Adult Dental Update

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Striving to ensure all Virginians have equitable access to comprehensive health care that is inclusive of oral health.
For Optimal Viewing...

- Change your view to Side-by-side: Speaker

If you have questions, please put them in the chat box!
An Adult Dental Benefit? REALLY?

Eligible adults:
• ~830,000 (up from 670,000 when budget # was determined)
• Maintenance of Effort

Network:
• Nearly 2,000 dentists/34% of practicing dentists

Medicaid budget allotment:
$17,486,839

July 1, 2021
An Adult Dental Benefit?? REALLY??!!

**Clinical Benefits**
- More dentists participating in Medicaid
- Increase in number of Medicaid patients seen by a dentist
- More patients seen each week in the office
- Add $15-20K annually to health system income

**Community Benefits**
- Improved chronic disease outcomes
- Decreased use of ED for avoidable issues
- Higher child utilization rates
- Positive employment implications
Success - Adult Dental Implementation

- Benefit Design
- Benefit Administration
- Network Preparedness
- Beneficiary Utilization
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Adult SFC Dental 2021- Benefit Design Overview

The Process

Design Framework

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<th>Patient Comfort</th>
<th>Focus on overall oral health</th>
<th>Preventive and Education Restorative Model of Care</th>
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Stakeholder Engagement

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<th>Added new members to DAC per budget language</th>
<th>Created and engaged an Adult Dental Committee with community providers: FQHC dentists, an I/DD provider, DAC Members and the former VDA President</th>
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Benefit Development

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<th>Focus on prevention, keeping disease-free, then restore</th>
<th>First 18-24 month period focused on procedures that promote healthy gum tissue and supporting structures</th>
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<td>Specialty Area</td>
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<td>Diagnostic and Preventive Care</td>
<td>Services that are used to detect and recognize caries and periodontal disease. Up to three routine cleanings may be permissible</td>
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<td>Restorative Care</td>
<td>Specialty allows dentists to restore teeth to proper function</td>
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<td>Endodontics</td>
<td>Specialty allows dentists to perform root canals on teeth that have sound below the gum structure (root) yet the above gum structure is compromised (decay or trauma)</td>
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<td>Periodontics</td>
<td>Specialty focuses on keeping gums and the bone below the gums healthy.</td>
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<td>Dentures and Partial</td>
<td>Specialty focuses on replacing teeth with removal appliances</td>
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<td>Oral Surgery</td>
<td>Specialty routinely extracts teeth and performs extractions requiring surgical methods such as removing bone</td>
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<td>Adjunctive General Services</td>
<td>This area while not a specialty is important in that it allows coding for anesthesia services and many other dental procedures not listed elsewhere.</td>
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Kristen Gilliam
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Information & Resources

Resources on our website...
- Specific coverage information
- Link to enroll in Medicaid
- How to find care
- Phone # to call with questions
- Resources and materials

Invite Catalyst Grassroots Manager to give a quick adult dental presentation at your meetings!
Thank you!!

Questions?

Contact Chloe Van Zandt with additional comments and questions

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