

# Denti-Cal Bulletin



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## ***Billing for Extraoral Radiographs (D0250/D0260) and Oral/Facial Images (D0350)***

Denti-Cal would like to emphasize the differences between extraoral radiographs (D0250/D0260) and oral/facial images (D0350). Some providers may be incorrectly coding oral/facial images as extraoral radiographs and billing for the wrong procedure.

Procedure D0250 (extraoral - first film) and Procedure D0260 (extraoral - each additional film) are defined as radiographs or diagnostic imaging films taken to evaluate skull or facial bones.

Procedure D0350 (oral/facial images, which includes intra and extraoral images) is defined as photographic images obtained by intraoral or extraoral cameras.

More information about radiographs, photographs, and Procedures D0250, D0260, and D0350 can be found in the Provider Handbook "Section 5: Manual of Criteria and Schedule of Maximum Allowances".

## ***Submitting Copies of Radiographs and Photographs***

Providers are reminded that paper copies of multiple radiographs are acceptable up to a maximum of four (4) separate sheets of paper as long as they are:

- ◆ of diagnostic quality
- ◆ labeled with the date the radiograph was taken, the provider's name, the provider's billing number, the patient's name, and the left and right sides of the patient's mouth clearly indicated
- ◆ Documents **will be denied** if all of the above requirements are not met

When submitting copies of radiographs and photographs, the copies should not be stapled to the original document. Instead, the copies need to be placed in the appropriate X-Ray mailing envelope. If the radiographs are for an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) submission, then the radiograph must have the appropriate EDI sticker placed on it.

## **Denti-Cal Seminars Scheduled for January 2009**

Basic Seminar/D202	Roseville	January 8, 2009
Advanced Seminar/D203	Roseville	January 9, 2009
Workshop/D204	Valencia	January 16, 2009
Workshop/D205	Concord	January 28, 2009
Basic Seminar/D206	Cupertino	January 29, 2009

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