

Dental Quality Alliance

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Purpose of this Presentation

- To introduce the Dental Quality Alliance
- To explain its purpose
- To provide an update on the status of its development

Origin of the DQA

- Proposed to the ADA by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid in 2008
- To develop performance measures on Pediatric Oral Health Care
- To evaluate the quality of care provided to children through Medicaid programs

The ADA Agrees to Develop a DQA

- ADA councils supported the development of a DQA
- Board of Trustees adopted resolution to proceed with DQA development
- Council on Dental Benefit Programs was designated as lead agency
- Steering Committee was formed to plan and implement development of the DQA

DQA Mission and Objectives

Mission.

The mission of the Dental Quality Alliance is to advance performance measurement as a means to improve oral health, patient care and safety through a consensus-building process.

Objectives.

To identify and develop evidence-based oral health care performance measures and measurement resources.

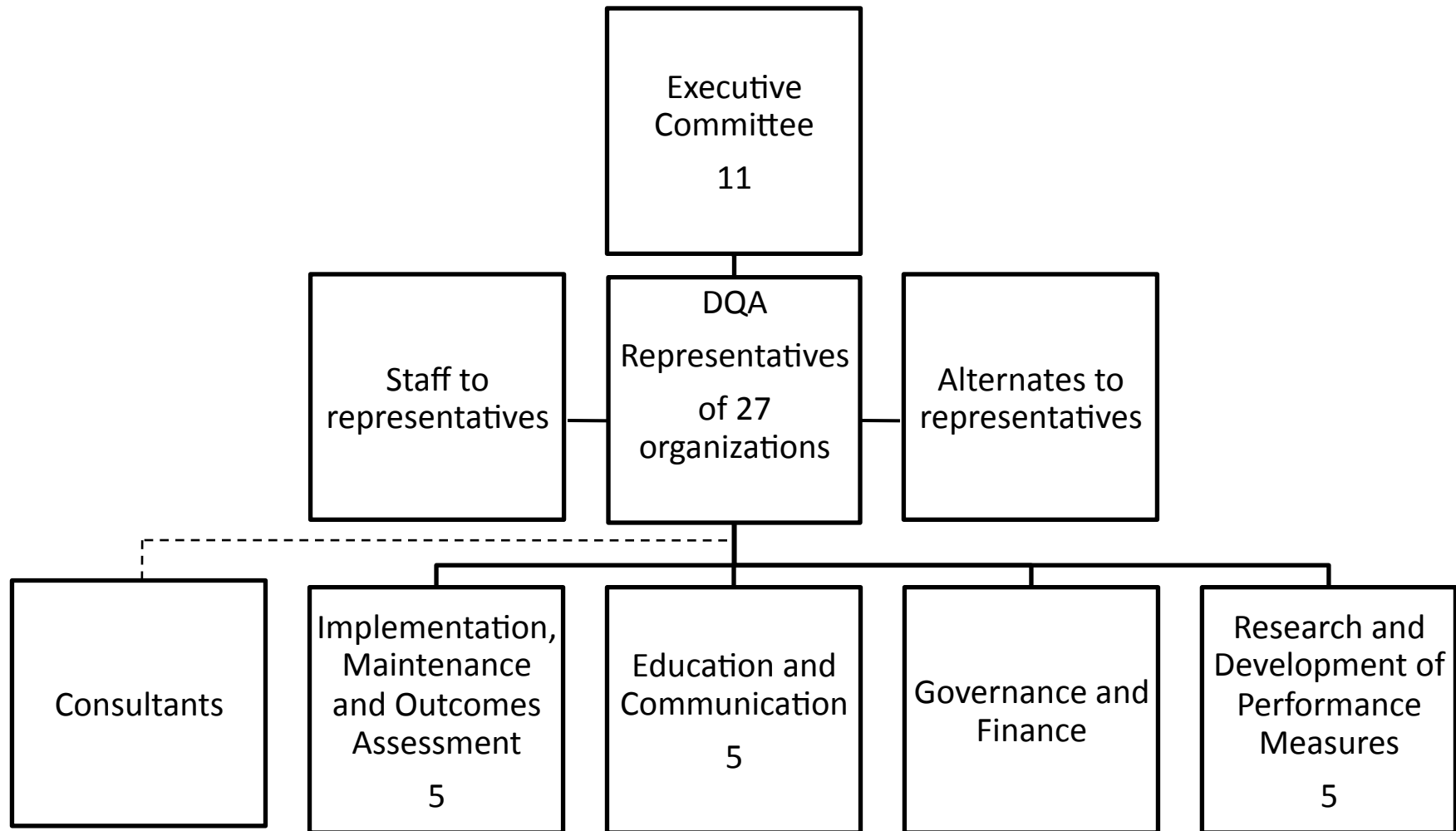
To advance the effectiveness and scientific basis of clinical performance measurement and improvement

To foster and support professional accountability, transparency, and value in oral health care through the development, implementation and evaluation of performance measurement.

DQA Steering Committee (Executive Committee)

- ADA Board of Trustees
- Council on Dental Benefit Programs
- Council on Dental Practice
- Council on Government Affairs
- Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations
- American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- Academy of General Dentistry
- National Association of Dental Plans
- American Dental Education Association
- Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services
- Medicaid/SCHIP Dental Association

DQA Organizational Structure



Organizations Invited to be a Member or expressed interest in the DQA

- Academy of General Dentistry
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology
- American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology
- American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- American Academy of Periodontology
- American Association of Endodontists
- American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
- American Association of Orthodontists
- American Association of Public Health Dentistry
- American College of Prosthodontists
- American Dental Association's Board of Trustees
- American Dental Education Assn
- American Dental Hygienists' Assn
- American Medical Association
- America's Health Insurance Plans
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Council on Access, Prevention, and Interprofessional Relationships (ADA)
- Council on Dental Benefit Programs (ADA)
- Council on Dental Practice (ADA)
- Council on Government Affairs (ADA)
- Delta Dental
- Health Resources and Services Administration
- Medicaid and SCHIP Dental Association
- National Association of Dental Plans
- Public Member
- The Joint Commission

Collaboration is Key

- To Produce Meaningful Performance Measures
- To Foster a Transparent Process

Next Meeting of the DQA

- October 28-29, 2010
- Washington DC Hubert Humphrey Building (HHS building)
- On the agenda
 - Funding of DQA
 - Plan the development of performance measures to begin early in 2011.

Performance Measures Will Be Developed

- Will begin in early 2011
- Will focus on pediatric oral health care
- Will address the programmatic level of care under Medicaid programs

Funding the DQA

- ADA
- Grants
- DQA Dues Structure

Operating the DQA

- Organizational rules have been drafted
- Will be adopted by the DQA
- Will be reviewed as informational by the ADA Board of Trustees

Performance Measures

- Measures should be reliable, valid and feasible
- Measures should be evidence-based to the extent possible
- Measures should point to outcomes of meaningful oral health improvement

The Challenge: Appropriate Application

- Proper Use of Measures
- Appropriate Use of Measurement Data

In Conclusion

The objective is to improve the oral health of patients

Doing It Well

Performance Measures will be

- Valid
- Reliable
- Evidence-based
- Meaningful

Doing It Right

- The process will be collaborative
 - All stakeholders will be included
 - All stakeholders will contribute
- The process will be transparent
 - Information will be widely disseminated
 - Meetings will open