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Procedure D0240 – Intraoral Occlusal Radiograph

Denti-Cal would like to remind providers that Procedure D0240, Intraoral Occlusal Radiograph, is a specific type of film used for a specific purpose. The film size is 2¼" x 3" (57mm x 76mm) and **should be used only in cases of suspected pathology of the maxilla, mandible, or for post-traumatic evaluation.** The diagnostic image taken should cover a major portion of the maxilla or mandible.

Providers taking an occlusal view using film other than the 2¼" x 3" size will only be eligible to be paid for Procedure D0220/D0230 (periapical film).

Billing for Extraoral Radiographs (D0250/D0260) and Oral/Facial Images (D0350)

Some providers are incorrectly coding and billing oral/facial images (D0350) as extraoral radiographs (D0250/D0260). **Procedure D0350 is a photographic image not a radiograph.**

Procedure D0250 and Procedure D0260 are defined as radiographs or diagnostic imaging films taken to evaluate skull or facial bones.

Procedure D0350 (oral/facial images, which includes intra and extraoral images) is defined as photographic images obtained by intraoral or extraoral cameras.

Information about Procedures D0250, D0260, and D0350 can be found in the Provider Handbook, Section 5: Manual of Criteria and Schedule of Maximum Allowances.

Billing for radiographs when photographic images have been taken can lead to denial of claims or TARS, and other actions as appropriate.

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Providers who continue to bill incorrectly may be subject to punitive action. More information can be found in the Provider Handbook, Section 8: Fraud, Abuse and Quality of Care.

If you have any questions, please call the Denti-Cal Telephone Service Center at (800) 423-0507.

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