

**UNOFFICIAL REPORT OF MAJOR ACTIONS
COUNCIL ON DENTAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS
May 11-12, 2023**

The Council on Dental Benefit Programs (CDBP) convened on May 11-12, 2023, at the ADA Headquarters in Chicago. The following is a summary of major actions taken by the Council:

1. Approved the inclusion of actions taken by e-ballot since the November 2022 Council meeting be recorded in the minutes from this meeting.

E-ballot 2023-01: The Council approved the November 2022 CDBP Meeting Minutes.
E-ballot 2023-02: The Council approved the March 2023 CDBP Meeting Minutes.
2. Approved that the amendment to the 2021 policy titled, **“Dental Benefits with Affordable Care Act Marketplace and a Public Option”** be transmitted to the House of Delegates.
3. Approved new policy proposal titled, **“Payment for Services for Medically Compromised Individuals in Publicly Funded Programs”** be transmitted to the House of Delegates.
4. Approved revisions to the ADA Paper Claim Form and adopted the new version as the 2024 ADA Paper Claim Form release. Also, approved that the Dental Content Committee (DeCC) be encouraged to submit a maintenance request to X12 seeking corresponding modifications to the ANSI X12 837—Dental Transaction.
5. Approved that all ADA agencies involved in publication, distribution and promotion of the ADA Paper Claim Form offer only the current version of the form as approved by the Council on Dental Benefit Programs.
6. Approved that CAQH CORE be officially requested to enhance its Operating Rules to allow transmission of eligibility and benefit verification information at the CDT procedure code level.
7. Approved the revised Dental Content Committee (DeCC) Operating Rules.
8. Approved that the identified ADA policy recommendations be retained and included in the Council's annual report to the 2023 House of Delegates.
9. Approved that the amendment to the policy titled, **“Statement on Preventive Coverage in Dental Benefits Plans”** (*Trans.*1992:602; 1994:656; 2013:306; 2018:312) be transmitted to the 2023 House of Delegates for further action.
10. Approved that the amendments to the policy titled, **“Statement on Managed Care and Utilization Management”** (*Trans.*1995:624) be transmitted to the 2023 ADA House of Delegates. Also, approved the proposal to rescind the policies titled, **“Utilization Management”** (*Trans.*1990:541) and **“Regulation of Utilization Management Organizations”** (*Trans.*1991:636) be transmitted to the 2023 ADA House of Delegates.
11. Approved that the Enhanced CDT Code Project proceed within the constraints of the current CDT architecture (i.e., Dxxxx codes **without further modifiers**) to accommodate patient dental record

documentation needs. Also, approved that the Council continue to periodically monitor the needs of the dental profession and the need for CDT to include modifiers.

12. Approved that Dental Benefits Information Subcommittee (DBIS) explore opportunities to create tools, aside from the contract negotiation toolkit that exists, to assist dentists in better negotiating reimbursement rates with third party payers.
13. Approved that DBIS pursue an educational plan to educate dentists about Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans including how dentists can effectively navigate Medicare Advantage plans.
14. Approved that a category of service titled "Sleep Apnea Services" be added to the CDT Code. In addition, the Council approved that the current sleep apnea appliance codes – D9947, D9948, D9949, and D9953 – be moved to the "Sleep Apnea Services" category of service. Also, approved that new codes D9954, D9955, D9956, and D9957 be placed in the "Sleep Apnea Services" category of service. Finally, approved that the "Sleep Apnea Services" category of service and its contents be published as such in the CDT Manual and all other print and electronic formats prepared for dissemination to the dental community.
15. Approved the revised protocol document for the SNODENT Maintenance Committee.
16. Approved the election of Dr. Stacey Gardner to serve as chair and Dr. Mark Moats to serve as vice chair, Council on Dental Benefit Programs, until the close of the 2024 meeting of the ADA House of Delegates.

CDBP Members

Dr. Jessica A. Stilley-Mallah, chair, FL
Dr. Stacey S. Gardner, vice chair, AL
Dr. Roderick H. Adams, OH
Dr. Alyson K. Buchalter, NY
Dr. Adrian Carrington, CA (*not present*)
Dr. Andrew Gazerro, III, RI
Dr. Hadi Ghazzouli, PA
Dr. Rodney C. Hill, WY
Dr. Mark M. Johnston, MI
Dr. Susan D. Jolliff, TX
Dr. Bryce A. Larson, New Dentist Member, IL (*not present*)
Dr. Mark A. Moats, KY
Dr. Stephen A. Morgan, LA
Dr. Shelley Olson, NC
Dr. Vishruti Patel, IL
Dr. Eddie Ramirez, OR
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Dr. Scott L. Morrison, Trustee, Tenth District, NE
Ms. Lauren Ames, Consultant, American Student Dental Association (ASDA), OH (*not present*)