

**DENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAC) MEETING  
January 22, 2009**

**ATTENDEES:**

**Members Present:**

Lisa Bush, DMD  
Dana Browning, DDS  
Craig Hollander, DDS  
David Johnson, DDS  
Rolfe McCoy, DMD  
Travis Shearer, DDS  
Alan Stoll, DDS  
Dennis Thousand, DDS  
Robert Waxler, DMD  
Vicki Wilbers  
Sonja Wooten, RDH

**Members Absent:**

Zavon Kanion, DDS

**Consultants Absent:**

Dr. William Ramlow, DDS

**MO HealthNet Division Staff Present:**

George Oestreich  
Jayne Zemmer  
Lois Sandbothe  
Jennifer Bax  
Dawn Cain  
Cindy Lenger  
Julie Trimble  
Pam Wheeler

**Guest:**

Donnell Cox, Doral Dental

**Welcome/Introduction:**

Jayne Zemmer called the meeting to order, as Lisa Bush was delayed. Introductions were made including new board member Sonja Wooten, Dental Hygienist from Jefferson County.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Dr. Stoll made a motion to approve the November 6, 2008 meeting minutes; Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Old Business:**

***Review Procedure Codes D5913-D7999:*** The review of dental codes as part of the CyberAccess<sup>SM</sup> update began at the August 13, 2008 meeting. The Committee continued the review with codes D5913 through D7999, evaluating each code and restrictions as if covered for children and adults. Dr. Stoll, Oral Surgeon, was present to help with these codes as they pertain to oral surgery.

**General Anesthesia Procedure Codes (D9220 & D9221):** During the last meeting a concern was raised regarding General Anesthesia. Members expressed concern if both a dental provider and a medical provider could bill for General Anesthesia for the same participant on the same date of services. A report on these codes was run and there were no cases in which double billing took place.

Dr. Stoll brought up a concern with General Anesthesia and I-V Sedation codes (D9220 vs. D9241). The reimbursement should be comparable or equal value for the two codes and he would like MHD to be advised.

**Review Occlusal Guard (D9940), records for review:** The last meeting the committee asked that information be provided on Occlusal Guard, how often used and why. Ms. Sandbothe has provided information and copies of records where the guards were prescribed, which was a total of 161 claims by 28 providers. After discussion, the committee recommended that this code is easily abuse and therefore should not be covered by Medicaid.

**D9310 Dental Consultation:** Discussion from the last meeting resulted in a report of code D9310 being run by Ms. Sandbothe from October 2007 to September 2008, in which 143 claims from 31 providers were billed. This code is used mostly in clinic where physicians and dentist were located in the same facility.

**Orthodontia Policy Bulletin:** Dr. McCaslin has reviewed and revised the Orthodontic Policy Bulletin, which will be posted on the website and will be effective February 16, 2009. Dr. McCoy made a motion that the committee accepts the bulletin as orthodontic policy; Dr. Waxler seconded the motion, the committee agreed. Dr. McCoy also complimented Dr. Waxler for his presentation and work on this policy.

**Report on D9440 Billing with D0170/D0140:** On the discussion of code D9440, office visit after regular scheduled hours, with D0170/D0140, examination code, Ms. Sandbothe ran a report from October 2007 to September 2008 to see how often the two codes were billed together. During this time period the codes were billed together only twice.

**Periodontics:** Dr. Thousand had a question on prosthodontics; Ms. Sandbothe apologized for the misunderstanding.

The question was on dentures being started and then the patient does not return and the amount of lab cost that the dentist had to handle since the payment for dentures is at the conclusion of the process. Ms. Zemmer had information that Tisha McGowan and George Oestreich have discussed this situation and at this time, procedurally the Division just doesn't have the tools to track this. A suggestion was made, as in the state of Michigan that the different processes for dentures are broken down into phases or different codes and then tracking as well as payment could take place throughout the process. Dr. Oestreich stated that CyberAccess should assist in the tracking of these processes.

