that if anyone was interested in participating as a surveyor or screener for the project to please reach out to her and she will send an invite to the meeting. Dr. Grinter then asked about the program reimbursement for providers that become a surveyor. Dr. VanKanegan answer that there is a reimbursement of \$400. Dr. VanKanegan had no further updates.

Illinois State Dental Society Update

Dr. Bill Simon spoke on behalf of the Illinois State Dental Society and stated that he'd provide more information at open discussion. He thanked Ms. Pulliam and HFS for their work on the anesthesia cap and the orthodontic scoring tool.

Dental School Updates

University of Illinois Chicago Update

Dr. Hanna stated that the University just celebrated their 110th Anniversary last week. He stated that although it doesn't affect the dental program, he wanted to make everyone aware of this milestone. Dr. Hanna also mentioned that the Inclusive Care Clinic is still being built and will hopefully be opening sometime in January. Dr. Hanna

stated that he'll have more information to share at the next Dental Policy Review Committee Meeting in January. Dr. Hanna had no further updates.

Southern Illinois University Update

Dr. Shafer stated that she has a couple of items to discuss. Dr. Shafer thanked the committee for working on the anesthesia cap. She explained that it helps the University a lot. Dr. Shafer also mentioned that SIU just had their Good Smile Day and explained that it was the biggest gift day as they treated almost 100 patients. Dr. Shafer noted that SIU is having a Veteran's Care Day coming up on November 9th, 2023.

Dr. Shafer also informed the board that she will be retiring December 31st, 2023, from SIU. However, she stated that she would like to stay on the board because she will still be working for Macoupin County Health Department.

Dr. Grinter agreed to her staying on the Committee and stated that she made her mark at SIU and congratulated her on her retirement. Dr. Grinter then continued to speak to Dr. Shafer and asked if she could inform the committee of her replacement for SIU updates. Dr. Shafer announced that Dr. Dan Ketteyman would be representing SIU on upcoming meetings. Dr. Shafer had no further updates.

Dr. VanKanegan interjected and stated that she had a question for the two dental schools. She asked if each of them could briefly tell the committee what they are doing to inform their students and residents on how to become an enrolled Medicaid provider. Dr. Shafer explained that SIU goes over that information in their Practice Management courses. She noted that the students become very familiar with Medicaid because approximately 60% of SIU's patients are on Medicaid. Dr. VanKanegan then asked Dr. Shafer if the students understand the IMPACT system and the steps to enroll or if the education is primarily general. Dr. Shafer responded that the curriculum is a general overview of Medicaid; however, if somebody wants to come in and talk with the students, they would greatly appreciate it.

Dr. Hanna then noted that UIC does is the same as SIU; noting that students are given a general overview in their curriculum. Dr. VanKanegan then stated that it would be a great opportunity to reach new graduates to give them a better understanding.

Dr. Grinter agreed with Dr. VanKanegan. Dr. Hanna explained that UIC would also greatly appreciate guest speaker; however, it's often difficult to find room in the curriculum for non-technical components.

Dr. Grinter recognized that other committee members had their hands raised, so he called on Dr. Lamborghini. Dr. Lamborghini expressed the importance of having more providers in Medicaid. She stated that The Pediatric Dental Group had a meeting with Senator Durbin a couple of weeks ago and the Senator stated that he was very adamant about increasing access to care through Medicaid. Dr. Lamborghini stated that becoming a public provider is a huge barrier for the dental industry and it takes about 6 months to become a Medicaid provider; including a 90 day delay in the process with IMPACT. She noted that for a newly graduate dentist, it's not very inviting. She mentioned that she asked the Senator if he could help us expedite the process. Dr.

Lamberghini then continued by stating that the fees are low and this causes a problem for new dentists.

Dr. Grinter then gave the floor to Dr. Perlman. Dr. Perlman stated that Dr. Patrick Smith has a course for 4th year students, and this would be a great opportunity to deliver the message about Medicaid during that time. She stated that she would forward the contact information to Dr. Grinter.

Dr. Grinter then opened the floor to Dr. Simon. Dr. Simon explained that he believes that it is completely unrealistic to expect that dental students would sign up for Medicaid, even if we were to make them aware of the program. Dr. Simon feels that Medicaid has reached a level of complexity with IMPACT and credentialing to the point that expecting a dental student to even understand it at a very low level isn't practical. Dr. Simon continues to state that these young dentists are strapped with huge amounts of debt, and they cannot be put in a position where they're being paid at very low fee schedule.

Dr. Grinter then gave the floor to Mr. Jose Jimenez. Mr. Jimenez stated he wanted to address a couple of the points. He begins by stating that the IMPACT enrollment system is a requirement by the Federal Government. He understands that the process could be streamlined, but HFS is mandated to have IMPACT in place, not just for the dental program but for every single Medicaid provider.

Mr. Jimenez continues to state that Managed Care was a decision of the State of Illinois and was expanded to all 102 counties. He explains that the process used to be more complex because originally there were approximately 20 MCOs, and now we're down to 5. Mr. Jimenez also stated that it's the direction that the State of Illinois is going, even with a new program which serves the undocumented population of the state of Illinois. Mr. Jimenez said that he understands that handling multiple MCO's is a challenge, but they're not going to go away so we need to figure out a way to continue to improve the process.

Mr. Jimenez also addressed the licensing issues. He stated that during the pandemic, licenses were extended; however, with the end of the Public Health Emergency, the State of Illinois has almost 3 years of extensions that have to be renewed. They must be entered in the system, so the provider enrollment team is essentially doing a significant amount of work to get everybody enrolled; including but not limited to pharmacies, nursing homes, hospitals, dental providers, physicians, etc.; everybody that has a licensing agreement with the State of Illinois.

Mr. Jimenez's final comments were regarding the fee schedule. Mr. Jimenez stated that for 20 years, there were no dental increases and it's difficult to catch up; however, HFS has made several improvements; including the removal of the anesthesia cap and two back-to-back years' worth of fee increases. He stated that he understands that the fees are not at the level that most want, but we are moving in the right direction. Mr. Jimenez also wanted to add that the State of Illinois cannot be compared to other smaller states because the State of Illinois currently serves about 4 million Medicaid recipients and other state have a much smaller population. Mr. Jimenez had no further comments.

Dr. Grinter thanked Mr. Jimenez for his viewpoint and moved the meeting to Open Discussion.

Open Discussion

Dr. Grinter opened it up for open discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Grinter asked if there were any other questions. After a brief silence, Dr. Grinter asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Lotsof made the motion to adjourn followed by Dr. Hanna who second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:31pm.