

DENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAC) MEETING
November 14, 2019

DAC Members Present via Conference Call:

Nick Pfannenstiel, DDS, Jordan Valley, Springfield, MO (Chairman)
Angela Fuller, RDH, Central Ozarks Dental Clinic, Richland, MO
Alan Stoll, DDS, Oral Surgeon, Hannibal, MO
Nicole White, DDS, Magical Smiles, Jefferson City, MO
Vicki Wilbers, Missouri Dental Association
Ron Wilkerson, DMD, St. James Dental Center
Linda Wells, DDS, UMKC School of Dentistry

Consultant Present via Conference Call:

Robert Waxler, DMD, Manchester, MO

MO HealthNet Division Staff Present:

Julie Phillips
Karen Pendleton
Kelly Connell
Kim Morgan

MO HealthNet Division Staff Present via Conference Call:

John Dane, DDS, State Dental Director

Guests Present

Dr. DePorter, National Dental Director, Envolve Health Plan

Guests Present via Conference Call:

Kaitlyn O'Neal, United HealthCare
Meagan Weasler, United HealthCare
Mark Couch, Liberty Dental

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Pfannenstiel welcomed all to the meeting.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Wilkerson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2019 meeting. The motion received a second from Nicole White and was approved by all members.

OLD BUSINESS

Envolve Sedation Evaluation Tool

Dr. Dane advised he has discussed this tool with Dr. DePorter regarding provider concerns involving the use of this tool. Dr. Stoll inquired as to who is required to use this tool. Dr. DePorter stated it is for use in operating rooms in hospitals for authorization of payment. Dr. Wilkerson expressed his concerns as use of this tool may require participants to travel long

distances and may have to wait longer to get the care they need. Vicki Wilbers stated that the MDA has received feedback from providers in the St. Louis area that are upset with this new tool. Dr. Dane stated he will have another meeting with Dr. DePorter to discuss these concerns and how to move forward with this tool.

Provider Credentialing Update

Dr. Dane reported that he has received fewer complaints regarding the time it takes for providers to become credentialed. He also advised the DAC that he spoke with MMAC and was informed it is currently taking approximately 5 weeks for MMAC to complete credentialing.

Prior Authorization Update (Health Plans)

Liberty advised they have implemented pre-payment review for CDT codes D4341 and D4342. United HealthCare reported they have not had any changes regarding prior authorizations or pre-payment review.

Use of Chemotherapy for Periodontal Disease

Dr. Dane provided a report from the AAP for the committee to review regarding the use of sustained or controlled release antimicrobials as adjunctive therapy in the treatment of periodontitis. The report stated that existing data appeared insufficient to conclude that adjunctive sustained or controlled release LDA treatment can either reduce the need for surgery or improve long-term tooth retention, or is cost-effective. Dr. Dane made the recommendation that D4381 not be allowed with scaling and root planing. Dr. White entered a motion to approve with a second from Dr. Stoll; all approved. Dr. Dane advised that MHD will work on the policy change.

NEW BUSINESS

Dentures

Dr. Dane advised that MHD completed an internal review of the current denture policy for adults that are not blind, pregnant or in a nursing home. He reported that MHD consulted with legal staff and a determination was made that since dentures were not included as part of the adult dental benefit package that the legislature approved in 2016, MHD does not have legal authority to cover dentures for adults that are not blind, pregnant or in a nursing home.

Behavior Guidance Codes

Dr. Dane presented CDT code D9920 to the committee for discussion as to whether or not MHD should consider covering this service. Dr. Dane advised that he has spoken with some providers that felt there was a need for this service. He also advised that in order to consider covering this service, MHD will need to complete a fiscal impact analysis before it could be considered. Dr. White made a motion to move forward with the fiscal impact analysis and the motion received a second from Dr. Stoll; all approved.

2020 CDT Code Changes

Dr. Dane advised a copy of the CDT codes for 2020 was provided to the committee for their review prior to the meeting. He stated that with the exception of code D0419 (assessment of salivary flow by measurement) he felt all of the codes were acceptable to implement. He added

that code D9997 (dental case management – patients with special health care needs), will be beneficial for providers who assist patients with special accommodations and/or transportation needs. The reimbursement for D9997 will not be a high dollar amount but Dr. Dane feels this will be advantageous to implement for both the providers and the participants. Dr. White agreed.

Prior to adjournment, the schedule for 2020 meetings was discussed and there were no concerns.

Meeting adjourned.