

DENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAC) MEETING
February 11, 2016

DAC Members Present via Conference Call:

Rolfe McCoy, DMD, DAC Chair
Alan Stoll, DDS
Dana Browning, DDS
Dennis Thousand, DDS

DAC Members Absent:

John Purk, DDS
Nicole Medley, DDS
Sujatha Sivaraman, DMD
Vick Wilbers, Missouri Dental Association

Consultants Present via Conference Call:

Robert Waxler, DMD

MO HealthNet Division (MHD) Staff Present:

John Dane, DDS
Amanda Gibbon
De'Nel Holliday
Julie Trimble
Jayne Zemmer

Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance (MMAC) Unit Staff Present:

Toni Sneller

Guests Present via Conference Call:

Dr. Perry, AT Still University
Aaron Washburn, Dentaquest
David Thielemier, Dentaquest
Katie Reichard, Missouri Dental Association

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. McCoy welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Dane to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2015 meeting. The motion was approved by all.

OLD BUSINESS

Election of New Chairperson/New Committee Members Nominees

As a result of current vacancies on the committee and current members wishing to step down, there was discussion regarding possible candidates to fill these vacancies. Specifically:

- Dr. McCoy made a motion for Dr. Ron Wilkerson (general dentist) and Dr. Perry, of AT Still University, to be nominated for the committee. Dr. Stoll moved that they be nominated; the motion received a second and was approved by all.
- Dr. Dana Browning nominated Dr. Nicole White (general dentist), Dental Director with Northwest Family Dental, as a replacement for her position on the committee. A second was received and was approved by all.
- Dr. Dane stated that Dr. Matt Tinnel, who took over his position at Truman Lake Medical Center, is also interested in serving on the committee.

Jayne Zemmer advised the committee that MHD has a process to go through when additions or replacements are made to a committee. All were advised to have their nominees submit their curriculum vitae to Julie Trimble to forward through the administrative process at MHD. Once the nominee(s) is/are approved by MHD Administration, letters will be sent out confirming the appointment to serve on the committee.

Dr. McCoy expressed his wishes to step down as chairman of the committee and asked for volunteers to replace him. At this time, there are no volunteers and since the committee is going to be transitioning to some new members in the near future, it was decided to table this issue until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Restoration of Certain Adult Benefits

Dr. Dane gave an update on the restoration of adult benefits. He stated a State Plan Amendment (SPA) was submitted to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in January and MHD is currently awaiting approval of the amendment. Once MHD receives approval from CMS, a bulletin will be posted to notify providers of the changes. He also stated the restoration of these services is a result of the tax amnesty program and the funding for these changes are approved until July 2016. The increase for the additional services is in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year and is not likely to be removed, thus the ongoing funding should remain.

Dr. Dane also advised that the restored procedure codes for adults will have the same limitations that are currently in place for the current eligible population. The allowed frequency of use of a code, Prior Authorization (PA) requirements, and documentation required to be submitted along with a claim will not change. Managed Care will also be required to provide the same level of benefits as the Fee For Service (FFS) program.

The benefits for chronically ill patients who have qualified before under medical necessity will not change.

Participants will be notified through the normal process in which they are currently notified of available services. The information will be available on line as well as through the Participant Handbook. There is no new participant eligibility process in order to receive the new benefits.

New 2016 CDT Codes for IV Sedation

As a result of the annual HCPCS process, CDT codes D9223 and D9243 are being implemented at a rate of \$85 per 15 minutes, with a maximum quantity of three (3) units per date of service (DOS). It was noted that MHD has had an issue with getting these codes to pay correctly in the system, but the issue is being addressed and should be corrected soon. Providers will be able to submit retroactive claims effective from January 1, 2016.

Dentaquest will also implement the change retroactive to January 1, 2016 to match what MHD is implementing. Dentaquest advised it will take a couple of weeks to update their system and provider notices will be sent out once changes are made.

Dr. Stoll expressed his concern about lack of oral surgeons throughout the state and the amount of time that patients have to wait in order to receive services. MHD acknowledged this concern and Dr. Thousand added that the A T Still University of Health Sciences in Kirksville is expanding and will begin taking patients 2 ½ days a week for oral surgery within the next year.

New 2016 CDT Code D0251

Dr. Dane advised of the appropriate use of this new code that became effective January 1, 2016.

Dr. Stoll stated that he wanted to know why MHD does not cover cone beam procedures. MHD advised that when these codes came out a few years ago, the MHD staff reviewed them along with the consultant and it was jointly agreed that MHD would not cover these codes. Dr. Waxler stated that use of the cone beam is becoming the standard of care when dealing with severely impacted teeth. As a result of this discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Stoll to have cone beam codes reviewed. Dr. Dane advised he will review the codes and find out if other Medicaid plans are paying for this service. Dr. McCoy wants this issue put on the next meeting agenda's for further discussion after Dr. Dane has had the opportunity to review.

American Dental Hygienists' Association's (ADHA) letter to Dr. Parks

MHD presented a letter to the committee that was sent to Dr. Parks, MHD Director, regarding procedure codes D4341 and D4342 for their comment. Dr. Dane, Jayne Zemmer and De'Nel Holliday previously discussed the issue and determined the services are covered when the patient meets eligibility requirements and appropriate prior authorization is obtained. However, MHD does not reimburse hygienists for these services unless they are provided in a government/public facility.

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 12, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Waxler motioned to adjourn the meeting and all approved.