



Medicaid and Medicare Committee

Action Plan

Purpose

The Medicaid and Medicare Committee provides oversight, support, and advocacy for dental Medicaid and Medicare programs within New Jersey. The Committee ensures that members have the tools, resources, and information necessary to navigate these programs effectively. It works to improve provider enrollment and retention, address challenges related to reimbursement and compliance challenges, and advocates for policies that enhance patient care and support the sustainability of the dental profession.

Duties

- Serve as a resource for members participating in or considering participation in Medicaid or Medicare.
- Identify and address issues related to Medicaid reimbursement, claims processing, and audits.
- Advocate for policy improvements at the state level in collaboration with other committees and associations.
- Develop educational materials and programs to support members' understanding of Medicaid and Medicare regulations and best practices.
- Foster collaboration with state agencies, dental providers, and other stakeholders to enhance program efficiency and access to care.
- Monitor legislative and regulatory changes impacting Medicaid and Medicare and communicate updates to members.
- Provide feedback to state agencies on program improvements, including provider-friendly administrative processes.

Composition

The Medicaid Committee shall be composed of:

- **Chair:** Appointed by the President, with experience in Medicaid and Medicare-related issues.
- **Members:** Up to ten (10) members, including practicing dentists who participate in Medicaid and Medicare, representatives from public health dentistry, and individuals with expertise in Medicaid compliance or policy.

Time Commitment

Bi-annual committee meetings (approximately 2-3 hours) with key leaders/stakeholders of Medicaid and Medicare programs as invited. The chair of the committee may call for additional meetings as deemed necessary.



Participation Expectations

Terms: Appointment is for one (1) year terms.

Attendance: Members are expected to attend at least 75% of scheduled meetings annually, either in person or virtually.

Engagement: Committee members play a vital role in shaping the association's efforts to improve Medicaid and Medicare programs and support member dentists. Active engagement is essential to the success of the committee's initiatives. Members are expected to contribute their expertise, participate meaningfully in discussions, and collaborate on solutions to address Medicaid and Medicare-related challenges. Your input directly impacts policy advocacy, resource development, and the ability to enhance access to care for vulnerable populations. Each member's voice is crucial in ensuring the committee's work reflects the diverse needs of our members and patients. Members should be prepared to complete assignments or tasks promptly and proactively support the committee's goals outside of regular meetings.

Conduct: The Association is committed to the principle that all individuals should be treated with dignity and respect. The Association strongly disapproves of any action or conduct by members or employees which constitutes harassment of an individual on account of race, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion, national origin, or any other characteristic protected by law.

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