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Training Seminars

Reserve an available spot for one of our open training seminars.

Webinar
Basic & EDI/D619 - July 20, 2016

Provider Enrollment Assistance Line

Speak with an Enrollment Specialist. Go here for more information!

Wednesday, July 20, 8 am - 4 pm.

New Policy Regarding Full Mouth Debridement, Increased Frequency of Prophylaxis and Fluoride Treatments and Prior Authorization Requirements for Scaling and Root Planing for Medi-Cal Beneficiaries residing in a Skilled Nursing Facility or Intermediate Care Facility

Effective July 15, 2016, full mouth debridement (D4355) is added as a covered benefit, once in a 12 month period without prior authorization, for eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries who reside in Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) or Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF), including Medi-Cal eligible Department of Developmental Services (DDS) beneficiaries residing in a SNF or ICF. Full mouth debridement is considered a full mouth treatment and intended for beneficiaries with excessive plaque or calculus that inhibits the dental provider's ability to perform a comprehensive evaluation and diagnosis and to develop a treatment plan. Full Mouth Debridement is not a benefit when rendered the same date of service as Scaling and Root Planing (SRP), prophylaxis or periodontal maintenance and within 24 months following the last Scaling and Root Planing (SRP).

Also effective July 15, 2016, the frequency of prophylaxis and fluoride treatments are increased to once every four months for Medi-Cal beneficiaries who reside in a SNF or ICF. The increased frequencies of these procedures do not eliminate the need for additional medically necessary procedures or treatments.

Providers are required to abide by the updated requirements outlined in this bulletin. However, submission and criteria requirements outlined in the Manual of Criteria (MOC) will not be updated with the above changes until the implementation of CDT 16 occurs.

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Prior authorization is required for Scaling and Root Planing (SRP). Radiographs to demonstrate medical necessity for the service are required when submitting a Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) for SRP. Denti-Cal may consider radiograph exemption process with these prior authorization requirements when deemed medically appropriate based on a patient's medical condition, physical ability, or cognitive functioning. Providers may submit a TAR with documentation along with necessary photographs substantiating why radiographs of the patient are not possible; however, TARs submitted without radiographs are subject to additional review. However, per Denti-Cal Bulletin November 2014 Volume 30 Number 17, prior authorization will continue to be waived for scaling and root planing procedures rendered to pregnant/postpartum beneficiaries regardless of age, aid code and/or scope of benefits when "PREGNANT" or "POSTPARTUM" is documented.

Please see below for the Schedule of Maximum Allowances pertaining to this policy effective July 15, 2016.

New/Modified Procedures for SNF/ICF Residents		
CDT Code	**Procedure**	**Rate***
D1110	Prophylaxis – adult	$40.00
D1120	Prophylaxis – child	$30.00
D1206	Topical application of fluoride varnish - adult 21 and over	$6.00
D1208	Topical application of fluoride - adult	$6.00
D4341	Periodontal scaling and root planing – four or more teeth per quadrant (for beneficiaries in a SNF or ICF)	$70.00
D4342	Periodontal scaling and root planing – one to three teeth, per quadrant (for beneficiaries in a SNF or ICF)	$50.00
D4355	Full mouth debridement to enable comprehensive evaluation and diagnosis	$75.00
D4910	Periodontal maintenance	$55.00

*Rates effective as of July 15, 2016.

For more information, please contact the Denti-Cal Provider Customer Service line at (800) 423-0507.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Provider Enrollment Workshops

Are you a dental provider who is interested in joining the Denti-Cal program but don't know where to start? Do you have questions about the Denti-Cal enrollment process? Then please drop-in anytime during the hours scheduled below to attend one of our enrollment workshops! Registration is preferred, but not required.

Date/Time:	Location:	County:
Friday, July 20, 2016 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Register Now!	Double Tree 2800 Via Cabrillo Marina San Pedro, CA 90731	Los Angeles County

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