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

Meridian Park Hospital
Community Health Education Center, Room 213
December 4, 2013
9:00am – 11:00 am

Members Present: James Tyack, DMD, Chair; Mike Shirtcliff, DMD; Eli Schwarz, DDS, MPH; Michael Plunkett, DDS, MPH; Cedric Hayden, DMD; Lynn Ironside; Dee Weston; Deborah Loy; Patricia Parker, DMD; Fred Bremner, Member-alternant.

Members Absent: Beryl Fletcher.

Staff Present: Darren Coffman; Jason Gingerich; Cat Livingston.

Also Attending: Larry Burnett, DDS; Denise Taray DMAP.

Roll Call/Staff Report

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am and roll was called. Livingston reviewed the purpose of the meeting. Additional business to be added to the meeting agenda included fluoride varnish application in children and adolescents.

➤ **Topic:** Review of New CDT Codes for 2014

Discussion: Livingston presented a table of CDT 2014 codes with proposed placements.

Staff recommendations per the meeting materials were accepted except as indicated below.

D1999 was recommended for the ancillary file with manual review. No specific unlisted preventive services were identified, so members felt this should be consistent with other similar unlisted codes and be excluded.

D3355, D3356 and D3357 were placed on line 676 as they are deemed experimental.

D3431 and D3432 was recommended for line 676.

D4921 was recommended for the excluded file.

D5994 was recommended for placement on line 676 as few patients with xerostomia may benefit.

D8694 was recommended for lines 49, 325 and 647.

It was determined that no changes in line placement were necessary for those existing codes that are experiencing a change in their description (D3351, D3352, D3410, D3421, D3425, D3426, D5991).

The subcommittee skipped discussion of the oral risk assessment codes, as they were to be covered later.

Actions: Approved recommended placements for new CDT codes as shown in Appendix A for the April 1, 2014 Prioritized List.

➤ **Topic:** Interim Therapeutic Restorations

Discussion: The subcommittee clarified that interim therapeutic restorations are in longstanding use, albeit under a different name and there is good evidence to support them. They recommended placing this on Line 372 without a guideline.

Actions: Recommend placing D2941 on Line 372 without a guideline.

➤ **Topic:** Materials for Posterior Restorations

Discussion: The committee discussed concerns that some dentists no longer perform amalgam restorations, and so requiring that posterior restorations be done with amalgam will limit access to dental services. However, evidence shows that amalgam fillings are more durable. After discussion, the committee recommended coverage for composite restorations on posterior teeth, with the following guideline note:

GUIDELINE NOTE XX DENTAL FILLINGS FOR POSTERIOR TEETH
For dental fillings in posterior teeth, amalgam is preferred for extensive restorations. If amalgam is unavailable or contraindicated, composite is acceptable.

Actions: Recommend adding the guideline note shown above to line 372.

➤ **Topic:** Oral Health Risk Assessment Codes

Discussion: Livingston presented an issue summary. The subcommittee discussed adding codes D0601-D0603 to line 58. They discussed the benefits of these screening tools, and the concern that many children who are Medicaid recipients do not regularly get to a dentist, so it may be advantageous for these services to be provided in a primary care home. While there was discussion that many primary care homes may not use these CDT codes for reimbursement given use of evaluation and management codes for billing, it was decided that these codes should be placed on a medical line as well to emphasize the importance of these services in both medical and dental settings, enable billing, and allow CCOs to track utilization.

Actions: Recommend placement of codes D0601, D0602 and D0603 on lines 3 and 58. Adopt a guideline note stating that on line 3 these codes should be restricted to pregnant patients and children under the age of 6. On line 58 these should be restricted to patients under age 21.

➤ **Public Testimony:**

Larry Burnett, retired dentist, testified in favor of early screening starting at age 1. He said that early screening starts with the medical profession and that stopping early decay can prevent future decay throughout life. He asked the subcommittee to consider putting D0145 on medical lines to encourage its use in the medical office.

The subcommittee discussed adding D0145 to line 3 so that it could be billed by primary care providers, but there was a lack of clarity on the code definition as to whether it can only be billed by dentists.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

