

DENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAC) MEETING
September 21, 2017

DAC Members Present via Conference Call:

John Purk, DDS, Chairman, UMKC School of Dentistry
Alan Stoll, DDS, Oral Surgeon, Hannibal, MO
Dennis Thousand, DDS, Springfield, MO
Matthew Tinnel, DDS, Truman Medical Center
Nicole White, DDS, Northwest Health Services, Chief
Ron Wilkerson, DMD, St. James Dental Center

DAC Members Absent:

Vicki Wilbers, Missouri Dental Association (MDA)

Consultants Absent:

Robert Waxler, DMD, Manchester, MO

MO HealthNet Division (MHD) Staff Present:

John Dane, DDS
De'Nel Holliday
Nanci Nikodym
Julie Phillips
Sandy Talken

Guests Present via Conference Call:

Aaron Washburn, Dentaquest

Guests Present in Conference Room:

Amanda Burrows, Investigator, State of Missouri Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
Katie Goecker, Provider Advocate, United Healthcare

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Dane took roll call and welcomed all to the meeting.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2017 meeting. The motion received a second and was approved by all members.

OLD BUSINESS

Mobile Dental Services Update

Dr. Dane reported that there have been no additional complaints received since the last DAC meeting. The previous complaints that were received are currently still under review by the dental board. Dr. Dane also reported that there is a new mobile dental group providing services in Missouri called "Smile, It's Healthy". The company is based out of Oklahoma.

Silver Diamine Fluoride Update

Dr. Dane reported that the Silver Diamine Fluoride policy will go into effect October 1, 2017. There will be a bulletin going out to MO HealthNet providers advising of this new policy.

CPT Codes 99201 and 99203 Update

Currently, MO HealthNet does not reimburse for CPT codes 99201 and 99203 when billed on the same day as surgery. Dr. Stoll requested in a previous DAC meeting that this policy be reviewed. Dr. Dane reported that he met with Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance (MMAC) staff and it was determined that hospital-based dentists and oral surgeons will be allowed to be reimbursed for CPT code 99203 on the same day of surgery performed under general anesthesia in an ambulatory surgical center or hospital operating room if CDT code D0150 has not already been billed by the provider in the previous two (2) months. CDT code 99203 must meet Medicare standards for payment.

The DAC approves this change so the policy revision will move through the policy process and a bulletin will be sent out advising when the change will be effective.

Fluoride Varnish Project

Dr. Dane reported there has not been a lot of movement since the last DAC meeting with this project due to the WIC clinics budget process. Dr. Dane stated he was able to present the proposed project to the managed care companies during a Dental Task Force meeting and the managed care companies showed interest in supporting this project. Dr. Dane will provide more detail at the next meeting if available.

Managed Care Changes Update

Dr. White and Dr. Wilkerson both expressed concern about problems they are encountering with Dentaquest denying nitrous oxide use for children with documented anxiety and/or other mental disorders. They reported that Dentaquest's policy requires providers to attempt to treat patients with an operative procedure, or other procedure, not using nitrous oxide first and when the patient is not compliant with that procedure, bring the patient back for an appointment using the nitrous oxide. The concern with this is using two (2) appointments unnecessarily and creating additional anxiety for the patient. Dr. Wilkerson expressed concern that this may also cause more patients to have procedures done in the hospital under general anesthesia which costs more money.

Aaron Washburn, with Dentaquest, requested that providers should submit specific cases for review when they receive decisions on nitrous oxide use that is different than the criteria described in the ORM. This would allow their staff to review and determine where/if there is a breakdown either with how their staff read the narrative that was submitted or how the narrative was provided. He stated Dentaquest will do what is necessary to improve the communication process to make sure cases are handled in the most efficient way for the patient.

De'Nel stated that issues can also be submitted to Melody Webb, of MHD, and her unit will review the issues and determine appropriate action.

Dr. Thousand made a motion that data on use of nitrous oxide from the managed care companies be submitted for review. Specifically, data including the percentage of total claims submitted

and the percentage of those claims that were approved. This information is to be sent to De'Nel and she will forward to Melody. The motion received a second and all members approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 CDT Codes

Dr. Dane reported that there are some new CDT codes coming out for 2018. One of the codes are for A1C testing, Dr. Dane's recommendation is that MO HealthNet does not cover this code. The DAC agreed. In addition there are some teledentistry codes being added and Dr. Dane proposed that MO HealthNet moves forward with adding these codes to the fee schedule after researching what the cost will be. The DAC agreed.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

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