

Alabama Medicaid Agency Dental Task Force Meeting

Friday, March 2, 2018

Minutes

Members present: Danny Rush

Members present via conference call: Zack Studstill, Michelle Bajjalieh, and Dave White

Medicaid members/staff present: Beth Huckabee, Beverly Churchwell, Bettye Blount, Robin Rawls, Jerri Jackson, David McIntosh, and Henry Davis

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions: The Dental Task Force quarterly meeting was held today at 2:05 PM in the Alabama Medicaid Agency, Conference room 3-I. Beth Huckabee called the meeting to order, took the roll call of members present and introduced Medicaid staff present. Attendees were thanked for their attendance and support of the Dental program.

Review and Adoption of Minutes: Meeting minutes from September and December meetings were sent to members via email for review. Studstill made the motion and Bajjalieh seconded the motion to accept the minutes written.

Legislative update: Henry Davis stated that it had been a very fast moving session. Recommended we keep watch Senate Bills 178 (General Fund Bill), 177 (General Trust Fund Bill). Both have passed the Senate and are up for a vote in the House. The session is projected to end that end of March or first of June (due to not taking a spring break). This is a Legislative election year. There will be 25 new Members in the House and 11 new Members in the Senate.

Medicaid Financial Update: David McIntosh of the Financial Division provided the following financial update with the members:

Medicaid Agency

Dental Expenditures

As of: 2/28/2018

	Total Expenses	Federal	State
Health Support 209	\$28,622,365.77	\$20,447,820.71	\$8,174,545.06
MCHIP 215	\$7,638,715.08	\$7,638,715.08	
Total	\$36,261,080.85	\$28,086,535.79	\$8,174,545.06

Budget for 2018 Revised	\$73,026,721.00
Percent of Budget Spent	39.19%
February Month 5 of 12	41.67%

It was asked if CHIP was to be included in the percent of Budget spent and David said no. He corrected the percent of budget spent to 39.9%. This reflects the Health Support (Medicaid)

part of the budget. CHIP is 100% match and budgeted separately. The change made in December will be looked at the end of the first Quarter.

Managed Care Update: Jerry Jackson, Managed Care Director presented information on the pivot from RCOs to a new direction. The change will be to a Care Coordination Program. The focus of this program is care coordination as well as quality of care. This program will allow Dentist that see a potential medical problem with a patient to contact their care coordinator to have this issue addressed. This also works in reverse in that a Physician that sees a dental problem can contact the Care Coordinator to get follow up on the problem. The Go Live date is October 1, 2018.

Dental Consultant Update: Danny Rush brought the following items up for discussion:

- Silver diamine fluoride (SDF)– literature shows good results of using SDF when decay is found upon examination. Using SDF essentially stops the decay. The concern that it doesn't have FDA approval for treating decay was discussed. He will continue to research and bring more information at the next meeting. Members expressed great interest and were encouraged by the findings.
- The findings of the Opioid Survey that was sent to some of the Oral Surgeons is to be presented to the Board of Dental Examiners in April.
- Other services being researched also are distal shoe maintainers.
- Costs of these services will be considered in reviewing.

Program Update: Beth Huckabee updated on the following items:

- The 2018 CDT added D9222 (General Anesthesia). D9222 is the first 15 minute unit of general anesthesia. D9223 (will be an add on code) each additional unit of general anesthesia.
- The recommendation made by ALDA was initiated December 1, 2017. Numerous calls were received concerning the inclusion of post and core, core buildup and crown codes in the restoration of same tooth limits. ALDA was contacted and they came back with the recommendation to remove these codes for the same tooth limit recommendation. The concerns and recommendations were present the Commissioner. She reviewed and approved the changes.
- These changes will be reflected in the April update of the Provider Manual.

New Items: No new items.

No other new business. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 1, 2018 from 2:00-3:00 PM, conference room 3-1.