

DENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAC) MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2022

DAC Members Present:

Ron Wilkerson, DMD, St. James Dental Center (Chairman)
Nick Pfannenstiel, DDS, Jordan Valley, Springfield, MO, State Dental Consultant
Vicki Wilbers, Missouri Dental Association
Linda Wells, University of Missouri Kansas City
Robert Waxler, DMD, State Orthodontist Consultant
Alan Stoll, DDS,

MO HealthNet Division (MHD) Staff Present:

Jamie Purnell, Clinical Services Director
Julie Phillips, Program Coordinator
Karen Pendleton, Program Specialist
Jenny Lockhart, Registered Nurse Specialist
Guy Deyton, DDS, State Dental Director
Danica Bialczyk, Research/Data Analyst
Amy Lage, Research/Data Analyst
Amanda Boehmier, Research/Data Analyst
Donel Carver, Research/Data Analyst

Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance (MMAC) Staff Present:

Brittney Plassmeyer, Registered Nurse
Shelly Smith, Registered Nurse

Guests Present:

Dr. DePorter, National Dental Director, Envolve Health Plan
Jessie Stevens, Home State
Aaron Washburn, DentaQuest
Katy Brown, Legal Aid, Kansas City, MO
Shelly Michalls, Envolve Health Plan

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Jamie Purnell opened the meeting. MHD announced the attendees.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the February 10, 2022 meeting were approved by all members.

NEW BUSINESS

PROJECTED RATE INCREASE

MHD advised the committee that the projected dental rate increase will not be published until it is passed by legislation and CMS approves the State Plan Amendment (SPA). The proposed increase is equal to 80% of the 50th percentile of the 2022 National Dental Advisory Service (NDAS) Comprehensive Fee Report.

INFLUX OF MEDICAID PROVIDERS

Dr. Wilkerson expressed concern about a potential increase in Medicaid dental provider enrollment due to the proposed rate increase and how the enrollment increase will be handled by the state. Dr. Deyton agreed to the potential and stated he would like it to be a smooth-as-possible process so it does not result in provider drop outs later. Julie Phillips stated MHD will advise MMAC of a potential increase in dental provider applications. Aaron Washburn added that providers should be enrolled in Medicaid Fee-For-Service (FFS) first and then enroll with each Managed Care Organization (MCO). He agreed that help guiding applicants through the process would be beneficial. Dr. Wilkerson agreed and asked if there was a state contact that could be given out to assist with this process as he feels the MDA will get a lot of questions. Julie informed the committee that MMAC has an email address that providers can use to contact them for provider enrollment questions.

BULLETINS

The committee was advised the following bulletins were released since the last meeting:

- COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin dated March 22, 2022
- Teledentistry Bulletin dated May 5, 2022

ROUND TABLE

Karen Pendleton led the round table discussions from health plans, managed care, and associations for any updates.

Danica Bialczyk – MHD Managed Care. Danica reported the same three health plans were awarded the managed care contracts. She also advised there is a new Specialty Plan for children that was awarded to Home State Health Plan. She stated renewals will begin soon, when the protest period ends. Jenny Lockhart explained that the Specialty Plan is for foster care children.

Jessica Stevens - Home State Health Plan. Jessica reported their focus has been on the contract. Jessica added that they are excited about the rate increase.

Aaron Washburn, with DentaQuest, spoke on behalf of Healthy Blue. He advised Healthy Blue has been preparing for new contracts. He stated they are also looking forward to increased fees and making it easier for providers to participate in the program.

Dr. Deyton - Office of Dental Health (ODH). Dr. Deyton echoed the sentiments of the proposed rate increase in hopes to spur a broader provider network. He reported that ODH, in collaboration with MDA and the Missouri Hygienist Association recently completed a workforce survey, in which close to 800 practitioners from all over the state responded. He went on to state that the ODH, Missouri Dental Board, and Missouri Primary Care Association (MPCA) is convening a workforce committee to collaborate on a long range plan that will be submitted to the Department of Health. Dr. Deyton then reported the first install of the community water fluoridation for small rural water districts in southeast Missouri pilot project is estimated for June

1, 2022. This project is in collaboration with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and hopes to deliver fluoridated water to 1350 small rural water districts who cannot afford water fluoridation.

Vicki Wilbers – MDA. Vicki did not have anything new to report, but stated MDA is excited about the proposed rate increase.

Meeting adjourned.