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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. Other versions of CDT are not currently accepted by Denti-Cal.

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 are 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.
- ◆ 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 are used for processing with previous local code criteria.

Notices of Authorization (NOAs):

- ◆ NOAs issued with local codes are valid on or after 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.

Denti-Cal Seminars Scheduled for April 2008

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| Basic Seminar/D161 | Riverside | April 3, 2008 |
| Advanced Seminar/D162 | Riverside | April 4, 2008 |
| Workshop/D163 | Fairfield | April 11, 2008 |
| Basic Seminar/D164 | Monterey | April 18, 2008 |
| Basic Seminar/D165 | Carlsbad | April 24, 2008 |
| Advanced Seminar/D166 | Carlsbad | April 25, 2008 |

Note:

Please be advised of these corrections to Denti-Cal Bulletin Volume 24, Number 8 (Seminar Schedule for Second Quarter, 2008):

- ◆ The phone number for the Hilton Garden Inn in Fairfield (Workshop/D163, April 11, 2008) is (707) 426-6900.
- ◆ The time for the Basic Seminar/EDI/D168 Seminar in Sacramento on May 16, 2008, is 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
- ◆ The time for the Basic Seminar/EDI/D170 in Costa Mesa on June 5, 2008, is 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon.

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