

Dental Policy Review Meeting

May 6, 2015

Videoconference between Chicago and Springfield

1:00-3:00p

Meeting was called to order by the Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) Acting Chief of the Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services, Gina Swehla. It was noted that a quorum of dental committee members was present. Meeting summary from the prior meeting was approved for posting on the HFS website.

Discussion of the current legislatively required reduction in rate fees for FY2015 was initiated. Of specific concern was the reduction rate for the final two months of FY 2015 which equates to 16.25% per service for all dental services provided during the months of May and June. It was not clear to meeting participants if only those providers who are enrolled as fee-for- service providers will be included in the reduction of rate payment or if managed care plans would also be expected to reduce their dental payment amounts.

A new contract between the state of Illinois and DentaQuest of Illinois has been ratified. Contract is immediately in effect until June 2019 with the possibility of three annual renewals following 2019. Renewals will be based on work performance.

Sarah Jensen, executive director of DentaQuest of Illinois, reported updates from the DentaQuest program in their role as the administrator of the Illinois Dental Program, including the DentaQuest role in school-based dental care.

The Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS) reported they had reached out to HFS Director Norwood and begun discussions on possible policy changes for the administration of continuity of care issues at the HFS Dental Program.

The annual IFLOSS Oral Health Conference will be held in Bloomington, IL on October 13, 14, and 15 of 2015. Registration details will soon be released on the IFLOSS website at www.ifloss.org.

Mary J Hayes, DDS, brought to the attention of the committee a report that she received from a dentist who works with a Head Start group: Parents are reporting that children are being reappointed for fluoride varnish treatments separately from their exam and prophylaxis visit. The Head Start agency and the dentist are both concerned that this is bringing undue hardship to the parents to reappoint and defeats the purpose of adding fluoride varnish as a preventive procedure to the dental recall visits of these children. It does, however, generate an additional encounter and subsequent fee for the clinic providing care.

Mary Pat Burgess provided an update on the Chicago Public School Dental Program. Next meeting of the Dental Policy Review Committee is scheduled September 23, 2015.

