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Important: Dental Transformation Initiative Ends December 31st

Effective December 31, 2021, the Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI) program will end. Providers may bill for DTI-related services rendered through December 31, 2021 in accordance with requirements set forth by each domain.

- [DTI Domain 1](#)
- [DTI Domain 2](#)
- [DTI Domain 3](#)

For information about DTI, please visit the Department of Health Care Services' [Dental Transformation Initiative webpage](#).

TRAINING SEMINARS

To reserve a spot online or view a complete list of training seminars, go to the [Provider Training Seminar Schedule](#).

Please note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all seminars will be held as webinars.

PROVIDER ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE LINE

Speak with an Enrollment Specialist. Go [here](#) for more information.

Available every Wednesday
8am - 4pm

PROVIDER EMAIL LIST SIGN-UP

Registration is quick and easy! Join the [provider email distribution list](#) and get the latest Medi-Cal Dental updates straight to your Inbox.

COMING SOON: California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Oral Health Initiatives

On January 1, 2022, the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative, comprised of three oral health components, will go into effect. [CalAIM](#) is a multi-year initiative that aims to improve the quality of life and health outcomes of the Medi-Cal population by implementing broad delivery system, program, and payment reform across the Medi-Cal program.

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CalAIM Oral Health Initiatives

The three oral health components of CalAIM are built on the successful outcomes of the Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI) and each CalAIM oral health initiative is described below.

Pay-for-Performance (P4P)

P4P is comprised of two initiatives: **Preventive Services** and **Continuity of Care**. Select procedure codes eligible for CalAIM P4P payments can be found in the **Attachment I** tables at the end of this bulletin.

The Preventive Services P4P offers a performance payment for each paid preventive oral care service billed by a service office location in order to increase statewide utilization of preventive services.

Preventive P4P will be:

- » Available to **all enrolled Medi-Cal dental providers**.
- » **Paid at an additional 75 percent** of the Schedule of Maximum Allowances (SMA) for select preventive procedures. For details, please refer to the **CalAIM P4P Preventive Services** table at the end of this bulletin.
- » Processed and paid in accordance with the [January 2022 draft CDT-21 Manual of Criteria \(MOC\)](#) and [SMA](#).
- » Included in the weekly check write for all qualified paid preventive services.

The Continuity of Care P4P offers a flat rate performance payment paid once a calendar year to service office locations that maintain dental continuity of care and establish a dental home for each patient by performing at least a yearly dental exam/evaluation for two or more years in a row.

Continuity of Care P4P will be:

- » Available to **all service office locations** who meet the requirements.
- » Begin payments in calendar year (CY) 2022 for returning patients seen in CY 2021. 2021 is the “baseline” year for this P4P.
- » Paid at the **flat rate of \$55 once per year in addition to the SMA** for the specified procedures codes below. For details, please refer to the **CalAIM P4P Continuity of Care** table at the end of this bulletin.

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- » Processed and paid in accordance with the [January 2022 draft CDT-21 MOC](#) and [SMA](#).
- » Included in the weekly check write for all qualified paid continuity of care services.

New Benefits

Caries Risk Assessment (CRA) bundle and Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) are two new benefits added to the Medi-Cal Dental Program in alignment with national dental care standards.

CRA Bundle

- » Dental providers **must** take the [Treating Young Kids Everyday \(TYKE\) training](#), complete the related attestation form, and provide proof of TYKE course completion to receive payment for the CRA bundle.
- » Dental providers who have record of completing the TYKE training for DTI Domain 2 pilot project are **not required** to retake the TYKE training for CalAIM.
- » CRA bundle include a CRA exam (D0601, D0602, D0603) and nutritional counseling (D1310) based on the risk level associated for Medi-Cal members **ages 0-6 only**. All CRA bundle services claims will be processed and paid in accordance with the [January 2022 draft CDT-21 MOC](#) and [SMA](#).
- » Additional services, such as cleaning, fluoride, and exam (D0120, D1120, D1206, and D1208) can be rendered at the allowed increased frequencies based on the risk level.
- » The CRA bundle services may be billed by:
 - Dentists, and
 - Registered Dental Hygienists in Alternate Practice (RDHAPs).

CRA Bundle Fee Schedule

	Caries Risk Assessment (\$15.00)	Nutritional Counseling (\$46.00)	Frequency	Bundle Fee
Low Risk	D0601	D1310	6 months	\$61.00
Moderate Risk	D0602	D1310	4 months	\$61.00
High Risk	D0603	D1310	3 months	\$61.00

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Silver Diamine Fluoride

- » SDF claims will be processed and paid in accordance with the [January 2022 draft CDT-21 MOC](#) and [SMA](#).
- » Criteria for SDF **D1354: Interim Caries Arresting Medicament Application-Per Tooth** is as follows:
 1. Radiographs and photographs for payment – For patients under the age of 7 submit a current intraoral photograph demonstrating the medical necessity. For patients age 7 or older, in addition to a current intraoral photograph, providers must submit a current, diagnostic periapical radiograph and must document the underlying conditions that exist which indicate that nonrestorative caries treatment is optimal.
 2. Requires a tooth code.
 3. A benefit:
 - a. for patients under the age of 7.
 - b. for patients age 7 or older when documentation shows underlying conditions such that nonrestorative caries treatment may be optimal.
 - c. once every six months, up to ten teeth per visit, for a maximum of four treatments per tooth.
 4. Not a benefit:
 - a. when the prognosis of the tooth is questionable due to nonrestorability.
 - b. when a tooth is near exfoliation.
- » D1354 is not a benefit when the prognosis of the tooth is questionable due to nonrestorability or when a tooth is near exfoliation

Please note the following Adjudication Reason Code (ARC) impacts, effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after January 1, 2022.

