

**UNOFFICIAL REPORT OF MAJOR ACTION
COUNCIL ON DENTAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS
July 22-23, 2021**

The Council on Dental Benefit Programs (CDBP) met on July 22-23, 2021 at the ADA headquarters building in Chicago. Major actions are as follows:

1. The Council approved the inclusion of actions taken via eballot since the November 2020 Council meeting into the minutes of this meeting.
2. The Council directed that dentists be made aware of provider rating programs such as the DentaQual program that display ratings of dentists on provider directories, and that Delta Dental of California be invited to participate in the dialogue with the Council at its November 2021 meeting.
3. The Council approved the following individuals be nominated as ADA representatives to the Dental Quality Alliance (DQA) for a four-year term beginning 2022 through 2025.
 - Dr. Robert E. Margolin
 - Dr. Lindsay Smith
4. The Council directed that the findings on the feasibility of eligibility and benefits verification be shared as a response to Resolution 102H-2020. The Council also directed that additional due diligence be conducted on entities purporting to develop solutions to resolve issues related to eligibility and benefits verification with an update back to the Council at its next meeting in November 2021.
5. The Council approved a new proposed policy on Affordable Care Act (ACA) and a Public Option and directed that the proposed policy be submitted to the 2021 House of Delegates.
6. The Council, in accordance with direction from the Board of Trustees, initiated a project concerning enhancement of the ADA's Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature (CDT Code) so that this ADA intellectual property is able to support dentistry's coding needs. The Council approved convening an ad-hoc CDT Code Enhancement Taskforce with leadership from CDBP and comprised of subject matter experts in the following areas – Clinical Documentation, Administrative Transactions, and Data Exchange and Interoperability. The Taskforce's initial recommendations are to be delivered to the Council by November 2022.
7. The Council approved amending the Code Maintenance Committee (CMC) Protocol document to address missing processes (e.g., addressing requests for new member organization participation; resolving member organization-participation), and that the draft amended protocol be on the next scheduled Council meeting agenda. The Council agreed that the amendments include: (1) that any organization absent from at least one official CMC meeting, following two independent attempts by the ADA Secretariat to invite the designated representative, shall forfeit their voting representation on the CMC; and (2) that staff recommend other changes to the protocol document to address other unclear and/or obsolete content (e.g., duties of the Chair; reference to Council ADA Bylaws responsibilities).
8. The Council directed the Coding and Transactions Subcommittee to prepare a recommendation on revised CDT Code Action Request evaluation guidelines for discussion at the next Council meeting.

9. The Council approved the Dental Claim Form Advisory Committee (DeCFAC) Charter and Operating Protocol document, and directed that all DeCFAC participant organizations and their representatives receive a copy of the approved Charter and Operating Protocol document.

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