



COUNCIL ON DENTAL BENEFITS AND CARE

WHY DOES THIS COMMITTEE/COUNCIL EVEN EXIST?

The goal of the Council on Dental Benefits and Care is to promote quality dental benefit plans based on direct assignment, direct reimbursement, and dental savings account concepts. Also, it promotes accessibility and availability of dental care throughout Florida as well as promoting evidence-based dentistry and serving as an informational resource for the Dental Quality Alliance. The Council on Dental Benefits and Care also addresses issues pertaining to infection control, disposal of biomedical waste, and chemical, physical, and biological hazards in the dental office.

“JOB DESCRIPTION”: WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME?

General Responsibilities of a Council on Dental Benefits and Care member:

- Support and promote the concept of dollar-based, fee-for-service, employer self-funded dental plans such as direct reimbursement, direct assignment, and dental savings accounts;
- Serve as liaison to state agencies regulating dental insurance (in coordination with the FDA’s Governmental Affairs Office and Governmental Action Committee);
- Monitor dental care delivery in private and public institutions;
- Recommend organized dentistry’s involvement in dental access programs;
- Develop and recommend procedures regarding infection control, disposal of biomedical waste and chemical, physical, and biological hazards in the dental office

WHAT WILL I GAIN BY DEDICATING MY TIME AND TALENTS (What’s in it for me?)

You will become skilled at understanding health care delivery and financing systems seen with dental as well as other types of healthcare. You will learn the basic types of healthcare delivery systems, the types of managed care organizations, and the types of reimbursement methods. You will be involved with helping FDA members succeed by understanding their rights under DMPO, PPO, HMO and PLHSO contracts. You will interact with the ADA Council on Dental Benefits and Care as well as ADA representatives on the Dental Quality Alliance. If you would like your headshot to be included on the FDA website, please send a JPEG image to lbell@floridadental.org.

SERIOUSLY, I’M REALLY BUSY! HOW MUCH TIME WILL THIS TAKE?

A few hours per month. Most of the council’s business is conducted through email exchanges. For example, staff will draft a position paper and council members will edit and finalize it via listserv. Once or twice per year there will be a telephone conference call of about one hour. Staff will notify you and provide you with agenda materials in advance of the call. Also, there is a thirty minute “meet and greet” session for in-person strategic planning and exchange of ideas. The in-person meeting happens in conjunction with the Florida Dental Convention.

WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF THIS COMMITTEE/COUNCIL?

Terms are 2-years, up to a maximum of four consecutive terms, based on component nomination and appointment by the FDA President-elect for the year in which he or she serves as President, with Board of Trustee approval.