

New York State Dental Association

Council on Dental Benefit Programs

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS COUNCIL?

Third-party benefits play a significant role in both the profitability of a dental practice and the dentist-patient relationship. The goal of the Council on Dental Benefit Programs is to monitor and educate members about government, self-funded and commercial third-party reimbursement programs. The Council's role is to monitor the impact of such programs, advocate for members and patients with third-party payers, and recommend related policy to the NYSDA House of Delegates. With the growth of managed care and dentists entering into contractual relationships with third-parties, the Council addresses issues relating to their influence on dental practices and access to oral health care.

“JOB DESCRIPTION”: WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME?

General responsibilities of a Council on Dental Benefit Programs member:

- Report problems with dental benefit plans experienced by your practice and the practices of your colleagues to NYSDA.
- Help educate colleagues about commercial and government third-party dental plans and promote NYSDA's relevant member supports, e.g. Contract Analysis Service, Legal Services Panel, etc.
- Participate in discussions on the Council's activities in your local dental society, if you attend membership meetings.
- Assist in the development of dental health policies.
- Attend one live meeting at NYSDA's Albany office and participate in one meeting via video conference.

WHAT WILL I GAIN BY DEDICATING MY TIME AND TALENTS (What's in it for me?)

You will gain first-hand experience in participating in the deliberative process and association leadership. You will achieve a better understanding of dental benefit programs and payment models and how they impact dental practices. You will learn about managed care reimbursement and dentists' rights with respect to managed care and other benefit programs.

SERIOUSLY, I'M REALLY BUSY! HOW MUCH TIME WILL THIS TAKE?

Approximately two days per year. There is an in-person meeting in Albany and one video conference meeting a year. Staff will notify you and provide you with agenda materials in advance of the meetings. You will be reimbursed for overnight accommodations (if necessary), travel and meal expenses when attending a meeting in Albany.

WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF THIS COMMITTEE/COUNCIL?

The New Dentist member's term is 2-years, up to a maximum of two consecutive terms (provided the person remains qualified as a new dentist throughout the term), based on recommendation from the New Dentist Committee and nomination by the NYSDA Board of Trustees, with election by the NYSDA House of Delegates.