

Texas Medicaid Updates

Texas Medicaid Dental Director Dr. Ensy Atarod, DDS contacted TxOHC with a few updates of interest for Texas Medicaid dental providers.

HHSC's Policy Department confirmed that code G0330 will be implemented for both hospital and Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs).

The rate packet information on G0330 may be found here <https://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/sites/rad/files/documents/2024/09-01-2024-policy-hcpcs.pdf>.

***Code G0330** is a valid 2023 HCPCS code for Facility services for dental rehabilitation procedure(s) performed on a patient who requires monitored anesthesia (e.g., general, intravenous sedation (monitored anesthesia care) and use of an operating room.*

Texas HHSC will conduct a rate hearing on 11/14/23 at 9:00 AM CST.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a hearing to receive public comment on proposed Medicaid payment rates detailed in this document on November 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Members of the public may attend the rate hearing in person, which will be held in Public Hearing Rooms 1.401, 1.402, 1.403 and 1.404 in the North Austin Complex, 4601 W Guadalupe St, Austin, Texas.

Please register for HHSC Public Rate Hearing for Medicaid Reimbursement Rates on November 14, 2023 9:00 AM CDT

at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/44179910691418972>

HHSC will consider all concerns expressed at the hearing prior to final rate approval. This public hearing will be held in compliance with the provisions of Human Resources Code §32.0282 which requires a public hearing on proposed payment rate adjustments.

TMHP Announces Change to Caries Arresting Medicament Benefit

On October 27, 2023 TMHP published "Benefit for Caries Arresting Medicament to Change for Texas Medicaid Effective December 1, 2023."

"Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2023, anesthesia services (procedure codes D9222 or 00170 with modifier U3) will no longer be denied if provided within six months of caries arresting medicament (procedure code D1354). The application of caries arresting medicament (procedure code D1354) will be denied when performed within six months of anesthesia services (procedure code D9222 or 00170 with modifier U3)."

Code D1354: Application of caries-arresting medication application, per tooth. *Conservative treatment of an active, nonsymptomatic carious lesion by topical application of a caries-arresting or inhibiting medicament and without mechanical removal of sound tooth structure.*

Read the full release [here](#).

El Paso Regional Oral Health Coalition

We are excited to announce the virtual launch of our El Paso Regional Oral Health

Coalition on **November 17, 2023 at 3:00 PM MT** hosted by TxOHC and our El Paso ROHC Coordinator Dr. Wilma Luquis-Aponte, DMD, PhD.

Dr. Wilma Luquis-Aponte, DMD, PhD, DPH is an Associate Professor at Texas Tech University Health Science Center - Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine and has graciously agreed to serve as the El Paso Regional Coalition Coordinator. We are indeed fortunate to find a leader and dental care provider with over 20 years' experience in staff in-training, policies and protocols, professional organizational leadership, education and mentoring, business management and special needs dentistry.



If you are interested in improving the health and wellbeing of El Paso citizens and promoting partnerships for sustainable, equity-informed, community-driven advocacy join us November 17, 2023 by registering for the meeting at <https://bit.ly/EIP-Launch> and learn how you can participate in your local community.



EL PASO LAUNCH

NOVEMBER 17, 2023 - 3:00-4:00 PM MST



Texas Oral
Health Coalition

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National Mobile and Teledentistry Conference

TxOHC members receive \$100 discount on registration



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TELEDENTISTRY
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MEETING**

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATIONAL
MOBILE & TELEDENTISTRY CONFERENCE

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2024

12:30pm


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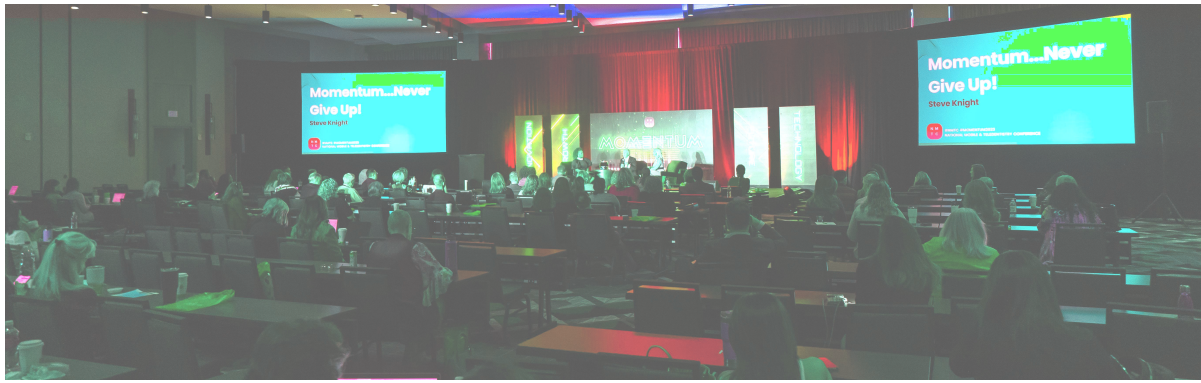
**TEXAS ORAL
HEALTH COALITION**

The Texas Oral Health Coalition and the American Mobile & Teledentistry Alliance is pleased to cohost the Texas Teledentistry Stakeholder Meeting on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 12:30 PM CT held in conjunction with the National Mobile & Teledentistry Conference.

