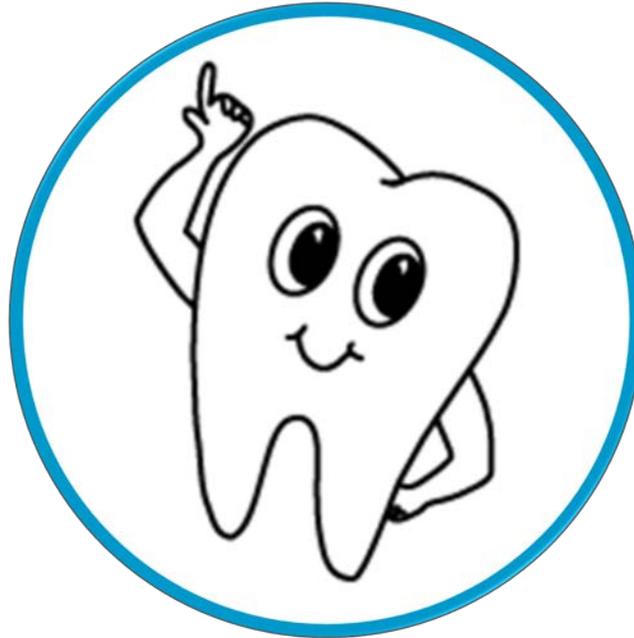


Alabama Medicaid Agency Dental Task Force



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Alabama Medicaid Agency Dental Task Force Meeting
Friday, December 4, 2015
Minutes

Members present: Dave White

Member present via conference call: Max Mayer, Conan Davis, Stephen Mitchell, Robert Meador, Sherry Goode, Mike Robinson, and Zack Studstill

Medicaid members/staff present: Beth Huckabee, Theresa Richburg, Beverly Churchwell, Carolyn Miller, Melinda Rowe, Robin Rawls, and Robert Kelly

Call to Order: The Dental Task Force quarterly meeting was held today at 12:08 PM in the Alabama Medicaid Conference Room 3-I. Beth Huckabee called the meeting to order, welcomed and thanked all attendees for being there.

Welcome and Introductions: Beth welcomed members to the meeting, took the roll call of members present by phone and in the room, and introduced people present in the room.

Review and Adoption of Minutes: There were no corrections voiced by the members of the June 6, 2015 meeting. Conan Davis and Robert Meador moved the minutes be adopted.

Medicaid Financial Update: Robert Kelly gave a financial update stating Medicaid had a \$35 million surplus at the end of FY 2015 which will be carried over into \$FY 2016. The appropriation from the Alabama General Fund was \$685 million for FY 2016. The amount needed from the General Fund is \$744 million. Robert said some additional tax revenues and several one-time receipts of fund will be added to the FY '15 surplus and the FY'16 appropriation to come close to the \$744 million needed for FY '16 expenditures. There were no questions or comments.

Regional Care Organizations Update: Carolyn Miller provided an update saying the RCO process is moving rapidly. The 1115 waiver is not approved yet, but optimistic that it will be soon. There were several milestones for the RCOs in October: RCOs had to prove financial solvency and service delivery network adequacy. Medicaid met with the probationary RCOs on 12/3/15 about the October milestones and about the funding from CMS. The next steps in the process, Carolyn said, were the readiness reviews of the RCOs will begin in January 2016. Medicaid will be doing on site visits for readiness and reviewing of billing and claims systems. She went on to say that CMS has the draft contracts of the RCOs and RCOs are reaching out to providers regarding contracts with them.

Steve Mitchell and Zack Studstill asked questions regarding Dental being out of RCO coverage, specifically how will the billing occur between hospitals, RCOs, and Medicaid for hospital cases involving anesthesia. Beth and Beverly both clarified that hospitals and anesthesiologists will bill the RCOs for the medical claims and the dentists will continue to bill Medicaid/HPE for the dental codes. Mitchell and Studstill asked also if criteria for general anesthesia stay with Medicaid or be determined by the RCOs. General anesthesia billed by an outpatient hospital will fall under RCOs effective October, 1, 2016.

Dave White asked if there was any work on the dental managed care and encouraged more efficiency and less cost as FY 2017 may be worse than FY 2016. Zac Studstill indicated ADA is working on a bill for presentation to the Legislature but would not elaborate on the bill.

Insure Kids Now: Beth Huckabee reported the last update was done on November 4, 2015. The next one is due February 14, 2016. She encouraged providers to update their information and return completed forms when mail out is done semi-annually.

Dental Consultant Update: Max Mayer said he did not have an update.

Program Update: Beth Huckabee updated on the following items:

- October 1, 2015 report to the Legislature. This report was required by the RCO legislation of 2013 and was due on October 1 to the Governor and Legislature. The report was drafted after a series of 3 meetings in August and September of the Medicaid Dental Workgroup, which consisted of the Dental Task Force and members nominated by the Alabama Dental Association and is now posted on the Medicaid website under the Newsroom tab, Boards and Committees page. The consensus of the Dental Study Workgroup is that the current system of dental care be continued while the Agency continues to gather input from Alabama dental providers and to evaluate options. The Agency has or is working with MCNA, DentaQuest, and Delta Dental to have data sharing agreements and in the next couple of months. The Workgroup will be invited back to hear presentations from these companies.
- The current contract for the Medicaid Dental consultant is expiring in January and an RFP was released on November 10, 2015. The deadline for proposals is Wednesday, December 9, 2015. The details can be found on the Agency website on the Procurement page.
- At the last meeting, we discussed the possibilities of covering of zirconium crowns and increasing the age to provide sealants are still being discussed internally due to budget constraints and working on the RCO legislation report. We will update the committee at the March meeting.
- The Dental statistical report for FY 2015 has been posted on the Medicaid Agency website, Dental page, and was emailed to DTF members. She noted the larger than normal increase in eligibles under 21 between 2013 and 2014 was due to the increase of the SOBRA program income limits, transition of 24, 000 +/- children from All Kids program to Medicaid, and advertisement of the Marketplace created by the Affordable Care Act. There was a 9.5% increase between 2014 and 2015 in the number of eligibles under 21.
- Effective October 1, 2016, oral surgeons will be required to bill CPT claims through the RCOS. Internal discussions are occurring to work out how Oral surgeons will bill CDT codes to Medicaid.

Mike Robinson asked Max Mayer if his contract is expiring and is he leaving. Max indicated he hopes nothing happens to him.

Max commented he is glad to see the increase in the number of providers to match the increase in number of eligibles under 21.

Robin Rawls mentioned there will be a Special Needs workgroup of providers from UAB, USA, Children's Hospital, Children's Rehab Services, and other disability advocacy groups to meet to discuss services available through the RCO covered services.

New Items:

Zac Studstill indicated Alabama Dental Association has plans to introduce legislation but would not elaborate on it.

Dave White expressed concerns about managed care had been approached about a managed care dental program.

Melinda Rowe reminded members that RCO reimbursement would be at a minimum of what it is on 10/1/16.

No other new business. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 4, 2016 from 12:00-1:00 CT.