

Council on Orthodontic Benefits January 2023

The Council on Orthodontic Benefits met virtually this month. We reviewed multiple areas of interest and had a successful first meeting under our new chair Dr. Kyle Shannon.

Industry Meetings:

- Members of the COB attend multiple industry meetings in order to establish and maintain connections with leaders in the insurance field as well as discuss upcoming changes.
- This year members of the COB will be attending the NADP, AADC, and CMC meetings. We are particularly excited to have an opportunity to present independently at the AADC meeting about topics of concern in orthodontic insurance including but not limited to reimbursement rates.

2023 Coding Corner Presentation:

- The COB will host a presentation at the AAO annual session regarding insurance coding and benefits. This year's presentation will be held in a private room and is open to Doctors and staff. We are excited to provide this opportunity to our members and hope you bring your questions!

Member Education Resources:

- We are working diligently on a *Claims Submission Training Manual* for our members. We hope to have this available as a free resource for all paying AAO members in the near future. This manual is intended to guide you or your staff through the process of claims submission as well as reimbursement and more!
- This manual is intended to be available in written and video format upon completion.

ADA Enhanced CDT Codes:

- With the complete overhaul of the CDT coming in approximately 4-5 years, the COB is working diligently to identify the appropriate modifiers for orthodontic codes.
- CDT changes will change the claim submission process in its entirety.
- If you have not read about the upcoming CDT code changes please do so [here](#)

Dental Benefits Comments Box

- As always, please feel free to reach out via the AAO website with questions/concerns via this box. Someone from the AAO and/or a member of our council will be sure to reach out to you to provide feedback to your questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you on this Council.

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