

## **COHC Report to the GLAO**

**May 2022**

The Council on Orthodontic Healthcare met via zoom in January 2022. We will be meeting in-person in St. Louis this coming June. We look forward to seeing everyone and discussing our upcoming agenda items under the leadership of Dr. Randall Markarian.

Since our last virtual discussion our most important agenda items have been the following:

### ***AAO Town Hall***

- The COHC hosted a Town Hall to address the 2022 CDT Code Changes on April 1, 2022
- The Town Hall was well attended and addressed member concerns/issues with billing since the change in limited & interceptive codes
- The Town Hall can be viewed [here](#) for those members who were unable to view live

### ***CMC Meeting***

- The Code Maintenance Committee Meeting took place in Chicago March 10-11, 2022
- Proposed amendments to D8703 and D8704 retention codes were rejected
- Proposed amendments to D8696 and D8697 repair codes were rejected
  - o Attempt to remove maxillary and mandibular from retention code for ease
- Proposed amendment to D9450 case presentation code was approved
  - o Case presentation, subsequent to detailed and extensive treatment planning

### ***AADC Meeting***

- Drs. Hall, Oppenhuizen, and Mr. Wiltsch from the AAO attended the AADC meeting in Phoenix
- The meeting focused on ideas such as the integration of oral health and medical care, dental AI, OSA, and dental coding for procedures.
  - o Dental AI: Will eventually assess submissions with AI across all insurance carriers
  - o OSA: Discussed methods of screening for OSA with questionnaires & required documentation for submission of appliances, new CDT code D9947 for OSA appliances
  - o Periodontal coding for ridge augmentation
- Focus of the meeting is clarification of coding and upcoming changes based on changes in scope of practice, etc.

We look forward to seeing many of you in person at the AAO in Miami!

Respectfully Submitted,

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