Dental Policy Review Committee Members Present
Mary Pat Burgess, Chicago Department of Public Health
Dionne Haney, Illinois State Dental Society
Mary Hayes, Pediatric Dental Health Associates, Ltd
James Wahl, Champaign-Urbana Public Health District
Ronald Mizer, Private Practice
Jim Thommes, Dental Director DentaQuest of Illinois
Stacy Ballweg, Illinois Department of Public Health

Dental Policy Review Committee Members Absent
W.H. Milligan, SIU School of Dentistry
Jorelle R. Alexander, Cook County Health & Hospitals System

HFS Staff Present
Christina McCutchan, Don Beers, Shelly DeFrates

DentaQuest Staff Present
Aaron Washburn, Krista Smothers, Jennifer Straub, LaDessa Cobb, Michelle O’Nail, Carol Leonard

Interested Parties
Geri Clark, DSCC                       Conny Moody, IDPH
Pam Cuffle, Illinois State Dental Society   Kelly Pulliam, Liberty Dental
Judy Bowlby, Liberty Dental            Rob Paral, RPA
Timika Nunley-Thomas, Liberty Dental    Mona VanKanegan, Oral Health Forum
Theresa Romano, Liberty Dental          Kristin Monnard, Sinai Urban Health Institute
Alicia Keefer, Keefer Practice Management

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order January 13, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. by Christina McCutchan. A quorum was established.

II. Introductions: Dental Policy Review members and HFS staff were introduced in Chicago and Springfield.

III. Old Business
Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services  

a. May 6th Meeting Minutes: Dr. James Wahl made a motion to discuss the minutes, which was duly second by Dionne Haney. Dr. Mary Hayes wanted to make sure that her updates were added and will be posted. Her corrections were read into the minutes. A motion was passed by the committee to post the minutes on the HFS website once the minutes are updated. Motion was approved.

b. October 28th Meeting Minutes: Dr. James Wahl made a motion to discuss the minutes. Motion was approved.

IV. New Business:

a. DentaQuest Update: Aaron Washburn, Region Director Midwest Client Engagement DentaQuest, introduced the new Illinois Executive Director for DentaQuest Dionne Haney. Dionne will begin working for DentaQuest on January 25, 2016 with training the first week and then will start working in her Springfield office the following week. Amber Kwiecien has left her support role with the Illinois HFS Dental Program but DentaQuest will be filling the position in the upcoming weeks.

b. Dental Policy Committee Member
   i. New Members: Christina McCutchan, Dental Program Manager for HFS, announced that the following committee members have resigned from the committee: Indru Punwani, Richard Perry, and David Miller. The following names were submitted by to HFS as recommendation for replacements to the committee: Sharon Molitoris, Scott Goldman, Mary Margaret Looker, Gene Romo, William Simon, Larry Williams, Mark Ploskonka, Rodney Vergotine, Sahar Alrayyes, Jason Grinter, Kathryn Olson, Gregory Dietz, and Sue Etminan. Christina McCutchan recommended the following people for the Dental Policy Committee:
      1. Jorelle Alexander, MaryPat Burgess and James Wahl terms approved for another term.
      2. James Thommes and Stacey Ballweg terms renewed.
      3. Mary Margaret Looker, Jason Grinter and Kathryn Olsen appointed as new committee members.

Dionne Haney asked Christina McCutchan when the new member will be receiving their letters. Christina McCutchan stated within the next week.

ii. Bylaws: Christina McCutchan proposed changes to the Bylaw to the Dental Policy Committee members which consisted of changing: two dental consultants employed by HFS to one HFS Managed Care representative and one DCFS representative, the HFS Illinois Dental Director to an HFS Dental Manager
and one member from a local component dental society of ISDS to one Division of Specialized Care for Children representative.

