Coffee Talk #4: “Good News/Addressing Challenges”

For each question choose the letter of the correct answer:

1. Often patients seen by a dental hygienist in a collaborative practice setting are insured by a state health plan. Which Minnesota state department has the responsibility to oversee the payment of services for these plans?
   a. Board of Dentistry
   b. Department of Human Services
   c. Department of Health
   d. The State Legislature

2. Which provider is considered the rendering provider when the dental hygienist sees the patient in a collaborative practice setting?
   a. The dentist.
   b. The non-profit organization.
   c. The dental hygienist.
   d. The dentist doing follow up care.

3. Consistent funding for the collaborative practice is important for its financial viability. What source of income provides the most consistency to program sustainability?
   a. Billing for services rendered.
   b. Government grants.
   c. Foundation grants.
   d. Partnerships with medical offices.

4. Which of following currently exists to enhance the tracking and financial viability of a collaborative dental hygiene practice.
   a. Dental screenings and assessments are reimbursable when provided by the dental hygienist.
   b. Time spent in the provision of care is reimbursable by state health plans.
   c. A dental hygienist may have their own National Provider Identifier (NPI) number.
   d. None of the above.
5. Scenario: A dental hygienist holds a collaborative agreement with a dentist to provide care in a community setting outside of the dental practice. Which member of the collaborative practice receives direct reimbursement from state health programs for services rendered by the dental hygienist?
   a. The dental hygienist.
   b. The office manager.
   c. The dentist
   d. Any of the above.