

**Alabama Medicaid Agency**  
**Dental Task force Meeting Minutes**

**March 9, 2012**

**12:00**

Those in attendance were Theresa Richburg, Leigh Ann Hixon, and Terri Trotman. Dr. Max Mayer, Dr. Michele Bajjalieh, Dr. Teri Chafin, Dr. Rick Simpson and Dr. Mike Robinson joined us by conference call.

- 1.) Welcome and Introduction: Terri Trotman welcomed the members and thanked everyone for serving on the Medicaid Dental Task Force. Terri also introduced Theresa Richburg, Medicaid's Medical Service Director and Leigh Ann Hixon Associate Director of Medical Support. The Dental Program is now under the Medical Support Unit within the Medical Services Division.
- 2.) Update on Dental Program: Terri Trotman opened discussion of the Alert that went out March 1, 2012. The changes made to the Dental Program went into effect January 1, 2012. Dr. Chafin asked the question as to why a surface sealed must be noted on the dental claim form. Dr. Mayer said that reviews are indicating restorations are placed on a tooth one to six months after a sealant has been placed.
- 3.) Medicaid Dental Statistics: These statistics are for the first four months of the current fiscal year. The Dental Statistics are located on the Medicaid Web Site at [http://medicaid.alabama.gov/CONTENT/4.0\\_Programs/4.4.0\\_Medical\\_Services/4.4.2.7\\_Reports\\_Statistics.aspx](http://medicaid.alabama.gov/CONTENT/4.0_Programs/4.4.0_Medical_Services/4.4.2.7_Reports_Statistics.aspx)
- 4.) Open Discussion of Concerns: Dr. Mayer brought to everyone's attention that D2791 (crown-full cast base metal) has been added for coverage due to the high cost of gold. It isn't appropriate to bill D2792 (noble metal) when using base metal. Dr. Mayer also said to be looking for future changes with the code D0240 (Intraoral-Occlusal film). Providers are billing D0240 the same as for a periapical for individual teeth instead of by area of mouth (ex. mandible and maxillary). Dr. Bajjalieh mentioned a problem with an HP representative coming at 3:30 which is a very busy time of day for a pediatric office. The representative left without talking to them and didn't know if the rep had something important to tell them. She said that the morning is better time for rep visits. Dr. Simpson indicated his office staff is having software issues on billing the occlusal films. Leigh Ann requested that Dr. Simpson have his billing person to call her for assistance.
- 5.) Next Dental Task Force Meeting will be August 10, 2012 at 12:00.
- 6.) The meeting was adjourned.