

## MINUTES

### Health Evidence Review Commission's Oral Health Advisory Panel (OHAP)

Clackamas Community College  
Wilsonville Training Center, Room 210  
September 22, 2015  
8:00-10:00 AM

**Members Present:** Bruce Austin, DMD, Chair Pro Tempore; Deborah Loy; Mike Shirtcliff, DMD (via phone); Gary Allen, DMD; Lynn Ironside; Lori Lambright; Mike Plunkett, DDS, MPH (at 8:20); Patricia Parker, DMD; Karen Nolan.

**Members Absent:** Benjamin Hoffman, MD; Eli Schwarz, DDS, MPH, PhD.

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

**Also Attending:** Dee Weston, Sarah Wetherson, Brian Nieuburt, and Lori Johnson, OHA; Cathleen Olesitse, Care Oregon; Laura McKeane, All Care Health; Paul Bullinger and Ashlen Strong, Healthshare of Oregon; Caroline Larsen, WVCM; Dayna Steringer, DK Strategies LLC and Advantage Dental.

#### Roll Call/Minutes Approval/Staff Report

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 am and roll was called. Minutes from the October 15, 2014 OHP meeting were reviewed and approved.

Smits reviewed the charge of OHAP and the organizational structure within HERC.

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#### ➤ **Topic: 2016 CDT Code Review**

**Discussion:** The proposed placement for the new 2016 CDT codes included in the meeting materials, reflecting input from the DCO Contractors, were reviewed. The code placements were accepted as proposed with minimal discussion except for the following:

- 1)** D5221-D5224 were placed as recommended on a non-covered line. OHAP clarified that immediate partial dentures are not a covered item because it is very difficult to correctly fit dentures until the mouth is healed from the extraction process. The delayed partial denture CDT codes are on a covered line.
- 2)** D9223 and D9243 (dental anesthesia codes) were recommended to be placed on the Exempt List rather than the Ancillary List, as the dental providers do not used

diagnosis codes and the Ancillary List therefore is not applicable. The other dental anesthesia codes are on the Exempt List, and there are dental rules in place regarding their use.

- 3) D1354 (interim caries arresting medicament application) was extensively discussed. This CDT code is mainly used for the application of silver diamine fluoride. This treatment provides tertiary prevention, to arrest caries already present. Therefore, this procedure is not appropriate for a prevention line, which contains only primary and secondary preventive services. It is most appropriate for the dental caries line (line 358). Plunkett asked that a guideline be added to define what a “medicament” is, as this term is very vague. Currently, it refers to silver diamine fluoride, but other existing compounds and compounds under development could fall into this category. HERC reviewed silver compounds including silver diamine fluoride in January, 2013 and determined that these compounds should not be covered and added a guideline to the Prioritized List (GN91) specifically calling out non-coverage. At that time, silver diamine fluoride was not FDA approved (it has subsequently been approved), and the majority of the research into its effectiveness was done outside of the US. The previous HERC discussion had also included silver nitrate, which OHAP does not feel should be covered. There was additional concern about the black staining of teeth with silver treatments.

The majority of OHAP felt that this treatment is effective for arresting caries and for treating the dental infectious process. The group felt that newer compounds currently being studied will prove to be equally or more effective. The group was unanimous in feeling that D1354 should be covered, and recommended adding a guideline limiting this code to represent only the use of silver diamine fluoride, with further limitation to 2 applications a year. The group felt that this guideline would be an interim guideline for the next year or two, while OHAP could further investigate the research and standards for use, and create a more comprehensive guideline note.

A representative from Delta Dental testified that Delta Dental was not going to cover this CDT code for 2016 due to concerns about defining medicament and for concerns about the experimental nature of the therapy.

Shirtcliff forwarded an in-press review by Horst in the California Dental Association Journal on silver diamine fluoride to the group, which he felt was an excellent summary of the technology and its recommended uses.

The decision was made to recommend placement of D1354 on line 358 DENTAL CONDITIONS (EG. CARIES, FRACTURED TOOTH), with a new guideline. GN91 was recommended for deletion. HERC staff was directed to 1) research the CDT committee minutes for additional information on why this code was approved, 2) review the recently published MED report on this topic, and 3) review the identified

review article on this topic. HERC staff will compile this material for the October 1, 2015 VBBS meeting for further discussion.

**Actions:**

- 1) See recommended 2016 CDT code placements in Appendix A
- 2) Delete GN91

**~~GUIDELINE NOTE 91, SILVER COMPOUNDS FOR DENTAL CARIES~~**

~~Lines 57,347,348,473,599~~

~~Silver compounds for dental caries prevention and treatment are not included on these or any lines on the Prioritized List for coverage consideration~~

- 3) Add a new guideline for silver diamine fluoride as shown below

**GUIDELINE XXX, CARIES ARRESTING MEDICAMENT APPLICATION**

*Line 358*

D1354 is limited to silver diamine fluoride applications, with a maximum of two applications per year.