**D5225/D5226 Mandibular/Maxillary Partial Flexible Denture Bulletin:** The committee discussed the D5225 and D5226 bulletin, it was agreed the words "Flexible Base" be added to the title and to the body of the bulletin to

specify exactly which partial denture is not covered by MO HealthNet. A motion was made by Dr. McCoy to approve the bulletin with corrections, seconded by Dr. Thousand and passed by the committee.

Vick Wilbers asked for clarification of MO HealthNet coverage for participants who reside in long term care facilities. Residents of long term care facilities have not seen a reduction in dental coverage. Dr. Bush wanted to stress that if a long term care patient comes into the dental office they are still covered; the dentist does not have to go to the long term care facility for dental services to be covered by MO HealthNet. Ms. Wilbers also asked about dental coverage for the blind. Mr. Oestreich stated blind persons are covered with state funds only.

Dr. Stoll asked what the letter for a Medically Compromised patient needed to contain. The letter needs to state what medical condition will be adversely affected if the dental care is not provided.

**D9941, Athletic Guard:** Upon review it was determined no surrounding states covers athletic guards.

**MCO/RFP:** If you wish to review the MCO/RFP, it can be viewed on the following website:  
<https://www.moolb.mo.gov/BidList/bidbytype.asp?bidnum+0&rtype+agcyo>, under bid number B3Z09135. The due date for contract is believed to be March 3, 2009. The contract should be awarded by July 1, 2009.

**PRIMO loan contact:** Carolyn Link was here last meeting discussing PRIMO Loans; Cheryl Thomas is the contact person and the website is:  
<http://www.dhss.mo.gov/PRIMO/>.

**Provisional Bridge/Pontic:** Dr. Dennis Thousand brought in example of a Monodont Bridge (a resin and stainless steel product and explained the benefits of use over the Provisional Bridge/Pontic, (D6253). After discussion it was agreed that the Monodont Bridge would be covered under D6205, with the restriction of by report. It was also suggested that a bulletin be processed to educate providers of this information.

**Alveoloplasty:** As policy current states, alveoloplasty is only covered in preparation for dentures. Committee discussion shows that there are times with either single or full extractions when alveoloplasty is needed and should be covered even though dentures will not be the end result. Dr. Thousand made a motion that alveoloplasty be covered for medically compromised patients in conjunction with code D7310. Dr. McCoy seconded the motion; the committee voted for the coverage. The recommendation will be prepared and sent to administration.

**New Business and Future Topics of Discussion:**

Dr. Dennis Thousand will be the new DAC chairperson beginning with the May meeting. Dr. Lisa Bush's term has expired.

Dr. McCoy asked about educators coming to the dental offices to educate the dental patients. This is a wellness program that Missouri Care has the contract for the administrative services, the sub contract with Community

Health Plan (CHP); and is education and out reach for patients to keep their appointment, to do self care, as well as to find a health care home.

Dr. Hollander wanted to bring up Access to Care and how the number of providers has increased. Oral Health Initiative is a new program wanting to have a dental home for every Head Start Program Student. Nick Rogers is the overseer of this program and Mike McConnoff is the Missouri representative. Instead of waiting until it's Missouri's turn to start, perhaps the committee could assist in getting a head start on the program. This program would need to have providers that see children 1-3 years of age. Reimbursement increases would possibly help, but pediatric dentist are few. Dr Browning stated that if it would be possible to reinstate the adult dental care coverage, then there would probably be an increase in number of providers. Dr. Bush summarized the coverage and that this is truly a legislative issue.

Dr. Bush also wished to bring an issue that is very concerning especially for the city hospitals. Is there a way to track Medicaid dental issues and how much is being paid in the emergency room? Because of the coding for hospitals, the information that has been looked up in the past is not conclusive.

### **Adjournment**

Dr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn; Dr. Stoll seconded the motion.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2009, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in conference room B, 205 Jefferson Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Jefferson City, Missouri.