



## **COUNCIL ON DENTAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS**

April 27, 2018

### **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Hoddick, James, Chair (8)  
Cooper, Ada (NY)  
Buchalter, Alyson (2)  
Hosoyama, Shig (3)  
Korkosz, Adrienne (4)  
Bozek, Walter (5)  
Lacey, Frederick (6)

Keating, Michael (7)  
Cuomo, Christopher (9)  
Porcelli, Eugene (N)  
Jhaveri, Viren (Q)  
Guariglia, John (S)  
Herman, Richard (B)  
Krishnan, Prabha (BOT Liaison)

The Council on Dental Benefit Programs met on Friday, April 27, 2018, at the NYSDA headquarters. All members were present with the exception of Dr. Cuomo. Drs. Cooper and Krishnan participated via telephone. Dr. Steven Snyder attended as the Second Trustee Caucus Representative to the ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs. Dr. Judith Shub, NYSDA Assistant Executive Director, and Ms. Jacquie Donnelly, NYSDA staff, also attended.

Dr. Hoddick called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. He asked the members to introduce themselves. There being no additions or corrections, the council adopted the minutes from its meeting on November 15, 2017, as written, following a motion by Dr. Jhaveri.

#### **ADA Council Report**

Dr. Snyder provided a detailed report on the actions of the ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs, citing the supportive tools in development and available tools, information and webinars designed to help members achieve success in their practices. He also highlighted the ADA's credentialing service and presented statistical trends from the National Association of Dental Plans (NADP). Dr. Snyder discussed the "plan rating tool" designed to assist plan purchasers in evaluating available dental plans. He described the council's meetings with insurance company representatives and concerns about the conduct of plan consultants. He also advised the council that the ADA will be conducting an Administrative Efficiency Summit in August 2018. The goal of the Summit will be to actively support achieving administrative efficiency for dental practices through the strategic promotion of all HIPAA electronic transactions pertaining to dental practice operations. The summit will include representatives

from the ADA, third-party payers, practice management system vendors, clearinghouses and the banking industry. Lastly, Dr. Snyder identified the changes that will appear in the 2019 CDT.

### Medicaid Committee Report

Dr. Patricia Hanlon, chair of the Special Committee on Dental Medicaid, joined the meeting via telephone to summarize her written report on the committee's deliberations.

The council is submitting two resolutions recommended by the Medicaid committee to the 2018 House of Delegates:

Resolved: That NYSDA advocate with the Department of Health for coverage for fluoride varnish, without the current age limitations, at the intervals recommended by the ADA; and be it further

Resolved: That NYSDA advocate with the NYS Department of Health for the inclusion of coverage for silver diamine fluoride as a covered benefit in the New York State Medicaid program.

### Medicare

Much of the council's discussion focused on the upcoming ADA resolution on the inclusion of dentistry in the federal Medicare program. Dr. Snyder provided a detailed summary of the council's deliberations. The issue is under consideration by the ADA Councils on Dental Benefits, Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP), Dental Practice and Government Affairs. The Council on Dental Benefits will submit a new resolution to the ADA Board of Trustees that will come before the 2018 House of Delegates in October.

### Component Issues

The members described issues raised by members in their respective components. Concerns included claim audits, electronic funds transfers and virtual credit card payments, non-covered services and misleading EOB language.

### Council Chair Nomination

Dr. Jhaveri nominated Dr. Adrienne Korkosz to serve as council chair following the completion of Dr. Hoddick's term in June 2018. The nomination was seconded by Dr. Keating. The council unanimously voted to recommend Dr. Korkosz of the Fourth District Dental Society to incoming president, Dr. Brendan Dowd, for consideration for appointment as the Council Chair from June 2018 to June 2019.

### New Business

There was no additional new business before the council.

Adjournment

Ms. Donnelly will poll the members via email to determine a convenient date to schedule the council's next meeting in the fall of 2018.

There being no additional business before the council, the chair adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James A. Hoddick, DDS".

James A. Hoddick, DDS, Chair