

PUBLIC COMMENTS SUMMARY

RULE 111: CRANIOFACIAL ANOMALY RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY COVERAGE

There have been no changes to the above proposed rule after its filing.

The Department held a hearing on the above proposed rule on September 29, 2015. We had one written comment for the proposed rule we admitted into the record. We had two persons speaking for the rule during the September 29, 2015 hearing.

#1. We received and admitted into the record a September 28, 2015 letter from Ozark Prosthodontics writing for the rule. Ozark Prosthodontics is pleased to see in Rule 111 that the guidelines insure comprehensive care by qualified specialists with oversight from members of the national craniofacial teams.

#2. We received testimony in the hearing from Ms. Wendelyn Osborne, a leading advocate for craniofacial coverage and the driving force for passage of Act 373 of 2015, which this propose Rule implements. Ms. Osborne testified about the history and purpose of the state legislation and the proposed rule, and how she is in favor of the proposed rule's requirements tying the diagnoses and treatment plans to nationally approved craniofacial teams.

#3. We received testimony from Ms. Lori McNeel of Ozark Prosthodontics in favor of the proposed Rule. Ms. McNeel testified as to the insurance coverage issues her office encounters with insurers on patients with craniofacial abnormalities. She also spoke of the need for this rule and need for expanding insurance coverage and quality treatment for families dealing with craniofacial abnormalities.

We have included with the final rule, and public comments summary, a copy of the electronic record of the hearing which includes the testimony, letters, and remarks briefly described above.