

DENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAC) MEETING
November 10, 2016

DAC Members Present via Conference Call:

John Purk, DDS, Chairman
Alan Stoll, DDS
Matthew Tinnel, DDS
Ron Wilkerson, DDS
Dennis Thousand, DDS
Nicole White, DDS

DAC Members Absent:

Nicole Medley, DDS
Vicki Wilbers, Missouri Dental Association

Consultants Absent:

Robert Waxler, DMD

MO HealthNet Division (MHD) Staff Present:

John Dane, DDS, Missouri State Dental Director
De'Nel Holliday
Julie Phillips
Melody Webb

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

Ashley Bates
Toni Sneller

Guests Present via Conference Call:

Katie Reichard, Missouri Dental Association
Aaron Washburn, Dentaquest

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

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

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Dane motioned to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2016 meeting as written. The motion was seconded and approved by all.

OLD BUSINESS

Mobile Dental Services

Dr. Dane reported that there has been some activity in regard to reviewing billing practices and other clinical services provided by mobile dental units, but could not report the findings at the

time of the meeting. He advised the DAC that he and other MHD staff will continue to follow up on the issues and report back as appropriate.

Dr. Thousand suggested that a complaint process be developed for those dental providers that provide follow-up services to patients seen initially through a mobile dental unit to be able to report when information from the mobile dental unit is needed in order to appropriately treat the patient during their follow up service, but not received. Dr. Dane stated that he supports this idea and will work on this for the next meeting.

Silver Diamine Fluoride

Dr. Dane proposed that MO HealthNet implement coverage of this service (CDT code D1354) to include one (1) application per arch per six (6) months, four (4) applications maximum per lifetime, with a reimbursement rate of \$16.00 per arch.

De'Nel Holliday advised that this proposal will need to be reviewed by MHD's Budget Unit for potential fiscal impact and then proceed to MHD's Administration for approval. She advised she would work on putting some numbers together to begin that process.

Dr. Purk gave a second to the proposal and all approved.

Timely Filing Letter

Dr. Dane reported that he and Dr. Purk put together a letter to the various health plans regarding the consistency of timely filing requirements between MHD and the Managed Care plans. The letter is currently being reviewed by MHD's Managed Care Unit and will need to be routed through MHD's Administration for approval. Dr. Dane stated he will report back on the progress of this issue.

Draft Bulletin for D6010 and D8660 Review

The bulletin was reviewed by the DAC and approved as written. MHD will move forward with submitting the bulletin to Administration for approval and dispersing the bulletin to providers once approved.

Orthodontic Fee Update

Dr. Dane reported that there has been some research performed regarding the fees that adjoining states reimburse for orthodontic services. It was found that Missouri's fee is low in comparison to the other states that were researched. MHD will be looking at the opportunity to increase these fees but it is not known at this time how much the increase will be. Dr. Waxler, the state's orthodontic consultant, was not available on the call for this discussion. Dr. Dane stated he will update the committee on this issue in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 CDT Codes

Additions and changes to the CDT codes effective January 1, 2017 were reviewed by the committee. Dr. Dane recommended that of the new codes, MHD should add D1575 (distal shoe space maintainer – fixed – unilateral) as a covered service. Dr. Purk seconded the

recommendation and all approved. MHD will move forward with the process of adding this code in the system and making it payable.

CDT Code D2931 (Prefabricated Stainless Steel Crown-Permanent Tooth)

Dr. Wilkerson requested clarification on why some adult patients are able to receive certain services (D2931) and others are not. Julie Phillips explained that there are certain codes that will pay for adults if they are billed in conjunction with a trauma or medical code. Julie is going to put some information together for the committee to review for a better understanding of how the system processes claims for adults that are related to trauma or disease.

CPT Codes 99201 and 99203(Office or Other Outpatient Visit, New Patient)

Dr. Stoll requested the committee give an interpretation of using codes 99201 and 99203 on the same day of surgery as he disagrees with the current policy of not being able to bill these codes on the same day of surgery stating it is not feasible for the provider or the patient.

Dr. Dane suggested there be research done as to how this is handled on the medical side. He thinks there should be an exemption for patients referred to a specialist for general anesthesia so the provider can do the exam on the same day as the surgery.

Dr. Purk suggested that Dr. Dane work with Dr. Stoll as to how to rectify this issue. Dr. Dane agreed to do so and will report back to the committee.

Adult Dental Utilization

Dr. Dane reported to the committee that since the implementation of the adult dental expansion that became effective January 1, 2016, MO HealthNet has paid 70,300 claims totaling \$16.6 million dollars.

DAC Vacancies

Dr. Dane stated MHD would like to obtain a pediatric dentist that sees a significant number of Medicaid patients for the committee. DAC members agreed that there should be an active search for this type of provider and will provide information to Dr. Dane and MHD staff of anyone they think may be interested in the position.

Meeting Dates for 2017

Dr. Purk made a recommendation made to move the scheduled August 2017 meeting date to the month of September to avoid scheduling conflicts for committee members. All agreed and approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

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