



## Senior Dental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

303 E 17th Avenue, Conference Room 7 AB

April 22, 2016

### 1. Call to Order

**Linda Reiner** called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

### 2. Roll Call

There were sufficient members for a quorum.

#### A. Members Present

Linda Reiner, Matilda Bottenbley, Diane Brunson, Alan Kislowitz, Sally Ryman, Jill Elkema

#### B. Members on the Phone

None

#### C. Members Excused

Carol Niforatos, Keith Clear, Thomas Lavery, Todd Coffey

#### D. Staff Present

Chandra Vital, Cynthia Miley

### 3. Approval of Minutes

**Matilda Bottenbley** motioned to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2016 meeting. **Diane Brunson** seconded the motion. Motion

### 4. Department Updates on Current Figures

- As of March 31<sup>st</sup> there have been 2,248 senior served. 10,050 procedures about 4 procedures per senior
- Total spent is \$2,023,887, approximately \$900 per senior
- We already have grantees that have run out of money or are on track to run out
- Money has been redistributed to those providers

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## 5. Immediate Denture Draft Rules

- Currently immediate dentures are not allowed under the program.
- A proposal was sent in from the Gerontological Society requesting the immediate dentures be added
- Immediate dentures can only be done once in a lifetime and teeth must be extracted the same day
- Adjustment and realign would follow how the other partial and complete dentures are done and will be included in the full cost
- Denture is expected to have a lifespan of 5 or more years
- An interim complete denture cannot be used in place of the immediate denture
- There was concern at the last meeting that a senior would not know the difference between the immediate and complete so an informed consent form was created based on what some providers are currently using for this

## 6. Addition of Cast Metal Framework Discussion

- A proposal was received to add codes 5213 and 5214 which is cast metal framework on partial dentures instead of the resin
- Currently they are billing under the resin codes but are noting the patient file that the cast metal was used
- This proposal would allow providers to use the correct coding
- Recommend that the program mirrors the resin base because that is what we currently do
- Also mirrored the information on the procedure base to cover the cast metal

## 7. Public Comment

- Eillen Doherty (Colorado Gerontological Society) – Get lots of calls from people who want to do cast metal partials as opposed to resin based partials. The consent piece does not feel very person centered, it feels very dentist graduate centered. Asking someone to sign something this complicated does not feel very person centered. I think we need to be asking for consent for complete denture if we are asking for it for immediate dentures. It feels like this will add a level of complication to actually administering the program. On the consent if the patient opts for an immediate denture past the first 12 months it is unclear if the client would be allowed a realign. The programs should be the same on the policy side and if we are going to allow for a realign on the complete denture we should allow for a realign on the immediate as well. The intent of the legislature in passing this program is to make dental services available to as many people as possible. We should think much more clearly on about what is it that we can do to make this easier for the patient to take advantage of these services rather than creating multiple road blocks.



- Antonio Martinez (ABC Mobile) – I have worked closely with seniors and there is always going to be some type of complication. The most important part is that they have self-esteem and are able to stay healthy. There is always going to be some type of adjustment with any type of dentures. Centura went with the Family Dental Discount Plan because this program has been hard to navigate through and has been a big headache. This program may have lost Centura Health because of a lot of the dissention that has gone on. A lot of people we have tried to get on this program have got a lot of brick walls. I don't care who is providing benefits as long as people are being taken care of. The dentist usually know what to prescribe, that's their job. The most important thing is the patient. We want to get these seniors taken care of.

## 8. Additional Discussion

- Some of the providers are getting the failed immediates and are not able to bill for the permanent because someone else had done the immediates
- For Medicaid the realign costs are covered with the permanent dentures for 6 months after that they go against the \$1,000 cap
- We currently have the complete denture realigns up to 12 months included in the initial cost
- Will look into mirroring what Medicaid does for realigns

## 9. Board Action

- **Diane Brunson** motioned to add cast metal partial dentures codes 5213 and 5214 to the allowable procedures of the program. **Sally Ryman** seconded. Motion passed

## 10. The meeting was adjourned at p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 303 E 17th Avenue, Denver, CO in conference room 11BC.

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