

Dental Policy Review Committee Meeting Summary

October 3, 2012

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Videoconference between Chicago, IL and Springfield, IL

Members Present: Mary Pat Burgess, Dionne Haney, Dr. David Miller, Dr. Ronald Mizer, Dr. Richard Perry, Dr. Indru Punwani, Dr. Debra Schwenk, Dr. James Thommes

Others Attending:

DentaQuest: Nick Barnette, Krista Smothers, Sarah Tobias

Healthcare and Family Services (HFS): Marie Bonner, Marilyn Green, Gina Swehla, Jaci Vaughn, Kimberly Wagenaar

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

University of Illinois Chicago – Division of Specialized Services for Children (UIC – DSCC): Shelly Roat, Dr. Neil Warshawsky

Meeting was called to order by Gina Swehla. Introductions were made, including the introduction by Marilyn Green of the new HFS Bureau of Maternal and Child Health Promotion bureau chief, Kimberly Wagenaar, MSN. Ms Wagenaar brings thirteen years of experience to the position, including work with the Lake County Health Department. Ms. Wagenaar will currently be working two days a week in Springfield and three days in Chicago.

Shannon Stokes, HFS' Ethics Officer from the Office of the General Counsel, announced that all committee members must complete state-mandated ethics training. The training and an Acknowledgement of Participation form must be completed and submitted to HFS by December 14, 2012. Any questions about ethics training should be directed to Shannon Stokes through e-mail at shannon.stokes@illinois.gov or by phone at 312-793-7935.

Old Business

Meeting summary from July 18, 2012 was approved with one minor correction. The approved meeting summary will be posted on the Dental Program website at: www.hfs.illinois.gov/dental/

New Business

HFS Report

Adult Benefit Changes: Gina Swehla reported the recently enacted Save Medicaid Access and Resources Together (SMART) Act, effective July 1, 2012, has resulted in feedback from both beneficiaries and providers. Beneficiaries who had begun multi-step dental procedures when the Act became effective are now completing their treatment. Both beneficiary and provider related frequently asked questions (FAQs) are posted on the HFS website and on the DentaQuest provider portal. The FAQs are updated and clarified as issues with implementing the new limited adult benefits are raised.

The latest edition of the Dental Office Resource Manual (DORM) is nearly finalized and, when completed, will be released on the HFS website and DentaQuest provider portal. Enrolled providers will also be mailed a CD containing the revised DORM. The DORM will emphasize the

availability of all necessary dental services for beneficiaries age 20 and younger. These services are covered under the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment program, the child's health component of Medicaid. Dental services needed, but not listed as standard covered services, will require prior authorization. Detailed training on these revisions, the SMART Act, and standard Dental Program procedures as outlined in the DORM will be available within the next few weeks.

The claims filing limitations have been revised. Claims must now be filed within 180 days of the date of services.

HFS staff acknowledged the motion from the last meeting regarding allowing state dental schools an exception from the SMART Act. Data is needed before exceptions can be considered.

Dr. Warshawsky, an orthodontist discussed changes in orthodontic treatment and technology and asked for the orthodontic policy to be reviewed. HFS Dental staff will set up a meeting with Dr. Warshawsky and DentaQuest staff to discuss.

Legislative Report – SB 2941, which amends the Illinois Dental Practice Act by limiting to four (4) the number of dental assistants that may be supervised by a single dentist, became Public Act 97-0886 on August 2, 2012 and was effective immediately.

Alternate Payee update: This issue, originally SB3441, was transferred to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) for administrative rulemaking. The proposed rule, which amends the Illinois Public Aid Code by lifting limitations on group practice, partnerships, and corporations being designated as a practitioner's alternate payee, was considered at the 9/11/12 JCAR meeting and received a "Certificate of No Objection". The rule can now be adopted with the filing of the Notice of Adoption with the Secretary of State (SOS). Prior to filing the Notice of Adoption, the final version of the rule has to be circulated and signed off on by the HFS Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and Office of the General Counsel (OGC), followed by the Gov's office, and SOS. The OGC estimates that the rule will be filed with SOS by the end of October. Note: this legislation does not affect disregarded entities.

The IL Legislature will return to Springfield for the veto session November 27-29 and December 4-6.

DentaQuest Report

Sarah Tobias distributed the Trending Provider Report which showed a slight decrease in dental providers.

The DORM will be posted on the DentaQuest website by October 5.

The annual Provider Survey is in progress with 149 responses currently reviewed. Responses are still being received. Survey results will be shared at the next Dental Policy Review Committee meeting, scheduled for January 30, 2013.

The annual Beneficiary Survey is currently being drafted. This survey will be conducted by phone beginning in November.

The DentaQuest Newsletter is completed and will soon be mailed to all enrolled providers and posted on the DentaQuest website.

Seven-Day Limit on Extraction Process

It was reported that many providers have questions regarding the 7-day limitation between an initial examination/ X-ray and the necessary extraction of a tooth. Dr. Thommes explained that the seven days are allowed for the use of antibiotics to improve the outcome of the extraction. Approximately 95-98% of extraction cases can be successfully completed using this criterion.

Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

Karen Moredock was thanked for her contributions to the Dental Policy Review Committee. A new representative of DCFS will attend the January 2013 meeting.

Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS)

ISDS will be sponsoring the Mission of Mercy even in Peoria at the Civic Center on June 20-21, 2014.

IFLOSS

IFLOSS will sponsor an oral health conference in Springfield, IL, October 10-11, 2012. The pre-conference workshop on October 9th is on infection control in mobile settings. The Illinois Department of Public Health is a co-sponsor. Keynote speaker for this year's conference is Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health. The IL Oral Health Plan III will be presented at the conference. Details of the conference, including registration information, are available at www.ifloss.org.

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

Dr. Miller announced that the Oral Health Plan III will be rolled-out at the Oral Health Conference on October 10. IDPH and HFS have formalized the on-site evaluation of the school-based dental program. There is now a checklist that the consultants will complete and leave with providers the day of the evaluation. IDPH will be participating in the annual School Nurse Days. There will be a national assessment of state's dental sealant programs.

Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)

The Chicago Public Schools teacher strike has affected the oral health program. Adjustments are being made due to calendar changes and longer school day. 663 schools, Pre-K through High School, are participating in the oral health program. There are 17 programs (entities) operating in the Chicago schools this year. Eleven of them received their schools this week.

Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA)

Jameca Routen is the new dental hygienist with the IPHCA. She recently relocated from Tennessee to Illinois.

Dental Program Contract

The current contract for the HFS Dental Program administrator will expire in February 2013. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be released soon and will follow standard state bidding protocol

to determine the successful bidder for the next Dental Program administrator contract, which will be in place for 5 years.

Dental Policy Review Committee Membership

The term of several members of the Dental Policy Review Committee will expire in December 2012. HFS dental staff will review the by-laws and appoint members to the Committee who will represent geographic and practice diversity.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

The following meeting dates are currently scheduled for 2013:

- January 30
- May 22
- September 25