➤ **Topic: Placement of CDT Codes on the Prioritized List and on Another List**

**Discussion:** CDT codes which are currently located both on the Prioritized List and on another List (Diagnostic, Ancillary, etc.) were reviewed, along with the staff proposed placement. There was no discussion.

**Actions:**

- 1) The CDT codes appearing on two lists will all be removed from any other list other than the Prioritized List

➤ **Topic: Denture Coverage on the Prioritized List**

**Discussion:** Smits reviewed the current placement of CDT codes for dentures. There was no discussion.

**Actions:** This topic was informational only

➤ **Topic: Crowns**

**Discussion:** Smits requested feedback from OHAP on whether the current OHA dental rules regarding crowns were sufficient or whether OHAP would like a guideline regarding crown coverage drafted for the Prioritized List. The group was in unanimous agreement that rules were preferable to a guideline.

**Actions:** No action required

➤ **Topic: Dental Access Issues**

**Discussion:** Austin reviewed an OHA survey on dental access. There was some discussion about dental metrics.

**Actions:** This topic was informational/for discussion only

➤ **Topic: Restoration of Benefits for Adults**

**Discussion:** The legislative decision to appropriate additional money to allow broader coverage of dentures, crowns, and scaling/planing was reviewed and information on possible additions to coverage was reviewed.

**Actions:** This topic was informational only

➤ **Public Comment:**

Caroline Larson testified about the importance of the work of OHAP and the importance of dental health for overall physical health and the ability of a person to function in society.

➤ **Issues for next meeting:**

- Revisit caries arresting medicament guideline

➤ **Next meeting:**

- TBD

Appendix A  
2016 New CDT Codes

CDT Code	Code Description	Suggested Placement
D0251	extra-oral posterior dental radiographic image	Diagnostic List
D0422	collection and preparation of genetic sample material for laboratory analysis and report	Services Recommended for Non-Coverage Table
D0423	genetic test for susceptibility to diseases – specimen analysis	Services Recommended for Non-Coverage Table
D1354	interim caries arresting medicament application	<b>348</b> DENTAL CONDITIONS (EG. CARIES, FRACTURED TOOTH) <i>Note: With guideline limiting to silver diamine fluoride only, used up to twice per year</i>
D4283	autogenous connective tissue graft procedure (including donor and recipient surgical sites) – each additional contiguous tooth, implant or edentulous tooth position in same graft site	<b>496</b> DENTAL CONDITIONS (EG. PERIODONTAL DISEASE)
D4285	non-autogenous connective tissue graft procedure (including recipient surgical site and donor material) – each additional contiguous tooth, implant or edentulous tooth position in same graft site	<b>496</b> DENTAL CONDITIONS (EG. PERIODONTAL DISEASE)
D5221	immediate maxillary partial denture – resin base (including any conventional clasps, rests and teeth)	<b>594</b> DENTAL CONDITIONS (EG. CARIES, FRACTURED TOOTH)
D5222	immediate mandibular partial denture – resin base (including any conventional clasps, rests and teeth)	<b>594</b> DENTAL CONDITIONS (EG. CARIES, FRACTURED TOOTH)
D5223	immediate maxillary partial denture – cast metal framework with resin denture bases (including any conventional clasps, rests and teeth)	<b>594</b> DENTAL CONDITIONS (EG. CARIES, FRACTURED TOOTH)
D5224	immediate mandibular partial denture – cast metal framework with resin denture bases (including any conventional clasps, rests and teeth)	<b>594</b> DENTAL CONDITIONS (EG. CARIES, FRACTURED TOOTH)
D7881	occlusal orthotic device adjustment	<b>552</b> TMJ DISORDER
D8681	removable orthodontic retainer adjustment	<b>47</b> CLEFT PALATE WITH AIRWAY OBSTRUCTION <b>305</b> CLEFT PALATE AND/OR CLEFT LIP <b>621</b> DENTAL CONDITIONS (EG. MALOCCLUSION)
D9223	deep sedation/general anesthesia – each 15 minute increment	Exempt List
D9243	intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia – each 15 minute increment	Exempt List
D9932	cleaning and inspection of removable complete denture, maxillary	Services Recommended for Non-Coverage Table
D9933	cleaning and inspection of removable complete denture, mandibular	Services Recommended for Non-Coverage Table

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<b>CDT Code</b>	<b>Code Description</b>	<b>Suggested Placement</b>
D9934	cleaning and inspection of removable partial denture, maxillary	Services Recommended for Non-Coverage Table
D9935	cleaning and inspection of removable partial denture, mandibular	Services Recommended for Non-Coverage Table
D9943	occlusal guard adjustment	<b>650</b> DENTAL CONDITIONS WHERE TREATMENT RESULTS IN MARGINAL IMPROVEMENT