

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**DENTAL SERVICES WORKGROUP**  
**Wilsonville Training Center Room 218**  
**Wilsonville, Oregon**  
*November 6, 2008*  
*10:00 – 12:00 p.m.*

**Members Present:** Lisa Dodson, MD; Gary Allen, DMD; Jake Felix, MD; Cedric Hayden, DDS; Gordon Empey, DMD; Kristi Jacobo; Beryl Fletcher; Lynn Ironside, Mike Shirtcliff, DMD.

**Members Absent:** Michael Plunkett, MD, Deborah Loy.

**Staff Present:** Ariel Smits, MD, MPH; Darren Coffman.

**Guests:** Nate Hierlmaier, Oregon Health Policy & Research.

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<p><b>Goal of Meeting/Timeline</b>                      Lisa Dodson indicated that the workgroup should not see themselves as advocating for additional dental services, but helping the Health Services Commission to prioritize their importance within the context of all health services.</p> <p>Darren Coffman indicated that the key task of this meeting is to formulate recommended changes to the preventive dental services guideline to forward to the HSC for consideration at their 12/4/08 meeting. The guideline approved at that HSC meeting will go into effect on 1/1/09 along with the change in cleanings and fluoride allowed from once to twice a year.</p>	None		
<p><b>Workgroup Charge</b>                      Ariel Smits read through the charge of the workgroup. In addition to the aforementioned review of the preventive dental services guideline, the workgroup will be asked to make recommendations on the placement of new dental codes on the Prioritized List.</p> <p>Future work may include the review of all of the dental lines and associated guidelines on the List, as well as assisting with the conversion of the dental lines from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes. The HSC may want to give the workgroup a more permanent status in order to complete this work as well as review the new dental codes on a year-to-year basis.</p>	Workgroup accepts charge without further questions.		

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<p><b>Review of HSC Preventive Dental Services Guideline</b>  Dr. Smits reviewed the changes to the preventive dental services guideline by the HSC at their August 2008 meeting. The workgroup needs to: 1) review the wording of the guideline as it pertains to prophylaxis and fluoride treatment, 2) review the dental codes associated with the guidelines, and 3) review the last sentence of the guideline on the use of behavioral modification to desensitize a patient in an attempt to not use anesthesia.</p> <p>The workgroup agreed on three general suggestions that guided the final recommended guideline developed: 1) change periodicity wording to “once per 12 months” or “twice per 12 months” rather than calendar year to better fit with enrollment periods, 2) the HSC guidelines should give general guidance on periodicity of services allowed, with DMAP rules providing all details on defining high risk populations and other administrative matters, 3) the HSC guidelines only need to include statements on the periodicity of cleanings and fluoride treatments, not general oral exams, and 4) DMAP rules adequately guide dental services for people with disabilities and dental phobics and the HSC guideline need not include guidance on the use of code D9920.</p> <p>Discussion was held regarding the current DMAP rules defining high risk populations. The group agreed with all rules, except advocated for changing the rule regarding pregnant women to include all pregnant women, not just those with outstanding perioral disease. Kristi Jacobo from DMAP indicated that DMAP will change this rule.</p>	<p>The workgroup agreed unanimously to recommend the following guideline to the HSC:</p> <p>Dental cleaning and fluoride treatments are limited to once per <del>calendar year</del> <u>12 months</u> for adults and twice per <del>calendar year</del> <u>once 12 months</u> for children 18 and younger. (<del>D0120, D0145, D0150, D1110, D1120, D1203, D1204, D1206</del>). More frequent dental cleanings and/or fluoride treatments may be required for certain higher risk populations. <del>Used up to 4 times per year (maximum once per week) for patients over 18 who are mentally disabled or are truly dental phobic in order to determine the need to use IV or GA sedation to render necessary treatment (D9920).</del></p>	<p>Dr. Dodson, Dr. Smits and Mr. Coffman will take the recommended guideline changes to the HSC for consideration.</p>	<p>12/4/09</p>
<p><b>Other Potential Areas for Workgroup</b>  Dr. Shirtcliff has already put together his thoughts on the new dental codes for 2009 and did not find them to be significant in scope.</p>	<p>Dr. Shirtcliff will forward these to Dr. Smits electronically, who will in turn send them to the rest of the workgroup to get additional comments.</p>	<p>Dr. Shirtcliff</p>	<p>Within 1 week</p>

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<p><b>Other Potential Areas for Workgroup continued</b></p>	<p>Dr. Smits will formulate recommendations on the new code placement on the Prioritized List based on all comments from the workgroup for the HSC to consider.</p>	<p>Dr. Smits</p>	<p>For 12/4/08 HSC mtg</p>
<p><b>Next Steps</b> The next meeting of the workgroup will be held in February or March to review all eight of the dental lines on the Prioritized List and their associated guidelines, pending HSC approval of this work.</p>	<p>Send e-mail to schedule next meeting for February or March.</p>	<p>Mr. Coffman</p>	<p>Jan. 2009</p>
<p><b>Other Issues</b> Nate Hierlmaier, staff to the Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC), gave a summary of the work of the MAC in the area of access to oral health care for OHP clients. To date they have devoted two meetings and received testimony from twelve stakeholder groups on concerns, ideas, and projects underway to increase access.</p> <p>Recommendations for action will be developed as a result of this work and forwarded to the Governor's office for consideration, similar to their past input on the Healthy Kids Plan.</p>	<p>None</p>		
<p><b>Adjournment</b> The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Dodson at 11:58 pm.</p>			