You will not need a conference ticket to attend the stakeholder meeting, but you will need to RSVP at info@nmdconference.com. For anyone attending the stakeholder meeting who would like to attend the entire conference (plus Denobi Awards), you can use **promo code NMTC100** for a discounted ticket at <http://www.nmdconference.com/>.

Please spread the word through your networks as this is an integral part of dentistry in Texas. Targeted attendees are all stakeholders: clinicians, educators, legislators, leaders of professional associations, community/school district/health department leads, and dental educators.

We look forward to seeing you there!



November 17th Quarterly Member Meeting

TXOHC QUARTERLY MEMBER MEETING

Friday, August 18, 2023
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM CT

Regional Oral Health Coalitions will meet in separate breakout rooms for 45 minutes then everyone returns the last 45 minutes for coalitions to report out.

Register at:
<https://bit.ly/1QtrMtg>

 **TEXAS ORAL HEALTH COALITION**

The Coalition is pleased to host quarterly member meetings on the third Friday of the designated month from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM CT.

Please join regional oral health coordinators; Dr. Yashashri Urankar for Austin, Lynn Southerland for Coastal Bend, Dr. Sowmya Renuka for North Central Texas, and Dr. Rebecca Davenport for San Antonio in their separate breakout rooms for the first 45 minutes. After which, everyone will return to the main room to hear all of the coalitions' report out and hear a legislative update.

This is an excellent opportunity to participate at your local level. We encourage all members to actively engage in their regional coalitions to share resources, leverage innovative information and create viable solutions to address local challenges.

If you have not joined your regional coalition you may do so [here](#).

Upcoming meetings:

- November 17, 2023

Registration is complimentary but required at <https://bit.ly/QtrMtg> to receive your meeting link and passcode.

TxOHC Member Spotlight



October 27, 2023

Being that our TxOHC members are like family, we have a small request for those of you that may know Elaine Vivens, Executive Director of Cook Children's Oral Health Coalition. We recently learned that Elaine is out on FMLA for an undetermined amount of time. She is hanging in there and taking the time she needs to fight this cancer beast, heal and take care of herself. We thought it might be nice to rain a little sunshine on her and ask members to participate in a card shower by sending Elaine some encouraging words or a note. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Cards can be sent to Cook Children's at the address below and they will ensure Elaine receives them.

We also want to send our condolences and prayers to board member Tonya Fuqua, DDS and her family after learning of the sudden and unexpected passing of a family member. If you wish to send Dr. Fuqua your condolences please use the Cook Children's address as well.

Elaine Vivens

c/o Cook Children's Oral Health Coalition
801 7th Ave.
Fort Worth, TX 76104

Thank you,

Beth Stewart | Executive Director

Dr. Erik Harrington, DDS, PhD Appointed to the TxOHC Board of Directors



We are pleased to announce that Dr. Erik Harrington, DDS, PhD has been appointed to the Board of Directors to replace Annaliese Cothron after moving to Illinois and leaving a vacancy on the board.

Dr. Harrington served as Coalition chair from 2015-2016 and is a board-certified pediatric dentist in Dallas and current President/ CEO of Oral Health Industries, LLC. He is a passionate advocate for oral health and we are excited to welcome Dr. Harrington back to the board.

TxOHC Member Announcement

We are pleased to welcome the following new members since September 28, 2023.

Organizational Member

Accel Health
Esther Taylor, CEO
De Leon, TX

Individual Member

Wilma Luquis-Aponte, DMD, PhD
Associate Professor, Texas Tech
El Paso, TX

Active Medicaid Dentists Show Slight Decline in 2022

Texas Dentists for Medicaid Reform recently published an article looking at active Medicaid dentists for 2022 and 2023 per THSteps Enrolled Dental Providers records.

In 2022, the total number of active Medicaid dentists declined from 4,140 in 2022 to 4,115, a very slight amount. But 2023 will probably be even lower as released quarterly figures for 2023 Q1 and Q2 seem to indicate fewer active providers.

Read the full article from TDMR [here](#).

