



Senior Dental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Via [Zoom](#)
January 21, 2025
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order - 2:06 p.m.

Leighanna Konetski called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call

There were sufficient members for a quorum.

A. Members Present

Dr. Matt Carlston, Sarah Summers, Dr. Sarah Dirks, Dr. Karl Kohlgraf, Leighanna Konetski, Dana Turner, Yvonne Castillo, Melissa Emery

B. Members Excused

Andrea Nelson, Katie Stuvell

C. Staff Present

Chandra Vital, Taryn Graf, Alondra Yanez, Rick Love, Mercedes Vieira-Gomes, Shannon Huska

3. Approval of Minutes

- Dr. Carlston motioned to approve the minutes from the DAC meeting held on December 17, 2024. Dana Turner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Review of SDP Procedure codes - 2:06 to 3:13 p.m.

- **D5511 - D5512**
 - DAC reviewed and accepted changes as written.
- **D5520**
 - Wording was added to include “per tooth number” for more clarification.





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- **D5611 - D5622**
 - DAC reviewed and accepted changes as written.
- **D5630 - D5660**
 - Wording was added to include “per tooth number” for more clarification.
- **D5710 - D5721**
 - DAC reviewed and accepted changes as written.
- **D5730 - D5761**
 - DAC members asked about “direct” and “indirect” being changed from “chairside” and “laboratory” respectively.
 - Taryn Graf pointed out that the changes were in the ADA Code Book.
 - DAC members suggested that the verbiage read “chairside/direct” and laboratory/indirect” to lessen confusion.
- DAC members decided to have public comment after each section of the covered procedures.
 - Rick Love read three public comments emailed from Katrina Rios and coworkers from Community Dental Health:
 - Community Dental Health employees suggested keeping the 60 month time frame.
 - Taryn Graf reminded DAC members that they had reviewed the denture time limits at the last meeting and decided to stay with the 60 months that were previously on the covered procedure guidelines.
- Chandra Vital reminded the DAC to hear any public comments on any procedures that were discussed at the previous meeting.
- The DAC then decided to hear all public comments after all codes were reviewed.
- **D7140 - D7241**
 - DAC reviewed and accepted changes as written.
- **D7250**
 - Members discussed that this procedure doesn’t come up too much, but it has happened in the past. The committee accepted the written changes.





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- **D7261**
 - Members discussed the sentence “Narrative of medical necessity may be required and if the sinus perforation was caused by a current grantee or provider of the program.” The wording pointed blame at the grantee. Sinus perforations can be caused by a variety of reasons even with the best of oral surgeons. The committee members changed the wording of the sentence to “Narrative of medical necessity required.”
- **D7286**
 - DAC reviewed and accepted changes as written.
- **D7310**
 - The DAC removed “Not allowed with surgical extractions.” from the procedure guidelines.
- **D7311**
 - DAC reviewed and accepted changes as written.
- **D7320 - D7473**
 - DAC reviewed and accepted changes as written.
- **D7510**
 - The wording of “One of D7510 or D7511 per lifetime...” was discussed and decided that since D7511 is not included on the SDP fee schedule it should be removed from the guideline description.
- **D9110**
 - DAC reviewed and accepted changes as written.
- **D9219**
 - There were no changes to discuss.
- **D9222**
 - The DAC already voted to add code D9222 to the fee schedule. It has not been approved by the Medical Services Board yet.
- **D9223**
 - The limit of nine of D9223 was discussed again. This change to eliminate the limit was updated recently with lengthy stakeholder discussion taken





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into consideration. DAC members agreed to eliminate the limit of nine and accepted the written changes.

- **D9239 - D9243**
 - DAC reviewed and accepted changes as written.
- **The DAC opened the meeting for public comment for all covered procedures discussed in this meeting and the 12/17/24 meeting.**
 - Louis Mendez from Red Rocks Family Dentistry asked in chat: There is still no coverage for Nitrous Oxide correct?
 - Chandra Vital answered that this is correct.
- Dr. Dirks made a motion to accept all the changes to the fee schedule as discussed during this meeting and the 12/17/24 meeting. Dr. Carlston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion on Proposed Codes 3:14 to 4:00 p.m.