APPENDIX A

Recommended Placement of New CDT Codes on April 1, 2014 List

Code	Code Description (short)	Code Description (long)	Recommendation
D0393	Treatment simulation using 3D image volume	Treatment simulation using 3D image volume (the use of 3D image volumes for simulation of treatment including but not limited to, dental implant placement, orthognathic surgery and orthodontic tooth movement)	Line 648 (Implants)
D0394	Digital subtraction of two or more images or image volumes of the same modality	Digital subtraction of two or more images or image volumes of the same modality to demonstrate changes that have occurred over time	
D0395	fusion of two or more 3D image volumes of one or more modalities	fusion of two or more 3D image volumes of one or more modalities	
D0601	Caries risk assessment and documentation with a finding of low risk	Caries risk assessment and documentation with a finding of low risk--Using recognized assessment tools	Prevention Lines 3 (Pregnant women & children < 6) and 58 (Children < 21)
D0602	Caries risk assessment and documentation with a finding of moderate risk	Caries risk assessment and documentation with a finding of moderate risk--Using recognized assessment tools	
D0603	Caries risk assessment and documentation with a finding of high risk	Caries risk assessment and documentation with a finding of high risk--Using recognized assessment tools	
D1999	Unspecified preventive procedure, by report	Unspecified preventive procedure, by report	Excluded File
D2921	reattachment of tooth fragment, incisal edge or cusp	reattachment of tooth fragment, incisal edge or cusp	Line 283 (Urgent care)

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D2941	interim therapeutic restoration-primary dentition	interim therapeutic restoration--primary dentition--Placement of an adhesive restorative material following caries debridement by hand or other method for the management of early childhood caries. Not considered a definitive restoration	Line 372 (Basic restorative)
D2949	restorative foundation for an indirect restoration	restorative foundation for an indirect restoration--placement of restorative material to yield a more ideal form, including elimination of undercuts	Line 621 (Advanced Restorative-elective)
D3355	pulpal regeneration -initial visit	pulpal regeneration -initial visit. Includes opening tooth, preparation of canal spaces, placement of medication	Line 676 (Elective)
D3356	pulpal regeneration - interim medication replacement	pulpal regeneration - interim medication replacement	
D3357	pulpal regeneration -- completion of treatment.	pulpal regeneration -- completion of treatment. Does not include final restoration	
D3427	periradicular surgery w/o apicoectomy		Lines 480, 533 and 558 (Advanced Endodontics)
D3428	Bone graft in conjunction with periradicular surgery -- per tooth, single site	Bone graft in conjunction with periradicular surgery -- per tooth, single site--includes non-autogenous graft material	Lines 480, 533 and 558 (Advanced Endodontics)

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D3429	Bone graft in conjunction with periradicular surgery -- each additional contiguous tooth in the same surgical site	Bone graft in conjunction with periradicular surgery -- each additional contiguous tooth in the same surgical site--includes non-autogenous graft material	Lines 480, 533 and 558 (Advanced Endodontics)
D3431	biologic materials to aid in soft and osseous tissue regeneration in conjunction with periradicular surgery	biologic materials to aid in soft and osseous tissue regeneration in conjunction with periradicular surgery	Line 676 (Elective)
D3432	Guided tissue regeneration, resorbable barrier, per site, in conjunction with periradicular surgery	Guided tissue regeneration, resorbable barrier, per site, in conjunction with periradicular surgery	Line 676 (Elective)
D4921	gingival irrigation-per quadrant. Irrigation of gingival pockets with medicinal agent. Not to be used to report use of mouth rinses or non-invasive chemical debridement	gingival irrigation-per quadrant. Irrigation of gingival pockets with medicinal agent. Not to be used to report use of mouth rinses or non-invasive chemical debridement	Exclude File
D5863	overdenture--complete maxillary	overdenture--complete maxillary	Line 631 (Complex prosthodontics)
D5864	overdenture -- partial maxillary	overdenture -- partial maxillary	Line 631 (Complex prosthodontics)
D5865	overdenture-complete mandibular	overdenture-complete mandibular	Line 631 (Complex prosthodontics)
D5866	overdenture -- partial mandibular	overdenture -- partial mandibular	Line 631 (Complex prosthodontics)
D5994	peridontal medicament carrier with peripheral seal--laboratory processed	peridontal medicament carrier with peripheral seal--laboratory processed. A custom fabricated, laboratory processed carrier that covers the teeth and alveolar mucosa. Used as a vehicle to deliver prescribed medicamenets for sustained contact with the gingiva, alveolar mucosa and into the periodontal sulcus or pocket	Line 676 (Elective)
D6011	Second stage implant surgery	Second stage implant surgery-- surgical access to an implat body for placement of a healing cap or to enable placement of an	Line 648 (Implants)

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D6013	surgical placement of mini implant	surgical placement of mini implant	Line 648 (Implants)
D6052	semi-precision attachment abutment-includes placement of keeper assembly	semi-precision attachment abutment-includes placement of keeper assembly	Line 648 (Implants)
D8694	repair of fixed retainers, includes reattachment	repair of fixed retainers, includes reattachment	Lines 49, 325 (cleft palate lines) and 647 (Orthodontics)
D9985	Sales tax	Sales tax	Excluded File