

Oral Health System: Pandemic Response Workgroup

Virtual Meeting XIX

October 27, 2021

4:00-5:30 PM EDT

Purpose of the Effort in 2021

Our overall purpose is to contribute our collective voice and influence toward making oral health more affordable and accessible to all. In 2021, we will:

- continue to monitor the impacts of COVID-19 on safety, infection control, and access;
- learn more about the work already underway in each of the prioritized areas;
- discuss and take action as opportunities arise

Purpose of the Meeting

To continue our work in collectively monitoring the impact of COVID-19 in the country and on the field, to understand the status of the effort in Congress to add a dental benefit to Medicare, and to deepen our understanding of the progress and challenges of Integrating Oral Health into Overall Health and Amplifying Interprofessional Care.

Desired Outcomes

By the end of this meeting, we will have:

- An update on COVID-19, the boosters, evolving case rates, and more
- An update on the efforts in Congress to add a dental benefit in Medicare and the ongoing advocacy needed
- A shared understanding of work across the field toward Integrating Oral Health into Overall Health and Amplifying Interprofessional Care, including progress and root cause challenges through a health equity lens
- A list of proposed upgrades to the draft collective action letters
- Agreement on next steps

Agenda

What	When
Start Ups: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• Purpose of the meeting• Desired outcomes• Introductions	4:00-4:05
COVID-19 Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vaccine rollout & boosters• Large group updates	4:05-4:15
Dental Benefits in Medicare Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Congressional update• Advocacy needed	4:15-4:30
Integrating Oral Health into Overall Health and Amplifying Interprofessional Care <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working Team summary• Proposed collective action letters	4:30-5:25
Close and Next Steps	5:25-5:30