



Senior Dental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Via [Zoom](#)
October 15, 2024
2:00pm – 4:00pm

1. Call to Order - 2:00pm

Leighanna Konetski called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

There were sufficient members for a quorum.

A. Members Present

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

B. Members Excused

Sarah Dirks, Katie Stuvell

C. Staff Present

Chandra Vital, Taryn Graf, Alondra Yanez, Rick Love

3. Approval of Minutes

- Dr. Matt Carlston motioned to approve the minutes from the DAC meeting held on April 16, 2024, Dr. Karl Kohlgraf seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Annual Report

- Chandra Vital stated that the report is currently with the Governor's Office for review.
 - More than 4600 unduplicated patients served with more than 27,000 services.
 - The Annual report is due to legislation by Nov 1, 2024.





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- Committee Discussion
 - Leighanna Konetski commended the Dental Advisory Committee (DAC), Grantees and all involved in serving so many patients in our communities over the past year. She asked if the report could be sent to the DAC once published.
 - Dr. Matt Carlston asked how many procedures are becoming preventative as opposed to restorative treatments.
 - Chandra Vital stated that this can be found in the Annual Report
 - Dr. Matt Carlston asked how many of the unduplicated patients were new as opposed to repeat patients from the last fiscal year.
 - Chandra Vital said we can look at whether this information could be pulled from our data.
 - Dr. Matt Carlston mentioned that he's interested in tracking established patients and new patients to determine if outreach is happening as it should be. He is surprised he does not receive more phone calls since he is listed in multiple counties.
 - Chandra Vital stated that in addition to outreach, growth of patients is being affected by other factors as well. Such as providers having difficulty keeping hygienists and dentists on staff. Also, patients in rural areas are having transportation issues. The report shows the unduplicated patient count as a whole and by each grantee so specific areas can be identified for improvement. Also, questions are sent out to each grantee to pinpoint what areas are impacting growth in the program.
 - Alondra Yanez shared the link to where the [Annual Reports](#) can be found.

5. Procedure Code D9222 Discussion

- Chandra Vital said that she had STRIDE/MCPN reach out with concerns that this procedure is not included in the current fee schedule.
 - Dr. Matt Carlston said he does not perform this procedure but spoke on why he believes this was asked to be added.
 - Procedure Code D9222 is billed at a higher rate for the first 15 minutes.
 - Yvonne Castillo said this was recently updated in Medicaid's rule and the 9-unit limit was removed after lengthy stakeholder discussions.





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- Yvonne Castillo believes that if a Medicaid provider billed D9223 without D9222, DentaQuest would deny the claim.
- Dr. Matt Carlson asked if it would take until next fiscal year for this code to be approved, or can it be implemented quicker?
- Chandra Vital clarified that the Medical Services Board (MSB) would not consider this an emergency and would follow the normal rule to change the timeline. If D9222 is voted on and approved by the DAC, it would be included with the rest of the fee schedule changes submitted to the MSB.
- Chandra Vital suggested that if the code is added, it is set at a \$10 copay to match the other codes and the max payout be set to match Medicaid at \$114.76, for a total of \$124.76 to the provider.
- The DAC voted unanimously to add D9222 to the fee schedule.

6. SDP Fee Schedule Guideline Updates

- Chandra Vital stated there have been many changes to the CDT book and Medicaid.
 - Potential changes to the Senior Dental Program fee schedule have been color coded according to verbiage from ADA, Medicaid and HCPF. The changes will need to be reviewed by the DAC.
 - One significant change is regarding code D5110 with a one-time replacement.
- Yvonne Castillo confirmed Medicaid's procedure code D5110 and how patients can get a replacement set if they are lost, stolen or unrepairable.
- Dr. Matt Carlston asked for clarity on the rules for a replacement as he has not received approval for a second set of dentures.
- Chandra Vital stated that the Senior Dental Program is limited in funding and the Medical Services Board may be hesitant to add additional codes due to lack of funding.
- Committee Discussion
 - Leighanna Konetski asked if the DAC had to accept all the changes to the fee schedule as one change or could partial changes be accepted.
 - Chandra Vital said that the DAC can accept or modify the recommendations on each procedure or keep the original language. She stated that if the review and approval process is delayed, potential changes would not take





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place until June 2025. The DAC can schedule an emergency meeting prior to the next scheduled meeting to expedite the process.

- Yvonne Castillo asked for clarification on changing the rule and whether it would impact other programs.
- Chandra Vital explained that Legal Legislative Services came forward and requested the fee schedule for the SDP to be put under rule, therefore, any changes would have to go before the MSB.
- Leighanna Konetski said that the SDP sits outside of Medicaid. The SDP is a different program than Medicaid with its own legislation, funding and fee schedule.
- Chandra Vital related when the program first started there were many misunderstandings of the SDP being governed like Medicaid. SDP is general fund only. She also clarified that any changes to the SDP fee schedule presented before the MSB would not impact other programs.
- General discussion on timing of the next meeting, either regular or emergency. Rick Love will conduct a Doodle Poll to see if a quorum can be met during the potential emergency meeting and will schedule accordingly.
- Sarah Summers requested that procedure code D2991 be added to the fee schedule.
 - Chandra Vital stated that procedure code D2991 can be added to the fee schedule for review and will be discussed during the next meeting.
 - Dr. Matt Carlston asked about the efficacy of this procedure in seniors.
 - Sarah Summers said she can ask a representative of the company that makes the product come to explain the process. The company that creates this product is vVARDIS.
 - Dr. Kohlgraf and Dr. Carlston would like to research procedure code D2991 prior to voting.

7. Public Comment

- Nichol Bray from Uncompahgre Medical Center had a question about the SDP fee schedule aligning with what Medicaid pays.
 - Procedure code D4910 on the SDP fee schedule was reviewed and confirmed that it aligned with Medicaid.





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- Bernie Schmeits from Colorado Gerontological Society agrees with Chandra Vital on keeping in mind the people we are serving. She has received calls from patients on Medicaid that are denied approval for another set of dentures.
 - Yvonne Castillo suggests getting the Medicaid outreach network involved to help with provider claims or member issues. Yvonne offered to help assist with this.

8. Board Action

- No Board actions. Dana Turner motioned to adjourn; Dr. Matt Carlston seconded. Motion passed with no dissent.

9. Meeting Adjourned at 3:19 pm

The next scheduled meeting is at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, via Zoom

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