

## **Fall Council – October 21/22**

### **USC & LS meeting update:**

- we are finalizing a solution for remote assessment that will meet the CDSO requirements - have created a new subclass of codes (08000) that can be augmented in the future as advances in Tele Dentistry improved - this will accurately describe what service is being provided and will remove the provisional emergency 05200 series as a pandemic solution
- this change should make it into the 2022 USC & LS
- the +PS codes for anesthesia are being delayed to 2023 due to concerns from CLHIA - the radiology codes will be in the 2022 listing
- the committee has reworded the 52200 series coded and its associated instructions to modernize the language - removing “acrylic” and replacing it with “polymer”
- the Share point site has been completely overhauled to improve usage - this will make the application for change easier
- we have clarified the balloting cycle thresholds adding the terminology “expressed votes” so that a non vote does not impact the actual voting process and we have added a minimum quorum of 70 % - The UCS & LS has 10 voting groups)

### **Economics Volume 1 update:**

- still quite a bit of doom and gloom across the country
- Sask dentist had a 17.6% drop in net income from 2019 to 2020 but initial survey of 2021 shows we are almost back to 2019 levels (this is calculated from grossing up the first three months so may not be a true index)
- mostly attributed to increasing staff wages and expenses
- Sask now has the highest percentage of associates of all provinces (due to rapid increase in large dental corporations)
- this make collection of data more difficult
- we are at 90 % pre-covid patient volumes
- billings are only at 86 % of pre-covid volumes
- several provinces are looking at a one time larger increase in the fee guide (4.5% to 5.5%)
- some concerns with impact on demand
- huge increase in net number of dentists in the province - 39 in 2019, 26 in 2020 and 46 to date in 2021 (highest rate of all provinces)
- back to possible trust in the demand equations
- Maxident has signed on to allow clients to dump required data directly to Impact ..... hoping other will come on board
- fee guide runs will being discussed and evaluated over the next few weeks

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Todd Graham, Chair