

Alabama Medicaid Agency
Dental Task Force Meeting

June 6, 2014

12:00-1:00

Agenda

Conference Call 1-888-658-5269 then enter 803743#

Topics for Discussion

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Update on Dental Program
3. July 2014 Manual Updates
4. Outreach to HP
 - a. Provider Education
5. Medicaid Dental Statistics
6. Open Discussion of Concerns
7. Adjournment

Alabama Medicaid Dental Task Force Meeting Minutes Friday, June 6, 2014

Members present via conference call: Zac Studstill, Robert Meador, Iverson Hopson, Conan Davis, Stephen C. Mitchell, Dwight Williams, Rodney Michael (Mike) Robinson, James Murfree,

Medicaid members present via conference call: Robert Moon, Max Mayer

Medicaid members present: Theresa Richburg, Beverly Churchwell, Jessie Burris, Carolyn Patterson

Call to Order: The Dental Task Force Meeting was held today at 12:00 p.m. in the Alabama Medicaid Conference Room 3-I. Carolyn Patterson called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees.

Review and adoption of minutes:

Medicaid updates: Dental Task Force Overview and Update: Carolyn Paterson began with a brief history and charge for the Dental Task Force. The Dental Task Force formed in 1997 to work together with Medicaid in making recommendations : (1) assist in improving and maintaining high standards and quality of care, (2) increase the awareness and approach for misuse, abuse, and fraud within the dental program, (3) improve efficiency in management of the dental program, (4) develop budget neutral services and access to care, (5) assist in reviewing dental program policies and, (6) develop long-term plans for Medicaid's dental program..

Max Mayer addressed the proposed updates to the upcoming July 2014 Dental Manual related to guidelines for procedure code D3240 (Pulpal Therapy, posterior primary tooth). Max Mayer stated the updates were based on evidence revealed during record reviews of abuse and over performance of this procedure. Upon further review by Medicaid, in a number of these instances a more appropriate service (pulpotomy) may be successfully performed.

Discussion took place among the members with different accounts concerning the appropriateness of pulpotomy verses pulpectomy. Stephen Mitchell volunteered to share a report on *"Identifying Questionable Billing Patterns in Medicaid Pediatric Dental Services"* from a OIG report out of New York. A suggestion was proposed to further explore these issues and develop a process for monitoring over performance of D3240.

Carolyn Patterson made suggestion for members to consider provider education topics that HP representatives could share with provider community; no further discussion was held.

Carolyn Patterson presented Dental Statistical Report; members expressed concern over the decreasing percentage of sealants received by 6-9 year olds from FY 2012 to FY 2013. Carolyn Patterson informed members the concern from a Medicaid perspective and that Medicaid continues to work with the Statistical Support Unit to review calculation determinations

Carolyn Patterson reminded members of The CMS Oral Health Initiative, two goals set by CMS that need to be accomplished over a five years period - from FY2010 by FY 2015. Goal #1 – Increase by 10 percentage points the proportion of Medicaid and CHIP children ages 1 to 20 (enrolled for at least 90 days) who receive a preventive dental service. Goal #2 – Increase by 10 percentage points the

proportion of Medicaid and CHIP children ages 6 to 9 (enrolled for at least 90 days) who receive a sealant on a permanent molar tooth.

New Business: No new business was discussed. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 5, 2014 CST.