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Current Dental Terminology Version 4 (CDT-4) Implemented by Denti-Cal

CDT-4 Codes

On March 1, 2008, Denti-Cal implemented Current Dental Terminology Version 4 (CDT-4) procedure codes. Only CDT-4 codes will be accepted.

Denti-Cal Processing of Treatment Authorization Requests (TARs) Submitted Prior to March 1, 2008

- ◆ For TARs submitted prior to March 1 with local codes but processed by Denti-Cal on/after March 1 - local codes will be translated to CDT codes and CDT criteria used.
- ◆ As a reminder, for TARs submitted prior to March 1 with local codes and are processed by Denti-Cal before March 1 - local codes will be used for processing with previous local code criteria.

CDT-4 Document Submission Requirements

Claims:

- ◆ Claims submitted with dates of service on or after March 1, 2008 must utilize CDT-4 codes.
- ◆ Claims submitted with dates of service prior to March 1, 2008 must utilize local codes.
- ◆ Do not submit claims with a mixture of local and CDT-4 codes. They should be submitted on separate claims, based on date of service and the appropriate code set in effect. Claims submitted with mixed codes will be denied.

TARs:

- ◆ As of March 1, 2008, TARs must be submitted with CDT-4 codes and will be subject to the new criteria and submission requirements.
- ◆ Do not include dates of service on TARs. Dates of service should only be used on claims.
- ◆ TARs postmarked on or before February 29, 2008 will be accepted with local codes. For processing purposes only, the local codes will be converted to CDT-4 codes.

Notices of Authorization (NOAs):

- ◆ NOAs issued with local codes will be valid on or after the effective date of March 1, 2008 as long as the services are rendered during the authorization period.
- ◆ If there is a change in the authorized treatment plan or additional services are required, do not add these services to the NOA. They will be denied. Submit a new claim or TAR for any additional services.

For questions on the above, or any other information, please contact the Denti-Cal Telephone Service Center at (800) 423-0507.