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The Manual of Criteria is applicable to all providers of dental services regardless of delivery system or payment system except where exempted in the State Plan.

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## Diagnostic General Policies (D0100-D0999)

### 1. Radiographs (D0210-D0340):

- a) According to accepted standards of dental practice, the lowest number of radiographs needed to provide the diagnosis shall be taken.
- b) Original radiographs shall be a part of the patient's clinical record and shall be retained by the provider at all times.
- c) Radiographs shall be made available for review upon the request of the Department of Health Care Services or its fiscal intermediary.
- d) Pursuant to Title 22, CCR, Section 51051, dental radiographic laboratories shall not be considered providers under the Medi-Cal Dental Program.
- e) Radiographs shall be considered current as follows:
  - i) radiographs for treatment of primary teeth within the last eight months.
  - ii) radiographs for treatment of permanent teeth (as well as over-retained primary teeth where the permanent tooth is congenitally missing or impacted) within the last 14 months.
  - iii) radiographs to establish arch integrity within the last 36 months. Arch radiographs are not required for patients under the age of 21.
- f) All radiographs or paper copies of radiographs shall be of diagnostic quality, properly mounted, labeled with the date the radiograph was taken, the provider's name, the provider's billing number, the patient's name, and with the tooth/quadrant/area (as applicable) clearly indicated.
- g) Multiple radiographs of four or more shall be mounted. Three or fewer radiographs properly identified (as stated in "e" above) in a coin envelope are acceptable when submitted for prior authorization and/or payment.
- h) Paper copies of multiple radiographs shall be combined on no more than four sheets of paper.
- i) All treatment and post treatment radiographs are included in the fee for the associated procedure and are not payable separately.
- j) A panoramic radiograph alone is considered non-diagnostic for prior authorization and/ or payment of restorative, endodontic, periodontic, removable partial and fixed prosthodontic procedures.
- k) When arch integrity films are required for a procedure and exposure to radiation should be minimized due to a medical condition, only a periapical radiograph shall be required. Submitted written documentation shall include a statement of the medical condition such as the following:
  - i) pregnancy,
  - ii) recent application of therapeutic doses of ionizing radiation to the head and neck areas,
  - iii) hypoplastic or aplastic anemia.
- l) Prior authorization for procedures other than fixed partial dentures, removable prosthetics and implants is not required when a patient's inability to respond to commands or directions would necessitate sedation or anesthesia in order to accomplish radiographic procedures. However, required radiographs shall be obtained during treatment and shall be submitted for consideration for payment.

**2. Photographs (D0350):**

- a) Photographs are a part of the patient's clinical record and the provider shall retain original photographs at all times.
- b) Photographs shall be made available for review upon the request of the Department of Health Care Services or its fiscal intermediary.
- c) Paper copies of multiple photographs shall be combined on no more than four sheets of paper.

**3. Prior authorization is not required for examinations, radiographs or photographs.**

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## Diagnostic Procedures (D0100-D0999)

### **PROCEDURE D0120 PERIODIC ORAL EVALUATION-ESTABLISHED PATIENT**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. for patients age three and over.
  - b. once every six months for patients under the age of 21 and after six months have elapsed following comprehensive oral evaluation (D0150), per provider.
  - c. once every 12 months for patients age 21 and over and after six months have elapsed following comprehensive oral evaluation (D0150), per provider.
3. This procedure is not a benefit when provided on the same date of service with procedures:
  - a. limited oral evaluation- problem focused (D0140),
  - b. comprehensive oral evaluation- new or established patient (D0150),
  - c. detailed and extensive oral evaluation-problem focused, by report (D0160),
  - d. re-evaluation- limited, problem focused (established patient; not post-operative visit) (D0170),
  - e. office visit for observation (during regularly scheduled hours)-no other services performed (D9430).

