GLAO COHC Report / February 2021

The COHC met virtually January 9, 2021.

Coding & Member Education

1) The National Association of Dental Plans (NADP) met virtually in 2020; major topics included:
    a. Stand-alone dental insurance plans vs. dental insurance plans integrated with medical insurance plans.
        i. Stand-alone dental plans dwindling or disappearing in the future
    b. Use of artificial intelligence for insurance consulting, fraud, etc.
    c. Dentists utilizing dental consultants to negotiate their network reimbursement rates

ADA Code Maintenance Committee

1) The Council discussed 15 groups of change requests including 3 from the AAO
    a. Delete interceptive orthodontic treatment subcategory nomenclature, descriptor, and codes D8050/D8060
    b. Revise limited orthodontic treatment descriptor
    c. Delete D8690 "orthodontic treatment (alternative billing to a contract fee)"
2) The need for code modifiers was discussed; insurance industry will oppose initial implementation due to cost of updating their processes.

Medically Necessary Orthodontic Care

1) We reviewed the definition and determined there is no need for change

4 Things Initiative

1) The BOT has tasked Councils with considering four topics of interest and determining how the AAO can best serve its members. The COHC focuses on the "4 Things" in the following ways:
    a. Clear Aligners
        i. COHC supports the ADA's planned CDT code change, continues to be part of the discussion
        ii. Work on creating educational materials regarding upcharges on claim forms
    b. Financial Management
        i. BOT passed a motion directing the COHC to continue to work with third-party payers and the NADP on issues facing orthodontists
        ii. Continue to publish guides on how to submit dental and medical claims
    c. Practice Management
        i. BOT passed a motion directing the COHC to work with the ADA on a global review of the orthodontic section of the CDT code
        ii. Continue to publish guides on how to submit dental and medical claims
    d. All Things Digital
        i. Coding for Telehealth Consults is a common area for member concern
            1. Create educational materials on utilizing already existing teledentistry codes

Future Meetings

1) The council will determine whether to offer an in-person option for the summer 2021 meeting once the outcome of the board discussion is determined.

Respectfully Submitted,
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