Dental Policy Review Committee Minutes
October 5, 2011
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Videoconference between Chicago, IL and Springfield, IL

Members Present: Mary Pat Burgess, Dr. Gerald Dismer, Dionne Haney, Dr. Mary Hayes,
Dr. Ronald Mizer, Dr. Richard Perry, Dr. Indru Punwani, Dr. Debra Schwenk, Dr. James Thommes,
Dr. James Wahl

Others Attending:
DentaQuest: Krista Smothers, Jennifer Straub, Sarah Tobias, Nick Barnette
Healthcare and Family Services: Marie Bonner, Heidi Johnson, Gina Swehla, Jamie Tripp, Jaci Vaughn
IDPH: Dr. David Miller
UIC – DSCC: Susan Gentili, Tess Rhodes
IFLOSS: Judy O’Shea

Meeting was called to order by Gina Swehla. Introductions were made.

Old Business

Meeting summary from May 4, 2011 was approved with one minor correction. The revised
meeting summary will be posted on the Dental Program website @ www.hfs.illinois.gov/dental/

New Business

HFS Report

Staffing Changes: Deborah Saunders, Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health Promotion, retired effective August 31, 2011. The Dental Program staff, as part of the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health Promotion, is now under the supervision of HFS administrator Jacqueta Ellinger.

CMS Monitoring Review: CMS staff conducted a monitoring review of Illinois’ EPSDT Dental Program, September 27-29, 2011, in Chicago. The monitoring review included interviews with HFS staff and administrators, DentaQuest staff, and participating providers. Providers interviewed included one rural provider, one urban provider, and two dental clinics that provide services to children with special needs, one urban clinic that serves a large number of All Kids enrolled children, and two FQHCs. A document review was also completed. The document review included reviews of HFS’ written responses to thirty-nine CMS questions submitted to HFS Dental
Program staff in July, examples of DentaQuest outreach materials, CMS-416 report results, and DentaQuest presentations given to providers.

**Dental Clinic Grants Program:** As of June 30, 2011, $1,826,049 of the $2,000,000 available funding for the Dental Grant Program had been awarded. Twenty-five entities, including sixteen FQHCs and nine local health departments, have received funding to build or expand dental clinics throughout the state. Seven new dental clinics are in varying phases of the building process and forty-four new operatories will be added.

**Fluoride Varnish Initiative (Bright Smiles from Birth):** The fluoride varnish program is now expanding statewide. UIC dental staff is working with the Illinois Chapter, American Association of Pediatrics (ICAAP) to improve documentation of fluoride varnish, using a medical chart format. UIC dentists are also working with ICAAP to develop a web-based training related to anticipatory guidance.

**DentaQuest Report**

**Rolling Trend Report:** The rolling trend report was distributed to attendees. The number of enrolled providers has increased.

**Staff Changes:** Jennifer Straub was introduced as the newest DentaQuest Provider Relations Representative. She will be working with providers located in Peoria and southward.

**DORM:** The 2012 version of the Dentist Office Reference Manual (DORM) was released September 1, 2011. A CD of the DORM has been mailed to all enrolled providers. Changes in the 2012 DORM include:

- The following codes are covered benefits for all dates of service on or after September 1, 2011
  - D3222 – Partial Pulpotomy for Apexogenesis
  - D4355 - Full Mouth Debridement
  - D7270 – Tooth Reimplantation and/or stabilization of accidentally evulsed or displaced tooth
- Changes to Orthodontia Benefits
  - Eleven D8670s are allowed per orthodontia case. Payment is allowed every 45 days. The new fee for D8670 is $240. Total allowable reimbursement for D8670 remains $2640.

Review the 2012 DORM for specific details regarding each of these changes. Additional copies of the DORM in paper or CD are available by contacting Krista Smothers at (217) 522-8906 or krista.smothers@dentaquest.com.

**Peer Review Committee:** Newer members of the Dental Policy Committee asked for information about the DentaQuest Peer Review Committee, specifically, criteria for membership, appointment selection process, and term limits. The DentaQuest Peer Review Committee was created in 1999 and is comprised of a diverse group of dental practitioners who meet regularly to address quality of care issues and review standard operating procedures. Currently there are no term limits. Some original members of the committee are still serving.

**All Kids School-Based Dental Program:** Providers enrolled with the All Kids School-Based Dental Program will be required to provide adequate referral services to the students served in the school setting. Providers must provide specific contact information to a dentist who will provide
necessary restorative care. The referral may be made to the dentist who provided the preventive services, to a community-based provider, or the school-based provider may employ a case manager who will assist families in locating a local dentist to provide the needed services.

The follow-up care form sent to parents following a school-based exam has been revised and simplified with a reading equivalency level of 4.3 (fourth grade, third quarter).

An interagency agreement with Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is in place, allowing IDPH employees to monitor school-based providers.

**External Reports**

**Chicago Department of Public Health:** Mary Pat Burgess reports that there are over 500 schools in the Chicago Public School system with approximately 96,000 children that take part in the school-based dental program. They are considering incorporating high schools in January. CDPH has also started case managing the children who have urgent treatment needs to assure they are getting in for treatment.

**Lake County Health Department:** Dr. Dismer reports the dental clinic in Zion, IL did not receive requested Capital Development state funding and will now apply for federal dollars. Lake County is involved in a pilot project with WIC clinics. The project offers dental exams and fluoride varnish on site of the WIC clinic.

**IDPH:** Dr. David Miller was welcomed to the committee. Dr. Miller has been appointed Chief of the Division of Oral Health in the Office of Health Promotion for IDPH. Dr. Miller has practiced dentistry for more than 20 years in the Chicago area and also served in the Illinois House from 2001-2011 as a state representative. Dr. Miller’s priority is to increase federal grant funding for oral health initiatives into the state.

**Dr. Mary Hayes** reported meeting with the HFS Office of the Inspector General (OIG) staff to discuss alternate payee issues. Specifically, the state requirement for provider TINs:

- One provider can have a total of four individuals billing under his/her TIN (owner and three associates);
- A TIN owned by two providers can have only the two owners billing under the TIN;
- A TIN that is owned by three or more providers may have unlimited providers billing under the TIN.

Dr. Hayes believes these requirements are unreasonable and burdensome, as many of Illinois’ dental providers operate in practices with two owners. Dr. Hayes will continue to follow-up on this issue with OIG staff.

**UIC:** Dr. Indru Punwani reported on the pilot project between UIC Medical and Dental Departments for 5,000 children who access care at UIC to encourage creating dental homes for the children.

**Illinois State Dental Society:** Dionne Haney reports the ISDS Foundation will sponsor its second “Mission of Mercy”, June 8-9, 2012, at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, IL. The goal of the two-day event is to see 2,000 patients and provide $1,000,000 worth of free dental services to children and adults. Details, including how to donate and/or volunteer, are available at www.ISDS.org.

**Future Meeting Dates:** The Dental Policy Review Committee will meet on the following dates in 2012:

- March 7
- June 13
- October 3

Meetings will be held from 1:00-3:00p as a videoconference between Springfield and Chicago.