

DENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAC) MEETING
May 14, 2015

DAC Members Present via Conference Call:

Rolfe McCoy, DMD, DAC Chair
Dana Browning, DDS
Kecia Leary, DDS

DAC Members Absent:

Nicole Medley, DDS
John Purk, DDS
Sujatha Sivaraman, DMD
Alan Stoll, DDS
Dennis Thousand, DDS
Vick Wilbers, Missouri Dental Association

Consultants Present via Conference Call:

John Dane, DDS
Robert Waxler, DMD

MO HealthNet Division (MHD) Staff Present:

De'Nel Holliday
Julie Trimble
Jayne Zemmer

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

Cindy Lenger

Guests Present:

Donna Hemelberg, Dr. Benjamin Connor's office
Jennifer, Dental Administrative Assistant for Dr. Benjamin Connor

Guests Present via Conference Call:

Aaron Washburn, 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 to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2015 meeting. The motion was approved by all.

OLD BUSINESS

Criteria for Orthodontic Treatment

Dr. Waxler submitted a white paper for the committee's review regarding orthodontic criteria. He requested feedback from the committee after reviewing it. Dr. Leary stated her practice has been submitting more prior authorizations based on EPSDT guidelines and have been receiving more approvals. Dr. Waxler stated that as long as the recommendations are followed, he will approve the requests, but also noted that approvals are reserved for those patients with more serious orthodontic problems. Dr. Leary and Dr. McCoy both stated that they have had problems receiving approvals for impacted canines; however, Dr. Waxler stated that he has been approving requests involving impacted canines. Dr. McCoy stated he feels Dr. Waxler's white paper is very helpful and will let Dr. Waxler know if any questions come up regarding the criteria outlined in his white paper.

Registration for Pregnant Mothers

Dr. McCoy stated he sent a letter regarding this issue to the MHD director and did not receive a response. Jayne Zemmer stated that MHD Clinical Services has not seen the letter come through and it still may be in the director's office. Dr. Leary stated that she has seen improvement in the timeliness of processing participant's eligibility since the last meeting. No other committee members reported any problems or concerns. Dr. McCoy stated he will follow up on the letter and will also send a copy to Karen Dent, of the Missouri Primary Care Association, as well as the committee members so that all will have a final version of the letter.

Mobile Units

Dr. Leary stated that the Missouri Academy of Pediatric Dentistry sent a letter to the Dental Board addressing the concerns that have been discussed by the committee in the past. No other comments or concerns were given.

DAC Vacancy/Election of New Chairperson

Dr. Leary advised the committee that she has accepted a position with the University of Iowa, College of Dentistry, and will be leaving the state of Missouri, thus leaving a vacancy for a pediatric dentist on the committee. In addition to this vacancy, the committee still has another vacancy open. Dr. Leary stated that she had some suggestions and will forward them to MHD for review.

Dr. McCoy stated he would like to step down from the chairman position when it is feasible for someone else to take the position. Election of a new chairperson was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Reimbursement of Orthodontic Codes

Dr. McCoy removed this topic from the agenda as questions that he had were answered by the submission of Dr. Waxler's white paper.

Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes vs Current Dental Procedure (CDT) Codes

Cindy Lenger, with the MMAC unit, gave a short presentation of CPT vs CDT codes. Her concern is with the E/M codes as she feels that dental providers should not be using CPT codes as they are geared towards medical offices. The committee agrees that these codes should not be used in dental offices but should be allowed in a hospital setting (i.e., oral surgeons). Dr. Leary made a motion for a bulletin to be sent out to clarify the appropriate use of CPT and CDT codes. The motion was approved by all.

Restoration of Adult Benefits

De'Nel Holliday, with the MHD Clinical Services Unit, gave a short presentation of the process that is in place for the restoration of adult benefits along with a tentative timeline of when this will take place. At the time of the meeting, funds for the dental expansion had not been released by the governor in order to give a more precise timeline.

MEETING DATES FOR 2015

- August 13, 2015
- November 12, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. McCoy adjourned the meeting.