


<b>PLAN OPERATIONS</b>	 From DentaQuest		
	<i>Policy and Procedure</i>		
	Policy Name:	<b>Timely Access Monitoring</b>	Policy ID: <b>PLANCG-54</b>
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**PURPOSE**

To establish guidelines for the monitoring of timely access to care.

**POLICY**

The Dental Care Organization (DCO) is committed to providing quality dental care for enrollees in a timely manner. This Timely Access Monitoring Policy has been developed as part of the Quality Improvement (QI) Program to ensure all enrollees have timely access to care as required by Oregon Administrative Rules and community standards.

Weekly Reporting:

The DCO shall require all Primary Care Dentist (PCD) offices to report into the DCO’s survey system of when the third next available appointment (TNAA) is for routine care, emergencies, urgencies, and prioritized routine care (pregnant women and foster children) – along with the time enrollees are waiting in the office for their scheduled appointments and scheduling delays related to interpreter availability. The DCO’s Provider Relations Department will monitor reporting on a weekly basis and will follow up with all PCD offices who have not responded to the survey. When necessary, the DCO staff shall assist the office in filling out the survey through the DCO’s online system.

The DCO shall require all specialist offices to report into the DCO’s survey system of when the third next available appointment (TNAA) is for routine care. The DCO’s Provider Relations Department will monitor reporting on a weekly basis and will follow up with all specialist offices who have not responded to the survey. When necessary, the DCO staff shall assist the office in filling out the survey through the DCO’s online system.

Ongoing Monitoring:

In order to ensure compliance with scheduling timeframes as defined in the DCO’s Appointment Scheduling Policy, the DCO’s Provider Relations Department shall monitor all PCD responses on a weekly basis.

If a PCD office did not meet the threshold for:

- a. TNAA for an emergency within 1 day (24 hours)
- b. TNAA for urgencies within 7 days
- c. TNAA for prioritized routine care within 4 weeks
- d. TNAA for routine care within 56 days

The DCO shall follow up with the PCD office and track the following:

- 1) Office explanation for scheduling past threshold
- 2) Office plan to resolve scheduling issues
- 3) Timeframe in which the DCO may expect the issue to be resolved
- 4) Potential next steps of corrective action if the scheduling issues are not resolved

The DCO shall continue to monitor performance and follow up with the office after the expected resolution to ensure compliance. If the issue is not corrected by the established resolution date, the staff shall report this to the Network Adequacy Workgroup that they may suggest the next steps, including a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). In cases where the PCD is found to be non-complaint for four or more consecutive weeks in any area (emergent, urgent, priority routine, or routine) the PCD may be placed on a formal CAP. The formal CAP may include the PCD being closed to all new assignment. The PCD's CAP will be resolved and they will be open for assignment once the office is able to maintain compliance for four consecutive weeks. Failure to comply with the CAP could result in termination. All CAPs will be reported to the Peer Review and Credentialing Committee until the CAP is closed.

When PCDs or specialists report outside of the thresholds, these will be brought to the Network Adequacy Workgroup for review and potential additional provider recruitment.

**REFERENCES**

- OAR 410-141-3515 Network Adequacy

***Revision History***

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