

# Denti-Cal Bulletin



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## **Reminder: Revisions to Denti-Cal Forms Due to Legislation Regarding Use of Social Security Numbers**

Effective September 29, 2007, providers shall no longer submit Social Security Numbers on claims or Notices of Authorization (NOAs). Any documents received for payment by Denti-Cal on or after September 29, 2007 which contain Social Security Numbers will be denied. Old forms will continue to be accepted but should not include a Social Security Number after September 29, 2007.

Denti-Cal Treatment Authorization Requests (TARs), Claims, Claim Inquiry Forms (CIFs), and NOAs have been revised to remove the Social Security Field, field 2 (providers will now enter the Beneficiary Medi-Cal ID Number in Field 5). *These forms will not be available until September. Until then, providers will receive current forms when placing orders with the Denti-Cal forms distribution vendor.*

## **Important Update: Periodontal Evaluation Chart**

Effective immediately, *Denti-Cal will no longer supply the Periodontal Evaluation Chart (DC-008) form.* However, a current and complete periodontal evaluation chart is still required for prior authorization of Procedures 452 and 474, and claim payment for Procedures 472 and 473.

When submitting the periodontal evaluation chart of your choice, please include the following:

- ◆ charting date;
- ◆ patient's name;
- ◆ at least two pocket depth measurements for facial surfaces and two pocket depth measurements for lingual surfaces of each tooth;
- ◆ mobilities for each tooth;
- ◆ notation of missing teeth;
- ◆ indication of teeth to be extracted.

The periodontal evaluation chart is considered current if it is dated within 14 months of the request for treatment and no periodontal treatment has been provided after the date of the charting. Submitted periapical X-rays of all involved teeth must also be current, as they will be used to determine bone loss and arch integrity.

When submitting a periodontal evaluation chart, it would also be helpful to include: patient's date of birth, provider's name and provider billing number/National Provider Identifier (NPI). Please do not send originals, as they cannot be returned.

Please see the attached page, which replaces information currently found in Section 3 of the Provider Manual, pages 3-44 and 3-45.

For additional information, please call the Denti-Cal Telephone Service Center at (800) 423-0507.

**The Periodontal Evaluation Chart** A current and complete periodontal evaluation chart is required for (1) prior authorization of Procedures 452 and 474 and (2) claim payment for Procedures 472 and 473. A periodontal chart is considered current if it is dated within 14 months of the request for treatment and no periodontal treatment has been provided after the date of the chart. Please be sure to always use the patient's current periodontal chart with your authorization request for periodontal procedures.

A complete periodontal chart must include:

- ◆ charting date;
- ◆ patient's name;
- ◆ at least two measurements for facial surfaces and two measurements for lingual surfaces of each tooth;
- ◆ indication of bone loss;
- ◆ mobilities for each tooth;
- ◆ notation of missing teeth;
- ◆ indication of teeth to be extracted.

Submitted periapical X-rays of all involved teeth must also be current, as they will be used to determine bone loss and arch integrity. Failure to submit a complete periodontal evaluation chart with your TAR for periodontal procedures will result in a denial of your request.

When submitting a periodontal evaluation chart, it would also be helpful to include: patient's date of birth, provider's name, and provider billing number/National Provider Identification (NPI). Do not send originals, as they cannot be returned.