

**Alabama Medicaid Agency  
Dental Task Force Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2014  
12:00-1:00 PM  
Medicaid Conference Room 3-I  
Conference Call Number 1-888-658-5269 Meeting ID: 803743#**

**Members on Call**

Drs. Max Mayer and Mike Robinson

**Medicaid/HP Staff**

Theresa Richburg, Carolyn Paterson, LaShawn Massey

**Welcome and Introductions**

Carolyn Patterson welcomed all to the meeting and thanked those in attendance for attending.

**Dental Program Updates:**

The Dental Task Force would like to thank all members for their participation. Letters have been sent from Medicaid to each organization to request Dental Task Force member nominations. It was also asked that members please let us know of anyone that would like to be on the Dental Task Force. Terms are two years and then you rotate off.

An ALL Kids transition mini message was sent out in the last Check write. ALL Kids did not require prior approvals as Medicaid does on some dental codes. Therefore, dental providers can send in PA's for review retroactive back to 1/1/2014.

**Dental Statistic Report:**

The Dental Statistics Report was presented. In October 2012, the Medicaid Agency's IT department changed the methodology in reporting data captured to report eligibles under 21 which improved the accuracy of reporting enrollees. This explains why there is a difference in the number of eligibles from FY12 and FY13. It was also pointed out that a column was added to include the reporting of sealants for recipients 6-9 years of age. CMS has asked States to show an improvement of 10% in use of dental sealants on 6 year molars from age 6-9 over a 5 year period. The Target Date for CMS for sealants is 2015. States should show a 10% increase in sealants from 2011 to 2015.

**Dr. Mayer D3240 vs. D3220 for teeth #'s A, B, I, J, K, L, S and T:**

Recommended an informal survey to find out how many dentists routinely use the D3240 (pulpectomy) on posterior primary teeth.

Dr. Robinson stated that he normally does D3220 (pulpotomy) if there is a vital pulp. If there is a necrotic pulp, he will do a D3240 (pulpectomy) and does at best guess annually between 25-50 D3240's.

Dr. Mayer would like to informally survey the Dental Task Force to see which procedure is done most commonly.

**Open Discussion:**

No discussion

**Next Meeting:**

June 6, 2014 12:00-1:00 PM

**The meeting was adjourned.**