

Dental Policy Review Committee

August 4, 2010

1 - 3 p.m.

Videoconference between Chicago, Illinois, and Springfield, Illinois

Members Present: Mary Pat Burgess, Dionne Haney, Julie Janssen, Dr. Mary Hayes, Dr. Indru Punwani, Dr. Gerald Dismer

Members Absent: Dr. William Goebel, Dr. Ronald Mizer, Dr. Richard Perry, Dr. Sheldon Rosenstein, Dr. James Thommes, Dr. James Wahl, Dr. Henry Lotsof

Others Attending:

DentaQuest: Sarah Tobias, Nick Barnette, Mary Murack, Kelly Pulliam

Healthcare and Family Services: Gina Swehla, Debby Saunders, Heidi Johnson, Jamie Tripp, Jim Monk

Shriver Center on Poverty Law: Andrea Kovach

UIC – DSCC: Leslie Frederick

IFLOSS: Judy Redick

DCFS: Karen Moredock

Meeting was called to order by Gina Swehla. Introductions were made. Gina Swehla introduced two new members of the committee who represent pediatric dentistry and academia, Dr. Mary Hayes and Dr. Indru Punwani.

Old Business

April 14, 2010 Dental Policy Review Committee Minutes: After the Dental Policy Review Committee reviewed the minutes from the April 14, 2010 meeting, Dr. Dismer made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mary Pat Burgess seconded the motion. Minutes from the April 14, 2010 meeting were approved with minor corrections to names and titles. The minutes, as approved, will be posted to the Dental Program website at www.hfs.illinois.gov/dental/ Dental Policy Review Committee Minutes from November 14, 2009 will also be posted on the Dental Program website.

New Business

Revision to Policy Review Committee By-Laws

The Committee reviewed two changes which were made to the by-laws, one to reflect the inclusion of hygienists in the Committee, the other to clarify frequency of meetings. . Dionne Haney made a motion to approve these changes. Dr. Gerald Dismer seconded the motion. The revisions were approved.

HFS Report

Gina Swehla reported on new legislation:

Public Act 096-0926 allows licensed dentists to volunteer their services for not-for-profit health clinics without personally enrolling as a Medicaid provider. The not-for-profit health clinics would enroll and would be reimbursed for the services. Dionne Haney explained that this legislation will allow dentists who do not want to be listed as Medicaid providers still provide services to the Medicaid population. Dr. Mary Hayes noted that Quality Assurance measures would need to be adopted, since services do not necessarily have to be tied to an individual dentist anymore. Dr. Mary Hayes agreed to share with the Committee what other states do to address this issue.

Public Act 96-0806 allows enrolled providers to defer a portion of their compensation, up to \$16,000 a year, to be invested tax-deferred in an investment plan that is similar to a 401k plan.

Public Act 096-1222 allows dentists licensed in other states to obtain temporary (10-day) permits to practice in Illinois. The purpose of the legislation is to allow out-of-state dentists to practice at one-day events like Mission of Mercy and Give Kids A Smile.

PA 096-0940 changes the MediPlan card from a monthly, temporary card to a durable (permanent or semi-permanent) card.

The Dental Grant Committee is reviewing the grant application. Grant money is available for local health departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and rural health centers. The Department hopes to fund grantees this fall. The Dental Grant Committee made revisions to the application, and HFS will send out the revised grant application to the Policy Review Committee. Two million dollars in funds from the Capital Development Grant are available over the course of two years. Once an interagency agreement is signed, more funds will be available for capital development. One million dollars in HFS grant money is available in this Fiscal Year for other developments, such as supplies, software, and renovations.

Heidi Johnson reported on the All Kids School-Based Dental Program. The School-Based Work Group has met twice and has identified areas which need improvement in the school-based program and goals for the school-based program. HFS continues to collect scores from this past school year. For the month of June and part of July, there were about 33,000 scores reported, 11,000 of which were from before April. Of those from April 1, 2010 on, approximately 5 percent were 3's, 29 percent were 2's, 66 percent were 1's. (3 indicates urgent treatment is needed, 2 indicates restorative care is needed, 1 indicates preventive care only is needed.) Debby Saunders emphasized the need for Quality Assurance measures in the school and discussed the school program in relation to the Dental Home initiative. One of the most important goals in improving the school program is to assure that students receiving preventive care in the schools also receive the follow-up treatment that they need when they need it.

External Reports

Head Start Initiative in Chicago

Dr. Indru Punwani reported on the Head Start Dental Home Initiative in Chicago and stated that he was willing to assist in creating Dental Homes for children. Charlie Czerpak is working with Melissa Vargas on this. There are 147 pediatric dentists in the state, and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) is working to promote the Dental Home Initiative with general dentists. General dentists can become associate members of the AAPD.

Bright Smiles from Birth

Dr. Indru Punwani, who is involved in the Bright Smiles From Birth fluoride varnish program, also reported that pediatricians who had been reluctant to perform oral health services, are now applying fluoride varnish on the 0-3 ages and providing anticipatory guidance to parents. A mentoring/shadowing program that places a dentist with a physician is helping towards this end.

