

DENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAC) MEETING
November 9, 2017

DAC Members Present via Conference Call:

Alan Stoll, DDS, Oral Surgeon, Hannibal, MO
Dennis Thousand, DDS, Springfield, MO
Ron Wilkerson, DMD, St. James Dental Center

DAC Members Absent:

John Purk, DDS, Chairman, UMKC School of Dentistry
Matthew Tinnel, DDS, Truman Medical Center
Nicole White, DDS, Northwest Health Services, Chief
Vicki Wilbers, Missouri Dental Association (MDA)

Consultants Present via Conference Call:

Robert Waxler, DMD, Manchester, MO

MO HealthNet Division (MHD) Staff Present:

John Dane, DDS
De'Nel Holliday
Julie Phillips
Melody Webb

Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance (MMAC) Staff Present:

Ashley Logan

Guests Present via Conference Call:

David Thielemier, Dentaquest
Aaron Washburn, Dentaquest
Shantel Smith, MDA

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Dane took roll call and welcomed all to the meeting as Dr. Purk was not available at the beginning of the meeting.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2017 meeting. The motion received a second and was approved by all members.

OLD BUSINESS

Mobile Dental Services Update

Dr. Dane reported that the state school nurse conducted a survey of school nurses regarding dental services provided to school children by mobile dental providers. The feedback/complaints that were received were primarily in regard to services provided by franchised mobile dental providers. There are some mobile dental providers associated with FQHCs that do not pose a

concern. Plans to conduct a more in-depth survey are being made and will be reported to the committee once complete.

CPT Codes 99201 and 99203 Update

MO HealthNet staff is working on completing the financial impact of a policy change regarding the use of these codes, but it has not been completed. MO HealthNet will provide an update at the next DAC meeting.

Fluoride Varnish Project

MO HealthNet is currently working on coordinating the fee-for-service side with the WIC clinics for this project. The managed care health plans have advised they will participate for the next two years. The purpose of this project is to help increase dental access to kids in the MO HealthNet population that are obtaining services through WIC clinics. It is unknown how many participants this will affect, but it may be significant.

Managed Care Changes Update

Dr. Dane and Melody Webb stated there is nothing new to report.

Nitrous Oxide Update

De'Nel Holliday reported to the committee that she reviewed a report on encounter claims for nitrous oxide to see if denials by the managed care health plans have increased. She presented the results to the committee. After a brief discussion, it was determined that MO HealthNet staff would need to perform further review to determine whether or not there is an actual increase in denials or if denials are more prominent now because the managed care health plans population has increased.

Peer Review Committee Update

Dr. Dane stated there is nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Behavior Guidance

Dr. Dane suggested that the committee review implementing the use of CDT code D9920 due to the developmentally disabled population. Dr. Dane stated that several of the FQHCs have asked about this because a large percentage of their population includes the developmentally disabled.

Dr. Wilkerson stated that if this code were to be implemented, MO HealthNet would need to monitor closely for misuse. MO HealthNet would need to set up significant guidelines for potential fraud. Claims for this service would require clinical review and would not automatically pay in the system.

Aaron Washburn, with Dentaquest, stated he will inquire to see if they cover this dental code in other states where they provide dental services and will report his findings back to the committee.

There was further discussion involving whether or not any of the private dental insurance companies (Delta Dental, etc.) reimburse for this code. Dr. Dane stated that was unknown at this time but could do research on it and provide that information to the committee.

Case Management

Dr. Dane inquired with the committee as to whether or not they would utilize case management code D9992 in their practices to deal with compliance issues they face with MO HealthNet patients (no-show appointments, etc.). The committee did not have any interest in implementing the use of this code at this time.

Gross Debridement

Dr. Dane reported that he was asked to review the practice of performing gross debridement and prophylaxis procedures at the same appointment. MO HealthNet does not have a written policy addressing this practice and requested the committee's opinion on this issue.

After some discussion, Dr. Wilkerson moved to craft a policy to limit these services from being provided on the same date of service. Dr. Stoll provided a second for the motion. All members approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

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