

DENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAC) MEETING
September 13, 2018

DAC Members Present via Conference Call:

Nick Pfannenstiel, DDS, Jordan Valley, Springfield, MO
Alan Stoll, DDS, Oral Surgeon, Hannibal, MO
Matthew Tinnel, DDS, Truman Medical Center
Linda Wells, DDS, UMKC School of Dentistry
Nicole White, DDS, Northwest Health Services, Chief
Vicki Wilbers, Missouri Dental Association (MDA)
Ron Wilkerson, DMD, St. James Dental Center

DAC Members Absent:

Dennis Thousand, DDS, Springfield, MO

Consultants Present via Conference Call:

Robert Waxler, DMD, Manchester, MO

MO HealthNet Division (MHD) Staff Present:

John Dane, DDS
De'Nel Holliday
Julie Phillips
Brenda Shipman

Guests Present via Conference Call:

Mary Beth, Envolve
Rachel Irby, United Healthcare
Shantel Smith, MDA
Aaron Washburn, Dentaquest

MMAC Staff Present via Conference Call:

Ashley Logan

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Dane took roll call and welcomed all to the meeting in the place of Dr. Purk. Dr. Purk has resigned from the committee.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2018 meeting. The motion received a second and was approved by all members.

OLD BUSINESS

2018 Sedation Codes (Managed Care Plans)

Dr. Stoll reported he is continuing to encounter problems with managed care plans paying claims for the sedation codes that became effective 1/1/2018. He is going to send De'Nel Holliday examples of the issues that he is having so this can be researched further.

Behavior Guidance (CDT code D9920)

Dr. Dane reported that he reached out through MSDA and found that there are a few states covering this service. He stated that Wyoming and New York are covering this service for specific age ranges and/or disabled clients. Wyoming is reimbursing \$29 and New York is reimbursing \$30. Dr. Dane asked the DAC to consider covering this service. Dr. White states that 25-30% of patients that she sees could benefit from this and that \$30 is a fair reimbursement amount. Dr. Pfannenstiel agreed with Dr. White that certain populations would benefit from this service but expressed concern regarding how this service would be justified in order to get paid by the health plans. Dr. Dane stated he will research this further with the other states that utilize this service and find out how they handle this. He stated a draft policy would be created and circulated through the DAC in order to get some feedback. The fiscal impact of implementing this service needs to be determined as well.

CPT Codes Update

Dr. Dane stated that De'Nel ran a report and found that the evaluation/management (E/M) codes have been paying correctly on the same day of surgery in an outpatient setting. De'Nel added that she needs to do a little more research to ensure that these codes are paying in ambulatory surgical center (ASC) settings and that the codes are paying correctly. Once this is confirmed, a policy will need to be drafted stating that an oral surgeon call bill for these codes on the same day of surgery.

Dental Photographs (D0350)

Dr. Dane reported that teledentistry is now legal in the state of Missouri and as part of the teledentistry exam; intra oral photographs will be performed. Dr. Dane advised the committee that MHD only pays for this code once per date of service, *not* for each individual photograph. He asked the committee to help make providers aware of this and if it becomes a problem MHD will issue a hot tip.

Mobile Dental Services Update

Dr. Dane reported he has not received any complaints since the last meeting. He asked the committee to let him know if providers run in to any problems in the future.

Pre-Authorization of Patients in Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs)/Hospitals

Discussion was held regarding if providers have been having problems getting services pre-authorized when performed in an ASC setting. Dr. Pfannenstiel reported that he does not have problems with the pre-authorization process, but runs in to issues when claims are submitted and the managed care companies require additional justification for sedation codes (length of time, units needed, etc.). Dr. Tinnel reported that his facility is not encountering any specific issues with pre-authorization in ASCs, only that the managed care companies are requesting more information in regard to the medical necessity, but they have been able to provide that.

Silver Diamine Fluoride (nursing home patients)

Dr. Dane reported that Missouri is one of 16 states providing this service (covered for children ages one through five). Research shows a 38% reduction of caries in nursing home patients when this service is used. Dr. Dane proposed that MHD consider expanding this service to include nursing home patients. Dr. White stated this service would be beneficial in this population. Dr. Dane stated he will move forward in looking in to this.

D0120 (Periodic Oral Examination)

Dr. Dane reported there is nothing new to report to the committee on this issue; however he did state that he would like the Missouri Dental Association (MDA) to make a proposal to the legislature to include this service in the limited adult dental package.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Dane reported that he is working with MHD's administration regarding a group of CPT codes that are generally used by oral surgeons in the operating room that are not currently payable based on their provider type (physician vs. dentist). MHD is going to work towards getting this changed but it will take some time to put in place. The codes Dr. Dane is referring to are those for tracheostomy and rhinoplasty procedures when they are incidental to other dental surgical procedures.

Selection of a New Chairperson

Due to time constraints on the phone line, this topic was not discussed, except that Dr. Dane stated that if anyone has a nomination or wants to be considered for the chairperson position to email him and let him know.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and all approved.