



Special Committee on Dental Medicaid
November 1, 2016

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Filanova, Vincent, Chair (3)

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Backer, Steven (2)

Sandu, Diana (4)

Wilson, Michael (6)

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Blonda-Gil, Nora (9)

Milord, Fabiola (N)

Mota Martinez, Mercedes (Q)

Hanlon, Patricia (S)

Jacobo, Amarilis (B)

The NYSDA Special Committee on Dental Medicaid met via conference call on November 1, 2016. All members of the committee participated in the meeting with the exception of Drs. Jacobo and Blonda-Gil. Dr. Mark Feldman, NYSDA executive director, Dr. Judith Shub, assistant executive director, and Ms. Jacquie Donnelly, NYSDA staff, participated as well.

Dr. Filanova called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. He repeated the charge to the committee and its position as a part of the Council on Dental Benefit Programs. He pointed out that the committee is charged with providing input on the problems encountered by Medicaid providers and make recommendations to the Council.

The first issue on the agenda was a discussion of the requirements included in Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act. The ADA has developed state-specific materials available to members on ada.org. Dr. Feldman advised that both the ADA and NYSDA are evaluating translation support services.

The committee discussed current audits by the office of the Medicaid Inspector General of dentists who received incentive funding to implement electronic health records. A number of dentists are currently under audit to determine whether the software purchased is compliant with the program requirements.

The chairman reminded members that Medicaid revalidation applications must be submitted by October 27 to assure continued payments. Dr. Hanlon advised that the requirement to include personal information about office management staff is not well-received by dentists in smaller practices.

New Business

The chairman asked whether the members could identify dentists in their components who treat patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID/DD). He explained efforts by DOH to establish a new fiscal model to administer Medicaid benefits for enrollees with ID/DD. DOH has been designing managed care models for this patient population and now is considering "Care Coordination Organizations" instead of Developmental Disabilities Individual Services Care Coordination Organizations (DISCO). Dr. Carl Tegtmeier, former chairman of NYSDA's Council on Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry and co-chair of the NYS Office for Persons with Developmental Disabilities' Oral Health Task Force, is exploring the efficacy of establishing an ID/DD-specific IPA to integrate dentists in the new managed care model. The chairman referred members to www.opwdd.ny.gov and agreed to provide Dr. Tegtmeier's email address, ctegdmd@aol.com.

Dr. Milord discussed problems she is encountering with Medicaid fee for service remission statements when funds are deposited electronically. The remittance statements are available online for only 28 days. She asked if NYSDA could contact DOH to see if the online availability could be extended to 90 days.

Dr. Backer complained that reimbursement for sealants is limited to once every 5 years and DOH is not using the D1353 code for a sealant repair as a viable alternative. NYSDA staff will address Drs. Milord and Backer's issues with DOH.

Dr. Backer also discussed publicizing the committee's existence and was encouraged to inform members who participate in Medicaid to report issues to their committee representative or representative to the Council on Dental Benefits.

Dr. Backer also pointed out that HealthPlex is no longer reimbursing for the full 3-year treatment period as covered by NYS Medicaid and has not been able to coordinate payments for dual eligible patients enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid.

Adjournment

Dr. Filanova announced that he will be resigning as chairman of the committee. There being no further business, the chairman thanked the members and adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vincent Filanova, DDS
Chairman