- **D2940 Protective Restoration**
 - Sara Summers submitted this code to be added to the fee schedule for the benefits of patients who live in nursing homes that may be bed bound who have difficulty getting to a dentist's office. This procedure would provide temporary restoration until they could get into a dentist for further work. This procedure could become a permanent restoration for patients that would be unable to see a dentist. There are vulnerable elderly patients who would benefit from this procedure being added.
 - Chandra Vital stated that the grant doesn't serve patients in nursing homes who are on Medicaid since they have dental insurance.
 - There was discussion about the cost of the procedure as compared to a surface composite filling.
 - The procedure process was discussed in detail.
 - This code would allow hygienists to provide a restoration for patients that would not have access to a dentist.
 - Dr. Kohlgraf said that there would be benefits to both adding this procedure or not adding it. Providing a temporary fix before the patient can get in to see a dentist would be beneficial. However, a patient could get a false sense of thinking this would solve the problem permanently, when there could still be decay under the temporary restoration. They would still need to see a dentist to properly treat the issue.





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- Dr. Dirks said you can't always use a drill in these situations and using a spoon is considered standard of care. She wants hygienists to be able to work to the scope of their ability of their license.
- The DAC decided to have more discussion at a later meeting before approving code D2940.
- **D2991 Application of hydroxyapatite Regeneration Medicament**
 - Chandra Vital reminded the DAC that information was sent out regarding this procedure.
 - Sara Summers submitted this code to be added to the fee schedule. She stated that there is peer-reviewed research that shows the brand name for this code "Curodont" is shown to remineralize demineralized tooth structure and is another tool to use to prevent decay in its earliest form.
 - Dr. Carlston said that the grant program has a limit on funds and can't adopt every procedure. Other procedures like retreats on root canals should take precedence over a code like D2991. With unlimited funds the DAC could adopt every procedure. Not many insurances are reimbursing for the D2991 procedure code at this time and would feel more comfortable with approving this procedure when it becomes more mainstream.
 - Dr. Kohlgraf stated that the research on this procedure/product seems subjective. Remineralization takes place naturally with decent oral hygiene. Grant funds for the Senior Dental Program should be utilized elsewhere.
 - Dr. Dirks appreciates being informed of new procedures, but would like to wait until this procedure becomes more mainstream. This would be more of a measured approach to adding this procedure.
 - Leighanna Konetski thinks there should be more research and publication on the product before moving forward.
 - Sara Summers stated that JADA's research was paid by Curodont or Vardis, but was an independent study. The JADA is in high approval of this form of preventative dentistry.
 - Dr. Dirks mentioned that there is another procedure code that uses silver diamine fluoride with a two step process using Riva Star.
- **The DAC opened the meeting for public comment**
 - Lisa Westhoff is a dental hygienist with Community Health Services. She shared some research on Protective Restoration. For Interim Therapeutic





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Restorations or Atraumatic Restorative treatment, their mean annual failure rate is 4.7% which is similar to resin restorations at 1 to 5% per year.

- The DAC decided to have more discussion at a later meeting before approving code D2991.
- **D3346 - Retreatment of Previous Root Canal Therapy-anterior, D3347 Retreatment of Previous Root Canal-premolar and D3348 Retreatment of Previous Root Canal Therapy-molar**
 - The DAC decided that D3346, D3347 and D3348 were medically necessary and agreed to the changes on the fee schedule.
 - Dr. Dirks motioned to add codes D3346, D3347 and D3348 to the SDP fee schedule. Dr. Carlston seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- **D9410 House/Extended Care Facility Call**
 - The DAC decided to have more discussion at a later meeting before approving code D9410.

6. Public Comment

- Katrina Rios from Community Dental Health. (comments noted above)
- Lisa Westhoff from Community Health services. (comments noted above)

7. Board Action 4:00 to 4:01 p.m.

- Dr. Sarah Dirks motioned to adjourn. Dr. Carlston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, via Zoom.

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