

Senior Dental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Adobe Connect Webinar
February 24, 2021

1. Call to Order

Megan Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:06am

2. Roll Call

There were sufficient members for a quorum.

A. Members Present

Joan Eskens, Megan Wilson, Lonnie Johnson, Cassie Scott, Michelle Kohler, Leighanna Konetski, Dana Turner, Michael Wiley, Amanda Rens-Moon

B. Members Excused

Glen Pfeifer, Karl Kohlgraf

C. Staff Present

Chandra Vital, Tracy Gonzales, Vincent Sherry

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 13, 2020 meeting were approved.

4. Addition of D1355

- **Lonnie Johnson** motioned to table consideration of adding procedure pending further information. **Joan Eskens** seconded. Motion passed
- Item will be added to the April 13, 2021 meeting

5. Medicare Addition to Draft Rules

- **Chandra Vital** a brief overview of additions.
- Concerns were raised regarding the administrative burdens that grantees will encounter.
- Without the rule change, seniors with Advantage Plus plans are not receiving assistance from the Senior Dental Plan.
- The process of developing the policies for grantees can begin once the rule has been written into law.
- **Lonnie Johnson** motioned to adopt rules as written and add clarifying language to

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policies giving directions to grantees. **Dana Turner** seconded. Motion passed

6. Public Comment

- *In reference to D1355:*
 - **Alyssa Aberle**, Colorado Dentist Hygienist Association:
 - Advocates to add this procedure as there are areas of the tooth that sealant cannot be applied.
 - The ability to use silver diamine fluoride and silver nitrate on the senior population who have difficulty getting into the clinics for preventive purposes has proven beneficial.
 - Will share additional resources and data with the committee.
 - **Dr. James Grant**, DentaQuest
 - Concern surrounding abuse of individual teeth on claims and accountability when adjudication of claims.
- *In reference to Medicare Addition to Draft Rules:*
 - **Eileen Doherty**,
 - Medicare Advantage cards are issued by the company that the beneficiary signs up for services with.
 - Would like the administrative burden the rule change could have on grantees to be taken into consideration
 - Some issues that were brought to Eileen's attention
 - In some instances, dentists without an NPI number are unable to bill Medicare Advantage
 - On some plans, grantees may have no way to know what the proprietary numbers are
 - There is some confusion in terms of billable services
 - Plans, providers and benefits will change in January 2022
 - **Dr. Leah Schulz**, Saud Family Health Center
 - In support of the rule change due to the fact that Medicare Advantage Plans disqualifies seniors for care they would otherwise qualify for.

7. Board Action

- None

8. Department Actions

- Department will collect additional resources and data from Alyssa Aberle
- Department will go to the AG's office to try to include all procedures starting effective January 1st that weren't able to be completed.



9. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting is at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 to be held virtually

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