NCDHM Materials

The American Dental Association's Center for Public and Population Health (CPPH) and Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP), is pleased to announce that the 2024 National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM) materials are ready for order!



Please visit www.ada.org/NCDHM to order **FREE** bilingual Posters and Postcards. Additional resources, including activity sheets and a planning guide, can be found on the NCDHM website as well.

Posters and postcards will begin shipping later this week. Please email ncdhm@ada.org with questions or special requests.

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New Release on SDF from ASTDD

The [Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors - ASTDD](http://www.astdd.org) released an updated Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) Fact Sheet. Download it at the link below: https://txohc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/SDF-fact-sheet-upd-oct_23.pdf

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Strategies for Developing Culturally Driven Public Health Communications

"*Strategies for Developing Culturally Driven Public Health Communications*," outlines practical guidance—across messaging, visuals, and outreach—on how to recognize and incorporate the diversity of multicultural audiences to communicate more effectively. By utilizing these strategies and tools in your communications, you can build stronger relationships, increase credibility, and improve health outcomes.

Read the resource [here](#).

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**With much appreciation and sincerest gratitude,
we wish to thank our Coalition Partners!**



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TxOHC CDE Opportunities

Oral health providers may obtain 1.0 CDE for every one(1) hour of lecture. Online courses to choose from include:

- **HPV - Healthy Smiles - *NEW***
 - The Healthy Smiles Project: Increasing HPV Vaccination through Interprofessional Partnerships with Dental Hygienists
 - Framing HPV Immunization Education for Maximum Patient Acceptance
- **Teledentistry**
 - Teledentistry in Texas: Opportunities to Increase Access to Care
 - Selection of Teledentistry Platforms and Utilization in Alternative Care Settings
 - *Available for edification only* – Taking the Mystery Out of Billing for Virtual Visits
- **Treating Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (IDD)**
 - Providing Dental Care under Advanced Anesthesia: Oral Sedation, IV Sedation, TIVA, IV Mac, and General Anesthesia
 - Special Conditions and Barriers and Challenges Providing Dental Care to Patients with IDD
 - Understanding and Working with Caregivers and Group Homes, Dental Desensitization/Advanced Behavior Techniques for Patients with IDD at AbSSLC
- **Prescribers**
 - Mental Health & Opioid Use Disorder: Using the PMP to improve patient-centered care & communication
 - Statewide Mandate Compliance Using the PMP to Provide Patient-Centered Care
 - Maximizing Your Limited Time: Navigating Challenging Patient Conversations
- **Prenatal**
 - Maternal Depression: Signs, Facts & Resources
 - Who Do You Call: Making the Referral Connection
 - Do No Harm: The Ethics, Myths & Business of Caring for Pregnant People
- **Oral Pathology**
 - Oral Cancer Update
 - Oral Manifestations of Systemic Diseases and Conditions
 - Common Lesions of the Oral Cavity, from Diagnosis to Treatment

To access any of these courses, please visit <https://txohc.org/education/self-instructional-webinars/>.

TxOHC Members-Only Listserv

A friendly reminder to all of our members that the Coalition has a private members-only listserv. This is where you can share information, resources, and discuss current topics.

Please complete this short online form linked below and **reply to the email confirmation to complete the process.** <https://txohc.org/get-involved/membership/m-o-mail-list/>

Thank you and we look forward to your participation.

ADA Executive Summary: Fluoride's Critical Role in Preventing Caries in Adults and Seniors

The whitepaper, "Fluoride's Critical Role in Preventing Caries in Adults and Seniors" developed by the American Dental Association (ADA) shares data and insight about the important role of fluoride and a comprehensive approach to oral care that includes brushing, flossing, and rinsing between dental visits. It also focuses on the emerging needs of adults and seniors, the incidence of dental caries, and untreated tooth decay.

In this white paper, you will learn about:

- Prevalence of dental caries in permanent teeth
- Survey results showing fluoride mouth rinse recommendations (by age)
- Homecare tactics to help patients improve oral care
- Communication tactics that work from dental health professionals
- The positive economic impact of regular preventive dental care
- General fluoride recommendations
- Plus, many more resources to explore

[Download this ADA Whitepaper Here.](#)

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**Many thanks to our Organizational Members for
your support and collaboration!**



Join [here](#) if your organization is interested in joining our efforts to improve the oral healthcare system in Texas.

Your Contribution Matters

Your contribution is essential to our continued efforts and will make a positive impact on the lives of millions of your neighbors. No matter how small your contribution may seem, it is an integral piece of the larger puzzle leading to meaningful change. **Please join in the advancement of our vision to make optimal health a reality for all Texans.** Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your participation in our community to continue this forward momentum.