



AAO Council on Orthodontic Benefits
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The AAO Council on Orthodontic Benefits met on June 1, 2024, in person.

Our priority items discussed and identified included:

- 1) Hosted many outside speakers to facilitate our Council development:
 - a. Dr. Samantha Jordan (Dental Director of Mass Health) - discussed new OGS codes
 - b. Trey Lawrence (AAO CEO) – discussed micro volunteer opportunities within the AAO
 - c. Brett Schott (Vice President AAOF) – discussed fellowship opportunity with Dr. Natalia Chalmers
- 2) Updated the definition of Medically Necessary Orthodontic Care with modernized language.
 - a. Proposed this updated definition to the Board of Trustees
- 3) Identified successes/relationships established at outside Industry Meetings.
 - a. ADA CMC, AADC, NADP



Our primary goals of the council in the upcoming year include:

- 1) Facilitate fulfilling a fellowship position with Dr. Chalmers (CMS Dental Director) from the AAO.
 - a. The fellow will assist in collecting data re: orthodontic Medicaid criteria throughout the country
 - b. The fellow will be funded via the AAOF
- 2) Continue working on Member Education Resources for our membership
- 3) Review the current orthodontic insurance code set and identify the need for any changes.
 - a. Survey the membership to facilitate membership responses.
 - i. Identify any consequences/benefits for making edits to the orthodontic code set.
 - b. Concurrently update the CDT At-A -Glance to add new codes, sleep apnea codes, evaluate for possibility of adding a QR code

We look forward to our winter meeting which will be held via Zoom in January 2025. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Chair of this Council!

Respectfully submitted,

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