DentaQuest Outreach

Sarah Tobias reviewed the EPSDT outreach process, which involves mailings to children ages 5-14 who have not received any dental services in 12 months. After 3 months, another mailing is sent to those who received the initial mailing but have not seen a dentist. After another 3 months, those children who received the mailings and had no access to dental care in two years are identified, and a phone call is made to them. Krista Smothers will present a final report on EPSDT outreach at the next meeting.

HFS Report (cont'd)

Debby Saunders discussed the CMS-416 report. In Federal Fiscal Year 2009, 50.96% of children ages 3-18 eligible for any dental services received at least one dental service. Next year, the CMS-416 report will also require statistics on dental sealants and oral health services provided by non-dentists. This covers fluoride varnish application provided in physicians' and pediatricians' offices. Debby Saunders asked the Policy Review Committee for suggestions on reporting. In response to this request, Dr. Mary Hayes suggested HFS target more is high school-aged children. This would need to be done through legislation, as currently dental exams are required only for kindergarteners, first graders, and sixth graders. HFS is currently mapping out by county the numbers of children eligible and the numbers of enrolled dentists to get a better idea about access to dental services for children, in order to create Dental Homes. Debby Saunders also reported that HFS is reviewing, with the assistance of Dr. Indru Punwani and Dr. Mary Hayes, those codes currently covered in order to determine if there are more codes or new codes that should be covered. Mobile dental care was also discussed, and Dr. Mary Hayes agreed to provide information at the next meeting on what other states do to assure that beneficiaries receiving preventive services in mobile vans are also seen for follow-up treatment if they need it.

DentaQuest Updates

Sarah Tobias reported that the effective date for the Office Reference Manual was July 1, 2010, and is available on-line. Benefit limitation changes include core build-up (D2950) requirements; it is not now required for beneficiaries to have had a root canal prior to the core build-up treatment. Also, changes were made to benefit limitations on space maintainers and orthodontia.

There is a new medical necessity scoring tool for orthodontia which will lead to fewer appeals and less waiting time for beneficiaries.

Sarah Tobias reported on the DentaQuest conversion to the new Windward system. For providers, this will mean access to a new Provider Web Portal. Four additional webinars on the new Windward system will be held August 19, 2010 at 11:00 and 4:00 and August 23, 2010 at 11:00 and 4:00.

IFLOSS

Judy Redick reported that the meeting scheduled for August 5, 2010 was cancelled and that the next meeting would be held in November. She also reported that the Illinois Rural Health Association agreed to include a question about oral health among its questions for the gubernatorial candidates.

UIC-Division of Specialized Care for Children

Leslie Frederick reported that in 2009, of 3,036 respondents to a survey, 66 percent reported that they needed a filling or a check-up and of those, only 10.3 percent reported that they did not get that filling or check-up. 23.6 percent reported that they needed orthodontics, and 4.3 percent reported that they did not get it. Leslie Frederick also reported on survey responses to questions about travel times for dental services. She will share the full report with the group. The conclusion was that not much has changed since the survey was conducted in 2005, but services may be less accessible in a few areas.

Illinois State Dental Society

Dionne Haney reported that SB 3302, which is in committee, would increase funding for specialty services and give incentives to dentists providing more services to more patients. Dionne Haney reported that 1,953 patients received \$975,000 in services at this year's Mission of Mercy event. There were over 950 volunteers. The inaugural Mission of Mercy event in Illinois was the largest inaugural Mission of Mercy event to-date. The three-year Dental Directions Program for dentists in long-term care facilities to train staff on oral health care in the geriatric population is expiring. The ISDS is waiting to hear if the grant will be renewed.

Illinois Department of Public Health—Division of Oral Health

Julie Janssen reported that 50 grantees representing two-thirds of the state had been awarded oral health grants for Fiscal Year 2011. One half or more use subcontractors and three quarters use case management systems. They are switching from fluoride gel to fluoride varnish. Half of the grantees are serving pre-k children, and the focus is turning to early child oral health. Workforce and senior health surveys are being returned. The third grade survey is going to be published, and it includes dental sealants, caries experience, as well as BMI reporting.

Department of Children and Family Services

Karen Moredock reported the numbers receiving yearly dental exams is going up but that it is still difficult to get specialty services.

Lake County Health Department

Dr. Gerald Dismer reported that the Kids First Fair was being held today and that typically 800 children are screened. They receive different types of screenings.

Chicago Public Schools

Mary Pat Burgess reported that the School-Based Dental Program had a late start this year, but that 453 schools (pre-k through grade 8) and 70,668 children were served, with more yet to be counted. 32 percent were 2's and 1 percent were 3's. The program will soon switch to electronic records transfer.

Shriver Center on Poverty Law

Andrea Kovach reported that the Shriver Center website has a brief on the Auditor General's report on the All Kids Program. This brief can be found at <http://www.povertylaw.org/advocacy>
Andrea Kovach also reported that the Shriver Center has had inquiries about whether Illinois going to apply for any of the grants resulting from the National Healthcare Reform legislation. Debby Saunders responded that there were four categories covered by the CHIPRA grant, which Illinois was awarded in partnership with Florida: new measures, HIT/HIC, medical homes, and improving health outcomes, including oral health outcomes.

Meeting with U.S. Representative

Dr. Hayes reported that she will be meeting with U.S. Representative Mike Quigley and would discuss with him ways to support the Dental Home concept and ways that federal legislators/agencies could better communicate with and support the dental programs at the state level.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.