



**Emergency Medical Care Subcommittee Meeting  
Behavioral Science Research  
2121 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Ste. 240  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
July 5, 2022**

*Approved July 22, 2022*

#	Members	Present	Absent	Guests	
1	Baez, Ivet	X		Mester, Brad	
2	Bauman, Dallas		X	Valle-Schwenk, Carla	
3	Cortes, Wanda	X			
4	Dougherty, James	X			
5	Friedman, Lawrence	X			
6	Goubeaux, Robert		X		
7	Miller, Juliet	X			
8	Romero, Javier	X			
9	Thornton, Darren		X		
10	Torres, Johann	X			
11	Vasquez, Silvana		X	<b>Staff</b>	
<b>Quorum: 5</b>				Robert Ladner	Marlen Meizoso

Note that all documents referenced in these minutes were accessible to both members and the general public prior to (and during) the meeting, at [www.aidsnet.org/meeting-documents](http://www.aidsnet.org/meeting-documents).

**I. Call to Order**

James Dougherty, the Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. He introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the Emergency Medical Care Subcommittee meeting.

**II. Meeting Rules and Housekeeping**

Marlen Meizoso reviewed the meeting rules and housekeeping presentation (copy on file), which provide the ground rules and reminders for the meeting. Mr. Dougherty identified Behavioral Science Research (BSR) staff as resource persons for the meeting. If anyone had any questions, BSR would be available to answer them after the meeting.

**III. Roll Call and Introductions**

Mr. Dougherty requested members and guests introduce themselves around the room.

**IV. Floor Open to the Public**

Mr. Dougherty read the following: *“Pursuant to Florida Sunshine Law, I want to provide the public with a reasonable opportunity to be heard on any item on our agenda today. If there is anyone who wishes to be heard, I invite you to speak now. Each person will be given three minutes to speak. Please begin by stating your name and address for the record before you talk about your concerns.”*

“BSR has a dedicated phone line and email for statements to be read into the record. No statements were received.”

There were no comments, so the floor was closed.

#### V. Review/Approve Agenda

The Subcommittee reviewed the agenda and accepted it as presented.

**Motion to accept the agenda as presented**

**Moved: Dr. Lawrence Friedman**

**Second: Wanda Cortes**

**Motion: Passed**

#### VIII. Standing Business

##### ▪ **Letter of Medical Necessity for Dental Implants**

*All*

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the two documents related to implants (copies on file). The first document detailed the implant procedure codes seen earlier in the year. Implants would be reimbursed at a flat fee rate and the range would be \$46,269 (4 units) to \$92,538 (8 units) for both maxillary and mandibular implants. The second document was the letter of medical necessity, which included the restrictions that the five implant codes would be used for patients with no teeth, with advanced resorption of the bone that compromised denture support, and limited to 8 units. The restrictions were vetted by a dentist on the oral health care workgroup and staff at the UF and UM dental divisions. The Subcommittee first approved the use of the codes with restrictions.

**Motion to add D6010 (Surgical placement of implant body, second-stage surgery, placement of healing cap), D6191 (Semi-precision abutment-placement), D6192 (semi-precision attachment-placement), D6110 (Implant/abutment supported removal denture for edentulous arch-maxillary), and D6111(Implant/abutment supported removal denture for edentulous arch-mandibular) to the Ryan White Oral Health Care Formulary as detailed in the Letter of Medical Necessity for Dental Implants for edentulous patients with insufficient bone support for conventional complete dentures; advanced resorption of the bone that supports dentures, so they have difficulty keeping them in place; the implants are not cosmetic; and limited to 8 units.**

**Moved: Juliet Miller**

**Second: Dr. Lawrence Friedman**

**Motion: Passed**

The workgroup then reviewed the letter of medical necessity and approved the letter with the recommended language edits:

- Rewording of the introductory statement to “I certify my client fully meets the following criteria for the use of dental implants.”
- Addition of punctuation and a conjunction to criteria statements.
- Moving codes to a separate section that indicates “I understand”.
- Add “Approval under this form is limited to codes D6010, D6191, D6192, D6110, or D6111”.
- Add code restriction here indicating “These dental codes are restricted up to 8 units”.
- Add overage clause in italics without italics.
- Add “This approval is subject to Part A funding availability”.
- Add “This form should be included in the client’s dental file and uploaded into the scanned documents in Provide”.
- And add last statement “I must attach the treatment plan to this form.”

**Motion to accept the Letter of Medical Necessity for Dental Implants as amended.**

**Moved: Dr. Johann Torres**

**Second: Wanda Cortes**

**Motion: Passed**

An effective start date for use of the codes and letter of August 1, 2022, was suggested, pending Partnership approval.

**Motion to have an effective start date of August 1, 2022, pending approval of Partnership for Letter of Medical Necessity for Dental Implants.**

**Moved: Dr. Lawrence Friedman**

**Second: Wanda Cortes**

**Motion: Passed**

**X. Announcements**

Mr. Dougherty indicated that there were no announcements, but attendees should RSVP to the next meeting.

**XI. Next Meeting**

The next regular Subcommittee meeting will be July 22, 2022, at BSR.

**XII. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Moved: Dr. Lawrence Friedman**

**Seconded: Wanda Cortes**

**Motion: Passed**

Mr. Dougherty adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.