

1 **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON DENTAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS**
2 **Zoom Meeting**
3 **August 30, 2023**

4 **Call to Order:** The special meeting of the Council on Dental Benefit Programs (CDBP) was called to
5 order by Dr. Jessica Stillely-Mallah, chair, on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.

6 **Roll Call:** Drs. Jessica Stillely-Mallah (*chair*), Stacey Gardner (*vice chair*), Roderick Adams, Jr.,
7 Drs. Alyson K. Buchalter, Adrian J. Carrington (not present), Andrew Gazerro, III, Hadi Ghazzouli (not
8 present), Drs. Rodney Hill, Mark Johnston, Susan D. Jolliff, Mark A. Moats, Stephen A. Morgan,
9 Drs. Shelley Barker Olson, Vishruti Patel, Eddie Ramirez, Sara E. Stuefen, Scott Trapp,
10 Drs. Scott L. Morrison (*Trustee*), Bryce Alan Larson (*New Dentist Member*), and Ms. Lauren Ames
11 (*ASDA Consultant*) (not present)

12 **Practice Institute (PI) Staff in attendance (for all or part of the meeting):** Drs. Krishna
13 Aravamudhan and Denise French; Mr. Dennis McHugh, and Ms. Nicole Tarbor

14 **Association Staff in attendance (for all or part of the meeting):** None

15 **Guests Present for Portions of the Meeting:** None

16 Following the roll call, the presence of a quorum was noted.

17 **PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

18 **Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement:** Dr. Stillely referenced the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure
19 Statement included on the agenda and called for disclosures of potential conflicts of interest. None
20 were received.

21 **Approval of Agenda:** The Council adopted the agenda by general consent.

22 **Draft Comments on Medicare Regulations:** Dr. Stillely reviewed draft comments on two Medicare
23 regulations recently issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The Council was
24 provided draft comments on regulations related to the Medicare physician fee schedule as well as
25 payment for dental services in hospital outpatient departments and ambulatory surgical centers. The
26 drafts were also shared with the Council on Government Affairs (CGA), Council on Dental Practice
27 (CDP) as well as the Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP). The Council approved
28 the letters and will notify CGA of its approval.

29 **Medicare Voucher Request from Council on Government Affairs:** Dr. Stillely reported that the
30 Council on Government Affairs met on July 20-22, 2023. CGA voted to urge the Council on Dental
31 Benefit Programs to research and, if deemed feasible and impactful, develop a sliding scale voucher
32 program (or similar concept) to help Medicare beneficiaries with incomes under 300 percent of the
33 federal poverty level pay for dental care, for the purpose of presenting such a plan to lawmakers.

34 Upon vote, the Council approved the following resolution:

35 **Resolved,** that a workgroup be established with a charge to develop an oral health-specific
36 program for seniors over age 65 outside of the current medical model of Medicare and based
37 on the 2020 Medicare policy, and be it further

1 **Resolved**, that a workgroup be appointed by the CDBP chair that should begin work on this
2 effort immediately with periodic reports back to CDBP and a final report by no later than
3 November 2025, and be it further

4 **Resolved**, that in addition to four members from CDBP, the chair also include three members
5 from CGA and others at the discretion of the CDBP chair.

6 **Adjournment:** 1:00 p.m. Central Time