Stacy Ballweg asked Christina McCutchan if the wording to the Illinois Department of Public Health’s Division of Oral Health’s Division Dental Director could be changed to reflect the Illinois Department of Public Health’s Division of Oral Health’s Division representative. Christina McCutchan stated that she would submit it when with the other changes to administration for approval if the committee has no other concerns. Committee took vote and all members agreed with new bylaw membership changes.

iii. **Ethics Update:** Christina McCutchan reminded committee members to do their ethics.

c. **CDT Code Updates:** Dr. James Thommes, DDS DentaQuest Dental Director, discussed the CDT code changes for 2016. The HFS Dental Program is informing the Dental Policy Committee that the following new 2016 CDT codes will be covered: D5221, D5222, D5223, D5224, D9223 and D9243. New codes will have an effective date of July 1, 2016 and D9223 and D9243 will not be used in a hospital setting.

d. **2016 Meeting Dates:** Christina McCutchan verified at the meeting that the following dates April 27, 2016, July 20, 2016, and October 26, 2016, were approved by the committee for the rest of the year.

e. **Dorm Updates:** Shelly DeFrates informed the committee that the new 2012 American Dental Association Dental Claim Form, Attachment D on page 56 of the DORM, has been updated in the DORM and posted on the HFS website.

f. **Ortho Policy:** Christina McCutchan asked the committee how they handle Non-Covered Services and explained how they bill for broken bracket in orthodontic cases.

Alicia Keefer, with Keefer Practice Management, proposed the use of non-covered service code D8691: repair of an orthodontic appliance to charge the patient a reasonable fee when their repeated behaviors have resulted in broken appliances and interrupted treatment, thus diminishing their standard of care. Alicia also wanted clarification on CDT D8080.

Dr. James Thommes explained that D8080 pays for the entire case including all bands that need to be repaired. The HFS Dental Program or DentaQuest doesn’t allow for broken bracket to be paid for separately and CDT codes D8690 orthodontic treatment (alternative billing to a contract fee) services or D8999 cannot be
used to bill for broken brackets.

Dr. James Thommes explained that the definition in the CDT for D8691 repair of orthodontic appliance does not include bracket and standard fixed orthodontic appliances. Dr. Mary Hayes commented that orthodontist that see patients non Medicaid patients may use this code for billing purposes.

Kelly Pulliam from Liberty Dental and Aaron Washburn from DentaQuest stated that the MCO plans follow the same practice as HFS fee for service does for orthodontics.

g. **D1206/D1208:** Christina explained that for 0-2 years olds, D1206 (Topical Fluoride Varnish) and D1208 (Topical Application of Fluoride) should be 3 visits per year. The wording in the DORM will be clarified.

h. **Provider/Informational Notices:** Christina reminded everyone to get signed up for Provider/Information Notices on the HFS website. She also informed them about IMPACT revalidation deadline extensions. Dionne Haney asked if committee can have a chance to review provider notice before they are sent out to provider to help make sure that they make sense to providers. Christina McCutchan stated that we will work the committee when time permits. Dr. Mary Hayes brought up to the committee that it is the mission of the committee to review policy, and procedures.

V. **Open Discussion:** During open discussion questions were raised about D0120 (exams), D1110 (prophylaxis) and D1208 (fluoride). Dionne Haney made a motion to go back to adding prophylaxis to match exams, Dr. Wahl seconded the motion. Mary Pat Burgess made a motion to have fluoride varnish match exams. Then a motion to amend was made. All members voted yes. Dionne Haney made a motion to have prophylaxis and fluoride match exams, Dr. Wahl seconded the motion. All members voted yes.

Mary Pat Burgess made a motion that provider start billing D0601, D0602, and D0603 for risk assessment and that research and standardization be developed the for audit purposes based on D0120 or D0150 exam codes and a date to be determined when they will start using the D0601, D0602, and D0603. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thommes. All members voted yes.

VI. **Adjournment:** Dr. Wahl made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dionne Haney and passed without objection by the committee. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.