



COLORADO

Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

Senior Dental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

303 E 17th Avenue, Conference Room 7ABC
January 8, 2019

1. Call to Order

Todd Coffey called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

2. Roll Call

There were sufficient members for a quorum.

A. Members Present

Lonnie Johnson, Joan Eskens, Todd Coffey, Glen Pfeifer, Michael Wiley, Michelle Kohler

B. Members on the Phone

Whitney Janzen-Pankratz, Thomas Lavery

C. Members Excused

Sally Ryman

D. Staff Present

Chandra Vital, Tracy Gonzales, Vince Sherry

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 9, 2018 were approved.

4. Additional Services Requested by Grantees

- Fixed Bridges – Department recommended that this not be added due to the limited budget.
- Lonnie Johnson motioned to add D0277. Joan Eskens seconded. Motion passed with the recommendation that description be kept as written.
- Michael Wiley motioned to add D4346. Tom Lavery seconded. Motion passed with the recommendation that it be once in a lifetime and payable at \$92.00.
- Michael Wiley motioned *not* to add D5225. Joan Eskens seconded. Motion passed.



- Michael Wiley motioned *not* to add D5226. Joan Eskens seconded. Motion passed
- Lonnie Johnson motioned to add D7471. Michael Whiley seconded. Motion passed with the recommendation that it be payable at \$273.31 per arch.

5. Annual Report Information

- The Annual Report has been approved and is posted on the Department website. The following is a breakdown of some of the statistics.
- 2,963 - Unduplicated seniors that received dental care last fiscal year
- 18,711 - Dental services rendered
- 934 - Average amount per senior
- 50,978 - diagnostic
- 2,223 - Preventative
- 3,935 - Restorative
- 109 - Endodontics
- 1,661- Periodontics
- 1,474 - Prosthodontics
- 3,326 - Oral Surgery
- 5 -Emergency general services

6. Public Comment

Stacy Robben with Valley-Wide Health Systems

- Feels that there are many patients would benefit by adding D5225 & D5226 due to allergies. One concern is in the repairing of the flexible partial. Repair cost would cover the flexible partials, if the lab would repair at that fee. Would need a release form signed for this procedure.

Jennifer Goodrum gave information on a Bill regarding procedure amount change request by DAC.

- The early draft of the bill strikes out the entire section that references the benchmark about the reason behind the higher rates.
- There is conversation in the stakeholder community about how to make sure network provider is still maintained.
- Stated that this is an incredibly valuable program and she feels there is a general support in the stakeholder community for giving the board the flexibility to set rates down to at least the Medicaid rates if
 - provider network is maintained
 - it's easy for providers stay enrolled and continue to treat participants

Jennifer's response to Lonnie's question about how lowering the rates would affect provider participation.



- The challenge is how do we make it the most efficient and effective program for providers at the same time providing the most care to the senior population.
- If we lower rates substantially, how do we make sure we maintain the provider participation? The board's role would be coming up with the right rates that can maintain the providers ability to participate.
- CDA's interest in this process is having the ability to improve the program administration so it makes it easier for everybody
- Lonnie pointed out that are numerous factors that feed into to managing the Senior Dental Grant program.
- When comparing administrative costs of running this program vs Health First, it was pointed out that Denta Quest gets paid on the back end to help administrate the Health First dental program.

7. Board Action

- Chandra will email the Annual Report link.
- Chandra will email the information on the grantee application process to the board for outreach opportunities.

8. Additional Discussion

- The Department had additional funding from audit refunds and funds recovered from the AG's office.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 303 E 17th Avenue, Denver, CO in conference room 11AB.

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