

Comments on Oral Health

Standards

#	Location	Comment	DSHS Response	Determination
1	Services - services will include	Recommend "may." Prosthodontics, endodontics may be beyond the scope of practice for some dentists.	Reword to: Services will include routine dental examinations, prophylaxis, x-rays, fillings, and basic oral surgery (simple extractions). Endodontistry and prosthodontics may be funded if individual maximum cap has not been reached. Referral for specialized care should be completed if clinically necessary	

2	Services - services will include	Obtain more clarification on what endodontistry and prosthodontics includes. Does this include Partials and Dentures which are currently not eligible expenses?	<p>Prosthodontics deals with the replacement of missing teeth and related mouth or jaw structures by bridges, dentures, or other artificial devices. It would include partials and dentures.</p> <p>Endodontistry perform a variety of procedures including endodontic therapy (commonly known as "root canal therapy"), endodontic retreatment, surgery, treating cracked teeth, and treating dental trauma.</p> <p>These are eligible services depending on client eligibility and individual maximum cap.</p>	
3	Services - Emergency procedures will be treated on a walk-in basis as availability and provisions allow.	Recommend changing word - not sure what it means.	Change to availability and <u>funding</u> allow.	
4	Services- Maximum allowable benefit	Who sets the cap? Is there currently a cap?	Under Part A, the grantee or the planning council set the cap. Part B, the grantee set these caps.	

5	Services- Maximum allowable benefit	Being that dental work can be so costly, should we have a maximum benefit amount for clients per annum?	Services fall within specified service caps, expressed by dollar amount, type of procedure, limitations on the number of procedures, or a combination of any of the above, as determined by the grantee.	
6	Service providers shall employ clinical staff who is knowledgeable and experienced in dental care as well as in the area of HIV/AIDS dental practice.	Wording doesn't sound correct	Change to: Service provider should employ individuals who are knowledgeable and experienced in dental care as well as in the area of HIV/AIDS dental practice.	
7	Services providers knowledgeable/exp eriented	Not sure how we can require private dental practices to hire staff experienced in HIV care.	Change to: Service provider should employ individuals who are knowledgeable and experienced in dental care as well as in the area of HIV/AIDS dental practice. This is currently a recommendation, but will be deleted from monitoring tool.	
8	Confidentiality statement	Signed by pharmacy?	Will change word to dental staff	

9	Health care workers who perform exposure0prone procedures should know their HIV antibody status	Does there need to be proof of an HIV test in the employee file? How do we monitor for this?	No, Texas Health and Safety Code, Title 2, Subtitle D, Chapter 85. Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection, located at http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/H S/htm/HS.85.htm; Sec. 85.201. recommends that healthcare workers know their status. We are including this recommendation in the standards per this recommendation; however will not monitor for it.	
10	Documentation for eligibility will be kept on file	Dental records may be electronic. Also, not sure dentists want eligibility records in their charts.	Standards state “documentation for eligibility will be kept on file in the primary dental record – which can be electronic.	
11	Documentation for eligibility may include financial criteria	What are the eligibility criteria? Is this set by the agency?	Financial eligibility can be set by the AA for the regional cap for dental services.	
12	Dental and medical history - current CD4 and VL test results	How are you defining current?	Last CD4 and VL sent over with the referral -	
13	Dental and medical history - TB screening result	Within what time frame?	Last TB screening result sent over by the referring provider	
14	Oral Examination	Patient must one - missing word "have"	Will insert word Thanks!	

15	Oral Examination	Does one of the following twice per year mean that a patient must receive two of the exam codes listed within one year or one of the codes twice? It is my understanding that ADA requires an exam with a dentist once a year.	Oral Evaluation is to be conducted once per year. Standards will be corrected to reflect ADA requirement.	
16	Documentation - X-rays, if appropriate	Don't see reference to x-rays in oral examination section above. Primary issue noted with x-rays is frequency and quality.	X-rays are included in ADA code DO 120. Will include wording for bitewing under this code.	
17	General	I think it should be addressed in the standards how to be adherent when using contracted providers vs in-house dentists	Contracted dentists will need to adhere to oral health standards if they want to receive reimbursement for services just as AOMC providers and other contracted services.	