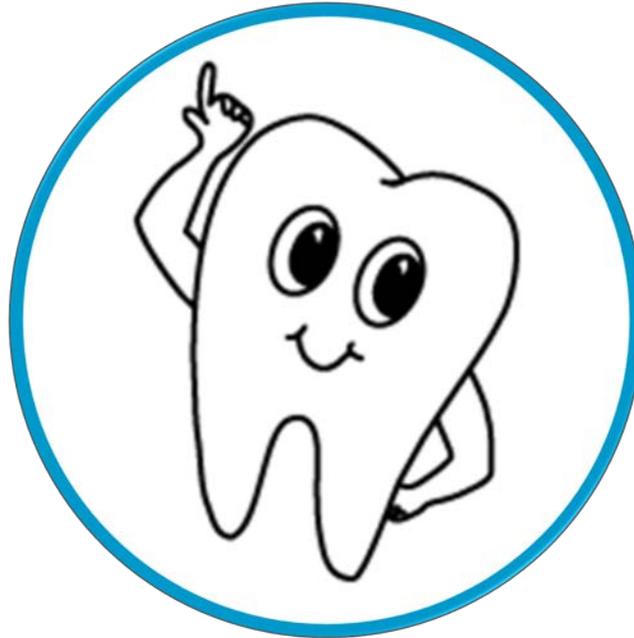


Alabama Medicaid Agency Dental Task Force



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Friday, March 6, 2015

Members present via conference call: Bennie Goggins, Conan Davis, Dwight Williams, Iverson Hopson, Max Mayer, Richard Simpson, Stephen Mitchell, Robert Meador, Mike Robinson, and Zack Studstill

Medicaid members present: Melinda Rowe, Theresa Richburg, Beverly Churchwell, and Debbie Flournoy

Medicaid members present via conference call: Kathy Hall and Robin Rawls

Call to Order: The Dental Task Force Meeting was held today at 1:10 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 December 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 Consultant Update: Max Mayer announced his decision to remain in the position as Medicaid Dental Consultant, members voiced appreciation for his service and dedication to the Medicaid Dental Program.

Dental Statistical Report Update: Beverly Churchwell informed all members that the Dental Statistical Report is available on the Medicaid website at www.medicaid.alabama.gov. Medicaid is preparing for submission to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) the annual CMS 416 report. A final copy of the Medicaid Dental Program numbers will be sent by email to members.

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 February 2015. The updates are based on information received from providers. HPES provider representatives contact new providers and request information such as demographics, patient accommodations, and new patient data. Medicaid continues to prepare for the annual notice to providers. Members are encouraged to remind their peers the importance of responding to this notice. A response to the request form is due from providers by April 30, 2015.

1st Look Program Update: Richard Simpson provided a summary of the 1st Look Program, gave an online training update, and indicated that about three pediatricians a week are completing the online training. To date three hundred providers have been trained and one hundred and sixty-six have submitted Medicaid billings for claim payment. A request was made for Medicaid to provide an update for how many children under the age of three actually received services from a dentist. Mike Robinson asked about the 1st Look Program and how it interfaces with Head Start. What areas of the State accept one year old patients? Stephen Mitchell encouraged members to consider the pediatrician rate change under regional care organizations and the impact this might have on the 1st Look Program. In addition, Richard Simpson pointed out that work is underway with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama to help providers not just Medicaid to receive training for education, risk assessment, and appropriate training. Max Mayer asked about the feedback received from pediatricians on the online training and Richard Simpson responded that positive feedback has been received to date. Max Mayer also mentioned the statistics from South Carolina and how it compared to Alabama. Beverly Churchwell committed to sending members a copy of the South Carolina presentation from the recent Oral Health Technical Advisory Group (OTAG) Meeting.

Regional Care Organization (RCO) Update: Zack Studstill provided an update from the Alabama Dental Association Advisory Committee and indicated members of this committee will review how to proceed with dental carve out and whether or not to include dental in regional care organizations. Zack Studstill announced members of this Committee include:

Art Steineker
Richard Simpson
Keri Miller
Christine King, Sarell Dental, Public Policy Manager/Pinson Community Outreach Manager
Stephen Mitchell
Ben Ingram
Kim Kornegay
Mike Koslin
Jim Murphree
Max Mayer

In addition there was discussion about the Governor's establishment of a health task force that will include Medicaid and preparation of the dental report as required by the regional care organization law previously passed. Kathy Hall informed the members that Medicaid will begin a study workgroup as early as May or June 2015. Kathy Hall also discussed and compared the organization of this study workgroup to past long term care and pharmacy workgroups. Kathy committed to follow-up regarding clarification between the Alabama Dental Association Advisory Committee and the study workgroup that includes Medicaid.

New Business: No new business.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Next Meeting Date: The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for June 5, 2015 12 noon CST.