

Alabama Medicaid Agency Dental Task Force



March 3, 2017

2:00 – 3:00 PM CT

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Members:

Bennie J. Goggins	Otha Solomon	Dave White
Conan Davis	Rick Simpson	Chris Haag
Dwight Williams	Stephen C. Mitchell	Rodney Michael Robinson
Iverson B. Hopson,III	Teri Chafin	Sherry Goode
James Murfree	Jo Ann Harris	Danny Rush
Michelle Bajjalieh	Kim Williams	Zack Studstill
Michele Waren		

Attendees:

Agenda:

Welcome and Introductions

Review and Adoption of Minutes

Financial and Legislative Update

Regional Care Organization Update

Quality Analytics Presentation – Dental Services and Opioid Prescribing

Dental Consultant Update

Dental Program Update

Alabama Medicaid Agency Dental Task Force Meeting
Friday, March 3, 2017
Minutes

Members present: Danny Rush

Members present via conference call: Michelle Bajjalieh, Michele Waren, Ric Simpson, and Sherry Goode

Medicaid members/staff present: Beth Huckabee, Beverly Churchwell, Drew Nelson, Barry Cambron, Jerri Jackson, Robert Moon, Karen Wainwright, Kathy Hall, Solomon Williams, Jan Sticka, Bettye Blount, Megha Jha, Barry Cambron, Robin Rawls, and Henry Davis

Others in Attendance: Jason Parker

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions: The Dental Task Force quarterly meeting was held today at 2:00 PM in the Alabama Medicaid Conference 2nd floor auditorium. Beth Huckabee called the meeting to order, took the roll call of members present and introduced Medicaid staff present. She thanked them for their attendance.

Review and Adoption of Minutes: There were two corrections voiced by the members for the minutes of the December 9, 2016 meeting. A misspelled word and Mike Robinson's attendance was corrected and presented. Ric Simpson and Michelle Bajjalieh voiced the motion and 2nd motion for adoption of the minutes.

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 2/17/17 Check write
 - 0209 Health Support, SDH Dental \$21,438,276
 - 0215 CHIP, SDH Dental \$17,230,542
 - CHIP Dental is higher and regular dental is lower due to the additional CHIP eligibles.
 - Reclassification from regular dental to CHIP of \$9,986,000
- 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 Karen to state again the amount requested for dental. She responded with \$88,417,583.

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.

Legislative Update: Henry Davis shared the general fund budget would be reviewed the week of March 6. Also, the nursing home assessment (H347) and hospital assessment (H348) would

be reviewed as well. Ric Simpson asked for clarification on the bill numbers. Henry thanked the task force for their support.

Regional Care Organizations Update: Robert Moon gave a brief history to date of the RCOs before sharing the current implementation date is October 1, 2017. There has been a total of 8 probationary RCOs that have withdrawn their intent to become certified. It does not preclude RCOs from being implemented. There is a provision in the law that allows invitation to other probationary RCOs to apply for certification in the regions without RCOs. The remaining probationary RCOs have indicated they intend to pursue certification in other regions. He also said this hinges on the general fund budget which will be followed in the session.

Ric Simpson commented that one of the shortages of FY 2018 budgeting not mentioned much in news articles is costs relating to the transitioning to RCOs. He asked if additional funds from CMS to help with this be counted on. Moon said Medicaid is planning to a small amount of these funds for FY 2017, but the year of concern is FY 2019 where the BP Oil funds will not be available. He also mentioned points have been made to the Legislature that the funds offered through the 1115 waiver will not cover this amount.

Special Presentation - Dental Services and Opioid Prescriptions: Robert Moon presented, in collaboration with Quality Analytics, analysis regarding Alabama Medicaid dental services and opioid prescriptions. See attachment for presentation slides.

Ric Simpson asked how it's the percentage of enrollees being calculated - where the prescription is being filled or where the patient's address. Moon confirmed it is based on the address Medicaid has listed for the recipient. Jason Parker commented on several points made in the presentation including his group's practice of amount of pills prescribed (they provide a standard 20 because their patients drive for up to 2 hours away and they want to be sure they have enough in case of need) and scripts written by at least two prescribers is not uncommon (the referring dentist's prescription given until the oral surgeon's evaluation and the oral surgeon's prescription given after treatment).

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

- Limit of 6 per DOS – As a mixed amount of comments have been received on this topic, the program has decided to keep the policy as it is currently.
- Specific time listed on informed consent – continuing to work this further and plan to send a draft recommendation before the next meeting for consideration and comments at the next meeting.
- Tongue tie – program is drafting requirements for documentation of medical necessity in the medical record rather placing prior authorization on the code. This is planned to be discussed at the June meeting.

Program Update: Beth Huckabee updated on the following items:

- April 2017 provider manual has many updates. It will be posted April 1 on the website.
- Reconsideration checkbox added to the PA supporting docs submission form and received by upload or fax
- Effective May 1, 2017, supporting docs for PAs can only be received via fax or PDF upload. RTP after May 1.

- 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 as to the
- Recognize Beverly as new Director of Medical Services and welcome Bettye Blount in program area.

New Items: No new items

No other new business. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **June 16, 2017 from 2:00-3:00 PM, conference room 8-D.**

Remaining meeting dates in 2017: September 8
December 2