

**HFS Dental Program Policy Review Committee**

**May 22, 2013**

**1:00-3:00 pm**

**Chicago and Springfield, IL (via video-conference)**

**Members Present:**

Mary Pat Burgess, Dionne Haney, Dr. Ronald Mizer, Dr. Jorelle Alexander, Dr. Mary Hayes, Dr. Jim Wahl, Dr. James Thommes

**Members Absent:**

Dr. David Clark, Dr. Henry Lotsof, Dr. David Miller, Dr. Richard Perry, Dr. Indru Punwani, Dr. Debra Schwenk

**Others Attending:**

DentaQuest: Nick Barnette, Timika Nunley, Krista Smothers, Jennifer Straub, Sarah Tobias  
Healthcare and Family Services (HFS): Shelly Defrates, Gina Swehla, Jaci Vaughn, Jamie Tripp  
Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS): Karen Moredock  
Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH): Julie Janssen  
IFLOSS: Judy O'Shea  
Illinois Primary Health Care Association – Jameca Routen

Meeting was called to order by Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) Dental Program Manager, Gina Swehla. Introductions of all participants were made.

*Old Business:*

The meeting summary from October 3, 2012 was unanimously approved and will be posted on the HFS Dental Program website at [www.hfs.illinois/dental/](http://www.hfs.illinois/dental/)

*New Business:*

Extending the age limit for placing sealants - Mary Pat Burgess representing Chicago school-based dental services reported that many of the high school students in Chicago Public Schools are over age 18. Current Illinois programs allow dental treatment through age 18 or extended coverage through age 20 if the client is pregnant, disabled or a parent. Mary Pat recommended that the age for sealant application be raised to through age 20 for eligible recipients. Currently, eligibility for sealants ends at age 18 (terminated on the last day of the month of client's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday). Several committee members agreed with the idea of sealants for older students but were concerned due to the limited state funds now available for state programs. DentaQuest will investigate how this is handled in their other state markets. Also, the issue will be presented to the Dental Peer Review Committee for their recommendation and then discussed with HFS Medical Administration.

HFS Report: Gina Swehla reported on organizational changes within HFS. Due to recent internal re-organization efforts, the former Bureau of Maternal and Child Health Promotion, where the Dental

Program was housed, no longer exists. Most of the former bureau's employees have been transferred to the recently created Bureau of Quality Management. The Dental Program staff has been transferred to the Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services. The bureau chief, supervising the Dental Program, is Lisa Arndt. The state dental program director position, previously held by Marilyn Green, has been eliminated.

The Save Medicaid Access and Resources Together (SMART) Act has had some policy modifications since its implementation on July 1, 2012. Originally, emergency dental extractions were allowed for payment if the exam and extraction occurred on the same day. That policy was revised to allow 7 days between exam and extraction and then re-revised to allow 14 days between original exam and extraction(s). An addition to the SMART Act limitations is currently being considered by the Illinois General Assembly. That revision, SB 26, would add to the dental services to be paid by Medicaid by defining "emergencies" as "dental services necessary for an individual in order for the individual to be cleared for a medical procedure, such as transplant; extractions and dentures necessary for a diabetic to receive proper nutrition; extractions and dentures necessary as a result of cancer treatment; and dental services necessary for the health of a pregnant woman prior to delivery of her baby."

Nick Barnette, DentaQuest Provider Relations Representative, reported the decline in the number of adults being seen by dentists due to the restrictions of the SMART Act has also affected the number of children receiving dental services since some parents will not take their child to the dentist because the parent no longer receives services.

The current contract for the HFS Dental Program administrator will expire December 31, 2013. The request for proposals (RFP) for the program's dental administrator has been issued and responses to the RFP are due June 7.

Billing codes D1203 and D1204 are no longer accepted by the HFS billing system. Code D1208 replaces both and should now be used.

The Dental Office Reference Manual (DORM) will be revised and is expected to be re-released in September.

DentaQuest Report: Illinois Executive Director, Sarah (Tobias) Jensen, introduced the new provider representative in the Chicago area, Timika Nunley, who is specifically assigned to Southern Cook County and the southern collar counties.

Provider webinars were recently conducted with approximately 80-100 participants in each webinar.

DentaQuest has updated and revised their processes to review claims for EPSDT issues.

The DentaQuest-sponsored Peer Review Committee has begun a member rotation process that will allow members to serve a maximum 3-year term. Two new members of the Peer Review Committee have been named. Dr. Debra Scwenk replaces Dr. Jeannine Fell and Dr. Leslie Heffez replaces Dr. Phillip Jensen. Membership in the Peer Review Committee is based on dental specialty and geographic area. The committee strives to represent the varied dental disciplines and wide geographic diversity of Illinois.

Provider surveys have been completed and initial analysis has been done. DentaQuest is awaiting HFS approval to release the survey results. Member/client surveys were recently completed and will be released following HFS approval.

IFLOSS: The statewide IFLOSS convention will be held October 28-29, 2013 in Lisle, IL. Agenda for the meeting is being finalized and will be available on the IFLOSS website at [www.IFLOSS.org](http://www.IFLOSS.org).

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH): Julie Jensen reports two dental clinics have closed, Dewitt-Piatt Clinic in Clinton and Eagleview Clinic in Macomb. Bureau County may also close their dental clinic. Julie also reported that the Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics received a planning grant from the DentaQuest Foundation to look at issues of Oral Health Literacy. There is a new Head Start and oral health liaison in Illinois-Gina Schroyer.

UIC: Dr. Mary Hayes reports the Chicago Dental Society Foundation is sponsoring a new dental clinic in DuPage County. The dental clinic can be reached by phone at 630-260-8530 and serves dental patients in DuPage, Cook, and Kane Counties.

Cook County: Dr. Jorelle Alexander changed roles. She is now the Assistant Director with Cook County. She oversees oral health services for Cook County which includes oral surgery, correctional facilities, The Core Center and four regional dental clinics.

Illinois Primary Health Care Association: Jameca Routen reported that the IPHCA is holding a training on September 6-7 and their annual conference October 2-4.

The next meeting of the Policy Review Committee is scheduled for September 25, 2013. Note: September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting postponed to October 23, 2013.