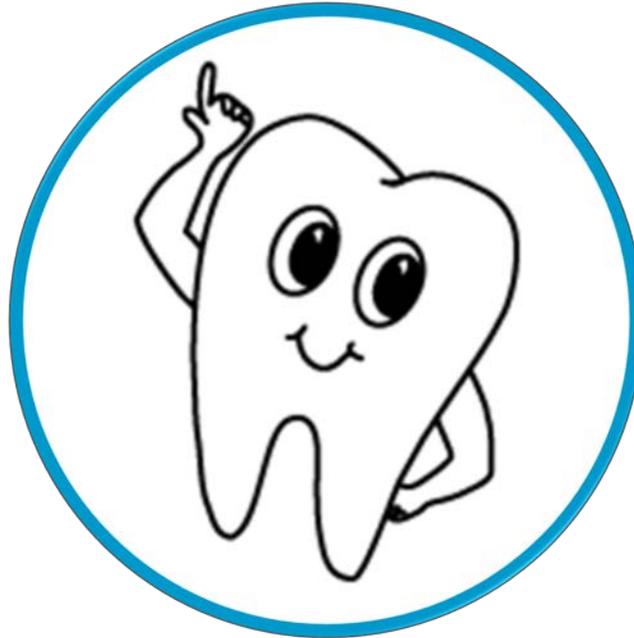


Alabama Medicaid Agency Dental Task Force



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Friday, December 5, 2014

Members present via conference call: Conan Davis, Max Mayer, Stephen C. Mitchell, Robert Meador, Michele Waren, Otha Solomon

Medicaid members present: Melinda Rowe, Theresa Richburg, Janice Miles, Evangel Knight, Connie Simington, Jessie Burris, Daneta Parker, Beverly Churchwell

Call to Order: The Dental Task Force Meeting was held today at 1:00 p.m. in the Alabama Medicaid Conference Room 3-I. Beverly Churchwell called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees.

Review and adoption of minutes: Accepted from the September 5, 2014, Dental Task Force Meeting

Welcome and Introduction: Beverly Churchwell welcomed members to the meeting and moved forward with roll call of the Dental Task Force members as well as introductions for Medicaid team members in attendance.

Dental Statistical Report Update: Beverly Churchwell discussed the Alabama Medicaid Dental Statistics report and pointed out the enrolled providers for general dentists, oral/maxillofacial surgeons and mobile clinics have increased. The members held discussion about Alabama statistics in comparison to national average. Task force members recognized the 51 percent access and noted what a good number of providers. Also mentioned were the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) goals for preventive services and sealants. At this time, no follow up, though may be tough to meet ten percent improvement goal for preventive services; sealant utilization has some room for improvement.

Insure Kids Now Update: Beverly Churchwell updated members on the InsureKidsNow.gov information. This website is operated by the CMS, provides information about Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for families and organizations. Alabama Medicaid submits quarterly updates to CMS, with the last update being in November 2014, and the next update occurring in February 2015. The updates are made based on information received from providers. HPES provider representatives contact new providers and request information such as demographics, patient accommodations, and new patient data. As for existing providers, Medicaid sends a letter once a year to encourage accurate updates to the provider's information. The next letters are expected to go out in March of 2015.

1st Look Program Update: Beverly Churchwell requested that the discussion regarding the 1st Look Program be postponed until the March 2015 meeting.

Regional Care Organization (RCO) Update: Information about RCOs is available on our website. A special email address has been set up for questions about RCOs. Questions submitted through this portal are tracked and responded to, so this is the best place to submit questions. The address is RCOPortal@medicaid.alabama.gov.

Dental providers/procedures are currently "carved out" from the RCOs. Procedures associated with the "First Look" program (and provided by medical professionals) will be covered, however. A report on dental care services for Medicaid is required by the RCO law on October 1, 2015. Production of this report will be an inclusive process. In the past (e.g. Pharmacy Study), the Governor has appointed a commission or task force to specifically focus on the issues and to make recommendations.

Stephen Mitchell talked about the status of dental program after the two year carve out and how the dental commission to be appointed by the Governor has not been done at this time to our knowledge. Melinda Rowe noted contractors have submitted applications and may be contacting providers to ask for participation in RCOs. Members are encouraged to visit www.medicaid.alabama.gov to receive current information regarding the RCO transition.

Dental Consultant Update: Max Mayer informed task force members of his resignation as the Alabama Medicaid Agency Dental Consultant. Members on the task force as well as staff from the Alabama Medicaid Agency recognized him for the outstanding work he has done over the years for the children in Alabama and the Alabama Medicaid Dental Program.

Electronic Health Record Incentive Program Update: Janice Miles reminded the deadline for eligible professionals has been extended to June 30, 2015 for 2014 attestations.

New Business: Stephen Mitchell discussed sealant reimbursement, and the age limit of thirteen and how these contributing factors may cause low sealant utilization. Further discussion was held regarding potential changes that might be made to this criteria. Beverly Churchwell indicated that she will reach out to Stephen Mitchell for further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for March 6, 2015 12 noon CST.