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Additional Adult Dental Benefit Exemption

Beneficiaries receiving long-term care in an Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) or a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), as defined in the Health and Safety Code (H&S Code), Section 1250, subdivisions (c) and (d), and licensed pursuant to H&S Code Section 1250, subdivision (k) are exempt from the change in adult dental services on July 1, 2009.

Additionally, beneficiaries residing in ICF-Developmentally Disabled (DD), ICF-Developmentally Disabled Habilitative (DDH) or ICF-Developmentally Disabled Nursing (DDN) are exempt from the change in adult dental services on July 1, 2009.

The facility definitions are available on the California Department of Public Health Website at <http://hfcis.cdph.ca.gov/servicesAndFacilities.aspx>. Providers may confirm the licensing of a facility on this Web page.

Dental services do not have to be provided in the facility to be payable. Providers are reminded to follow the existing prior authorization and documentation requirements when treating patients that reside in a licensed SNF or ICF (including ICF-DD, ICF-DDH, and ICF-DDN).

If a provider receives a denial on a claim for a beneficiary who resides in a licensed SNF or ICF, the provider can submit a Claim Inquiry Form (CIF) including the facility name and address and have the service re-evaluated. If the services were denied on a Treatment Authorization Request (TAR), the provider can submit the Notice of Authorization (NOA) and request re-evaluation.

For more information about the exceptions to the eliminated adult dental benefits, please refer to Denti-Cal [Bulletin Volume 25, Number 22](#).

For questions, please contact the Denti-Cal Telephone Service Center at (800) 423-0507.