

COHC Report January 2022

The Council on Orthodontic Healthcare met January 8th, 2022 via Teleconference. We had a busy agenda and discussed items regarding upcoming changes and recent changes in insurance coding.

AAO Reports:

- There has been an uptick in calls to the Help Desk; most related to coding or the claim form.
- Member interest groups are being formed within the AAO. These groups will be created around the following topics and will have closed Facebook groups to support further discussions:
 - o Craniofacial/Special Needs
 - o Human Resource Management
 - o Financial Freedom
 - o Leadership Development
- Member benefits were identified which include tech select and the Mastering the Business of Orthodontics program in conjunction with the Wharton School.

Coding and Member Education:

- The 2021 NADP meeting focused on the possibility of dental insurance becoming embedded into medical insurance plans as well as AI/smart dental devices. Discussions are ongoing as to what the future of claim submissions looks like as providers collect more data from patients.
 - o *The 2022 NADP meeting will be held in-person in St. Louis. The AAO will look to extend an invitation to meet with NADP members formally on-site.*
- The 2022 AADC meeting will be held in-person in Arizona. The COHC will send representatives to discuss upcoming code changes.
- The 2022 CMC will be held in-person in Chicago. The COHC reviewed the current Code Action Requests which were associated with AI/digital scanning as well as nomenclature of the dentition (primary/transitional/adolescent/adult).

Future Outlooks:

- The Council provided opinion on future CDT code changes to the ADA. The question was asked if the Council would prefer more codes vs. less codes with more “modifiers.” The Council is generally supportive of enhancing the CDT code using code modifiers.
- The Council elected to maintain phraseology of Comprehensive Orthodontics to state that it incorporates treatment phases.

Leadership/Changes:

- The upcoming chair of the council will be Dr. Randall Markarian
- The Council discussed renaming the Council on Orthodontic Healthcare to something that identifies the nature of the Council. Options for names were presented and discussed.

The COHC will be meeting in-person June 12th, 2022 in St. Louis. Thank you for the opportunity to represent the GLAO!

Respectfully Submitted,
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