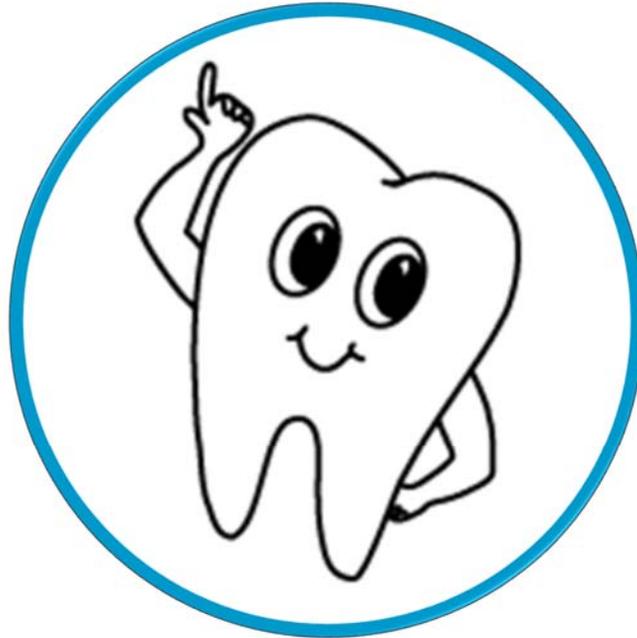


## Alabama Medicaid Agency Dental Task Force



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**Alabama Medicaid Agency Dental Task Force Meeting**  
**Friday, September 16, 2016**  
**Minutes**

**Members present:** Danny Rush, Dave White, and Robert Meador

**Members present via conference call:** Bennie Goggins, Conan Davis, Michelle Bajjalieh, Michele Waren, Ric Simpson, Steve Mitchell, Zack Studstill, and Mike Robinson.

**Medicaid members/staff present:** Beth Huckabee, Beverly Churchwell, Chrystal Logan, James Whitehead, Drew Nelson, Barry Cambron, Jerri Jackson, Melinda Rowe, Robert Moon, Chris Sellers, Megha Jha, and Chris McInnish

**Call to Order:** The Dental Task Force quarterly meeting was held today at 2:05 PM in the Alabama Medicaid Conference Room 8-D. Beth Huckabee called the meeting to order, and thanked those present for attending.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Beth Huckabee took the roll call of members present and introduced Medicaid staff present.

**Review and Adoption of Minutes:** There were no corrections voiced by the members for the minutes of the September 16, 2016 meeting. Robert Meador and Bennie Goggins moved for the adoption of the minutes. None opposed.

**Medicaid Financial Update:** Karen Wainwright provided the following financial update Beth shared with the members:

- FY16 Final Provider Payroll Expenditures
  - 0209 Health Support, SDH Dental \$88,417,583
  - 0215 CHIP, SDH Dental \$8,115,220
- FY17 Budget
  - 0209 Health Support, SDH Dental \$88,417,583 – level budget.
  - CHIP Dental is contained within the total CHIP budget in the op plan.
- FY17 Provider Payroll as of 11/11/16 Check write
  - 0209 Health Support, SDH Dental \$12,45,504
  - 0215 CHIP, SDH Dental \$2,549,065
    - We expect CHIP Dental to be higher with the additional CHIP eligibles.
- FY18 Budget *Request* (not appropriated)
  - 0209 Health Support, SDH Dental \$88,417,583 – level budget request.
  - CHIP Dental is contained within the total CHIP budget request.

Ric Simpson asked how to these numbers compare with previous years as it seems to be a decrease. Beth noted that since Karen was not present, she would take the question back and reach back out to the members with an update.

UPDATE: Beth followed up with Karen Wainwright regarding the expenditures. The numbers are broken out to show the federal match Medicaid receives on different populations. Together the numbers show the sum of total dental expenditures of \$96,532,803 for FY 2016 and \$94,838,457.56 for FY 2015.

**Regional Care Organizations Update:** Jerri Jackson shared that Medicaid has requested the RCO implementation date be October 1, 2017 from CMS. An ALERT went out recently regarding the

change in the dates. The service network delivery date in January 2017 remains the same, but other dates will change mirroring the new implementation date.

Drew Nelson shared the update on the Quality Assurance measure of dental procedures performed in the operating room. The details of the measure proposed are the claim will contain D9420, an anesthesia code from anesthesiologist, at least one D0-D8 code to indicate a dental service, and place of service in outpatient hospital (22) or inpatient setting (21) or ASC (24).

Steve Mitchell and Ric Simpson clarified following discussion that the query should not include oral surgeon extracting third molars as the data may throw it off. Chris McInnish stated he will provide the percentage of OR cases that involve oral surgeons.

**1st Look Update:** Justin Blackburn with UAB presented an evaluation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Look program from FY 2010- 2015. In a high level overview, he indicated the expenditures for recipients in the program compared to non-1<sup>st</sup> Look recipients is close. The program is allowing recipients to receive dental care earlier through the program.

Ric Simpson asked in the future if the evaluation can be expanded to include the recipients' age when a treatment was first received, time elapsed between receiving first fluoride treatment and seeing a dentist, and the number of times a varnish was received among other factors.

The program area committed to seeing to the new factors in a further evaluation in the future.

Steve Mitchell added the evaluation was well done and thanked UAB and the program area.

**Dental Consultant Update:** Danny Rush brought three items up for initial discussion and further research:

- Limit of 6 per DOS – As a result of internal audit, the limit of 6 per DOS on crowns, pulpal therapy, post/cores and root canals, has been internally discussed.
  - Discussion: Some members asked if it is Medicaid's place or the Dental Board of Examiners' place to dictate how a provider does treatment. Mike Robinson commented there is a chance of overdosing. Ric Simpson and Steve Mitchell commented with proper training and certification, conscience sedation would offer the opportunity for a provider to do further treatment if found to be needed once anticipated treatment started without having to reschedule a second appointment if the found treatment exceeded 6 per DOS.
- Specific time listed on informed consent – result of another audit, Program Integrity requested a policy change to include a specified time frame listed between when consent form is signed and procedure performed.
  - Discussion: Some members asked if it is Medicaid's place or the Dental Board of Examiners' place to dictate how a provider operates his office. Some commented that on the day of an outpatient procedure an informed consent should be given.
- Tongue tie – Medicaid received a letter of concern regarding tongue-tie services. After running inter query, some providers were found to be outliers. After conversing with

other states' Medicaid programs, some were found to have PA on the frenulectomy/frenectomy.

- Discussion: Mitchell and Simpson commented that they do so few, that they are willing to submit a prior authorization for the procedure. Some commented that over a certain age should require a PA, but not under the age of 1 due to possible nursing issues.

Rush asked the group to research these issues between now and the next meeting time and further discussion will take place.

**Program Update:** Beth Huckabee updated on the following items:

- Zirconia crowns- added coverage December 1, 2016 as another covered type of crown. \$435 per unit.
- Update on preparing the system to accept the 2012 ADA Dental claim form: The upgrading is still in development stages. Due to other projects, work on the upgrade is being done as time and personnel are available. I will update to the group on a go live date when available.
- Craniofacial clinic details being developed between UAB and CRS for craniofacial orthodontia. First anticipated clinic is March 2017. Clinic will be house at UAB but billed through CRS as other clinic services are currently.
- Recognized Dr. Meador and Theresa R. on their retirements.

**New Items:**

No other new business. The meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **March 3, 2017 from 2:00-3:00 PM, conference room 8-D.**