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Billing Beneficiaries for Covered Services

Providers may not submit a claim to, or demand or otherwise collect reimbursement from, a Medi-Cal beneficiary or other person on behalf of the beneficiary for any covered service other than Share of Cost. Section 51002 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations specifically prohibits billing or collecting from Medi-Cal beneficiaries for covered services included in the Medi-Cal Dental Program scope of benefits. Violation of this rule may result in punitive action.

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

Some providers are incorrectly coding and billing oral/facial images (D0350) as extraoral radiographs (D0250/D0260). **Procedure D0350 is a photographic image not a radiograph.**

- Procedure D0250 and Procedure D0260 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.

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

Billing for radiographs when photo images have been taken can lead to denial of claims or TARS, and other actions as appropriate. Providers who continue to bill incorrectly may be subject to punitive action. More information can be found in the Provider Handbook, Section 8: Fraud, Abuse and Quality of Care.

\$1,800 Beneficiary Cap To Continue After January 1, 2009

Effective January 1, 2009, Assembly Bill 1183 (Chapter 758, Statutes of 2008) extends the \$1,800 dental beneficiary cap beyond January 1, 2009.

Assembly Bill 131 (Chapter 80 of the 2005-2006 Session) originally amended the Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code Section 14080(d) by limiting non-exempt dental services for individuals 21 years of age or older to \$1,800 per beneficiary per calendar year through December 31, 2008.

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