- **NEW: ARC 266P** – *Payment and/or prior authorization disallowed. Photographs are required.*
- **NEW: ARC 440** – *Procedure Code D1354 is allowable two visits per year, and lifetime maximum of four times per tooth.*

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- **NEW: ARC 506** – Procedure Code qualifies for CalAIM Preventive Services Performance Payment. For more details on CalAIM and the list of procedures, please refer to Provider Handbook: Section 4 – Treating Members.
- **NEW: ARC 507** – Procedure Code qualifies for CalAIM Continuity of Care Performance Payment. For more details on CalAIM and the list of procedures, please refer to Provider Handbook: Section 4 – Treating Members.
- **Modified: ARC 002A** – Evaluation is not a benefit within six months of a previous evaluation to the same provider for members under age 21 or does not meet CRA criteria.
- **Modified: ARC 320C** – Rendering provider has not submitted a proper attestation package.

For questions or more information about the CalAIM oral health initiatives, send your inquiry to dental@dhcs.ca.gov or visit the [CalAIM Dental webpage](#). For questions about this bulletin, please contact the Telephone Service Center at 800-423-0507.

Attachment 1

Department of Health Care Services

Medi-Cal Dental Services Division

California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)

Pay-for-Performance Initiative: Preventive Care

CDT Procedure Code	CDT Procedure Code Description	SMA Amount	Dates of Services On or After January 1, 2022	
			Performance %/\$ Increase	SMA + %/\$ Increase
Preventive Procedures				
D1120	Prophylaxis – child 0-20	\$30.00	\$22.50	\$52.50
D1206	Topical application of fluoride varnish - child 0-5	\$18.00	\$13.50	\$31.50
D1206	Topical application of fluoride varnish - child 6-20	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$14.00
D1208	Topical application of fluoride - excluding varnish - child 0-5	\$18.00	\$13.50	\$31.50
D1208	Topical application of fluoride - excluding varnish - child 6-20	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$14.00

Effective January 1, 2022

CDT Procedure Code	CDT Procedure Code Description	SMA Amount	Dates of Services On or After January 1, 2022	
			Performance %/\$ Increase	SMA + %/\$ Increase
D1351	Sealant – per tooth - age 0-20	\$22.00	\$16.50	\$38.50
D1352	Preventive resin restoration in a moderate to high caries risk patient – permanent tooth - age 0-20	\$22.00	\$16.50	\$38.50
D1510	Space maintainer – fixed – unilateral- per quadrant - age 0-17	\$120.00	\$90.00	\$210.00
D1516	Space maintainer – fixed – bilateral, maxillary - age 0-17	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$350.00
D1517	Space maintainer – fixed – bilateral, mandibular - age 0-17	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$350.00
D1526	Space maintainer – removable – bilateral, maxillary - age 0-17	\$230.00	\$172.50	\$402.50
D1527	Space maintainer – removable – bilateral, mandibular - age 0-17	\$230.00	\$172.50	\$402.50
D1551	Re-cement or re-bond bilateral space maintainer – maxillary - age 0-17	\$30.00	\$22.50	\$52.50
D1552	Re-cement or re-bond bilateral space maintainer – mandibular - age 0-17	\$30.00	\$22.50	\$52.50

Effective January 1, 2022

CDT Procedure Code	CDT Procedure Code Description	SMA Amount	Dates of Services On or After January 1, 2022	
			Performance %/\$ Increase	SMA + %/\$ Increase
D1553	Re-cement or re-bond unilateral space maintainer – per quadrant - age 0-17	\$30.00	\$22.50	\$52.50
D1556	Removal of fixed unilateral space maintainer - per quadrant*	\$30.00	\$22.50	\$52.50
D1557	Removal of fixed bilateral space maintainer – maxillary*	\$30.00	\$22.50	\$52.50
D1558	Removal of fixed bilateral space maintainer – mandibular*	\$30.00	\$22.50	\$52.50
D1575	Distal shoe space maintainer – fixed – unilateral – per quadrant - age 0-17	\$120.00	\$90.00	\$210.00
D1320	Tobacco counselling for the control and prevention of oral disease**	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$17.50
D1999	***Unspecified preventative procedure, by report**	\$46.00	\$34.50	\$80.50

**Only eligible for CalAIM performance payments for members under 21 years of age.*

***Only eligible for CalAIM performance payments for members aged 21 and over.*

****Please refer to criteria in the [January 2022 draft CDT-21 Manual of Criteria \(MOC\)](#) and [Schedule of Maximum Allowances \(SMA\)](#).*

Effective January 1, 2022

CalAIM Pay-for-Performance Initiative: Continuity of Care

CDT Procedure Code	CDT Procedure Code Description	SMA Amount	Dates of Services On or After January 1, 2022	
			Performance Payment	SMA + \$ Increase
Diagnostic Procedures				
D0120	Periodic oral evaluation – established patient	\$15.00	\$55.00	\$70.00
D0145	Oral evaluation for a patient under three years of age and counseling with primary caregiver	\$20.00	\$55.00	\$75.00
D0150	Comprehensive oral evaluation – new or established patient	\$25.00	\$55.00	\$80.00

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