



**AAO Council on Orthodontic Benefits
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The AAO Council on Orthodontic Benefits met virtually in January of 2025. We had a great meeting and reviewed many exciting things that our Council is excited to share with the membership!

Our main agenda items for this meeting included:

- 1) Review feedback from Council membership attendance at Industry Meetings including the NADP, CDC, and AADP.
- 2) Discuss status of the AAO CMS Fellowship and current fellow selected to work alongside Dr. Natalia Chalmers at the CMS office. Discuss roles and responsibilities as well as the AAO's involvement.
- 3) Prepare for member education events and opportunities for continued improvement/involvement.

Our priority items/action items for membership included:

- 1) The Council looks forward to finding ways to collaborate with other AAO leaders as this is a priority for the leadership this year. We reviewed multiple opportunities including collaborating with COOP on its practice manual.
- 2) We reviewed the member education resources which have been in the works with the AAO marketing team including an insurance training manual for staff and doctors alike. This project will be rolled out in stages beginning in January 2025 with hopes to have downloadable content for offices.
- 3) The Coding Eval Subcommittee continues to work on edits to the descriptors of codes D8210 and 8220 as well as revisions in the description of Comprehensive Orthodontic Care. The council discussed many different versions of edits and will bring these discussions to the CMC meeting for their feedback.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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