

## **Council on Orthodontic Benefits August 2022 - Dr. Tasha Hall**

The Council on Orthodontic Benefits (COB), previously known as the Council on Orthodontic Healthcare (COHC), met in person in St. Louis in June 2022. We covered a variety of topics and look forward to a productive year together under our new Council name!

### **Coding and Member Education**

- **National Association of Dental Plans (NADP)**
  - The NADP will be meeting in St. Louis in September
  - The AAO will be planning an event to connect AAO members with NADP leadership
- **American Association of Dental Consultants (AADC)**
  - AADC will be meeting in Phoenix in May 2023
  - The AAO will coordinate with the AADC to plan a meeting with AAO leadership
- **ADA Code Maintenance Committee (CMC)**
  - The 2022 meeting allowed for some of the AAO's Code Action Requests to be accepted
  - The Council discussed issues that may impact the CDT code in 2023 including:
    - Growth modification separate from orthodontic treatment
    - Dentition definitions
    - Retainer codes
    - 3D surface scans
    - Artificial intelligence
- ***The Coding Subcommittee created a Member Coding Survey in order to obtain information from AAO Membership re: coding***

### **Member Education Resources**

The Council discussed opportunities to increase member resources and educational opportunities as they pertain to benefits. Opportunities for the Council in the upcoming years include:

- Coding Corner become a yearly Annual presentation
- Methods of reaching Treatment/Financial Coordinators
- Update the AAO's Coding 101 Webinar
- Using Components/Constituents to share information
- ***The Council is working with the AAO Marketing Team to add revised Claims Tip Sheets, new resources to the AAO Website, and creating an outline for a Claims Submission Manual in order to reach Treatment/Financial Coordinators.***

### **Policy on Frequency/Age/Other Limitations**

- The Council discussed the recommendation to the BOT that the AAO adopt a policy that does not deny orthodontic benefits based on age, treatment frequency, stage of development, patient health or disability, or any other limitation.

### **Claims Data**

- The Council discussed the benefits and usefulness to the AAO, AAO Members, and Councils of collecting claims data.
- ***The Council will explore opportunities for engagement with companies who hold this type of information.***

## **CDT 2.0**

- ***The Council is focusing on upcoming changes to the CDT code and code modifiers associated with orthodontic treatment in preparation for these changes.***

The 2023 winter COB meeting will be held via teleconference on Saturday January 21, 2023. Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this Council! Feel free to contact me with any questions!

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