### **PROCEDURE D0140 LIMITED ORAL EVALUATION -PROBLEM FOCUSED**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. for patients under the age of 21.
  - b. once per patient per provider.
  - c. when provided by a Medi-Cal Dental Program certified orthodontist.
3. Submission of the Handicapping Labio-Lingual Deviation (HLD) Index California Modification Score Sheet Form, DC016 (09/18) is not required for payment.
4. The following procedures are not a benefit, for the same rendering provider, when provided on the same date of service with procedure D0140:
  - a. periodic oral evaluation- established patient (D0120),
  - b. comprehensive oral evaluation- new or established patient (D0150),
  - c. detailed and extensive oral evaluation- problem focused, by report (D0160),
  - d. re-evaluation-limited, problem focused (established patient; not post-operative visit) (D0170),
  - e. office visit for observation (during regularly scheduled hours)-no other services performed (D9430).
5. This examination procedure shall only be billed for the initial orthodontic evaluation with the completion of the Handicapping Labio-Lingual Deviation (HLD) Index California Modification Score Sheet Form, DC016 (09/18).

**PROCEDURE D0145  
ORAL EVALUATION FOR A PATIENT UNDER THREE YEARS OF AGE AND COUNSELING WITH PRIMARY CAREGIVER**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. for patients under the age of three.
  - b. once every three months, per provider.
3. This procedure is for recording the oral and physical health history, evaluation of caries susceptibility, development of an appropriate preventive oral health regimen and communication with and counseling of the child's parent, legal guardian and/or primary caregiver.

**PROCEDURE D0150  
COMPREHENSIVE ORAL EVALUATION - NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. for patients age three and over.
  - b. once per patient per provider for the initial examination.
  - c. after 36 months from the last periodic oral evaluation (D0120) or comprehensive oral evaluation (D0150) per patient per provider.
3. This procedure is not a benefit when provided on the same date of service with procedures:
  - a. limited oral evaluation (D0140),
  - b. detailed and extensive oral evaluation-problem focused, by report (D0160),
  - c. re-evaluation-limited, problem focused (established patient; not post-operative visit) (D0170).
4. The following procedures are not a benefit when provided on the same date of service with D0150:
  - a. periodic oral evaluation (D0120),
  - b. office visit for observation (during regularly scheduled hours)-no other services performed (D9430).

**PROCEDURE D0160  
DETAILED AND EXTENSIVE ORAL EVALUATION - PROBLEM FOCUSED, BY REPORT**

1. Written documentation for payment- shall include documentation of findings that supports the existence of one of the following:
  - a. dento-facial anomalies,
  - b. complicated perio-prosthetic conditions,
  - c. complex temporomandibular dysfunction,
  - d. facial pain of unknown origin,
  - e. severe systemic diseases requiring multi-disciplinary consultation.
2. A benefit once per patient per provider.

3. The following procedures are not a benefit when provided on the same date of service with D0160:
  - a. periodic oral evaluation (D0120),
  - b. limited oral evaluation-problem focused (D0140),
  - c. comprehensive oral evaluation- new or established patient (D0150),
  - d. re-evaluation-limited, problem focused (established patient; not post- operative visit) (D0170),
  - e. office visit for observation (during regularly scheduled hours-no other services performed (D9430).

**PROCEDURE D0170**

**RE-EVALUATION – LIMITED, PROBLEM FOCUSED (ESTABLISHED PATIENT; NOT POST-OPERATIVE VISIT)**

1. Written documentation for payment- shall include an evaluation and diagnosis justifying the medical necessity.
2. A benefit for the ongoing symptomatic care of temporomandibular joint dysfunction:
  - a. up to six times in a three month period.
  - b. up to a maximum of 12 in a 12 month period.
3. This procedure is not a benefit when provided on the same date of service with a detailed and extensive oral evaluation (D0160).
4. The following procedures are not a benefit when provided on the same date of service with procedure D0170:
  - a. periodic oral evaluation (D0120),
  - b. limited oral evaluation-problem focused (D0140),
  - c. comprehensive oral evaluation-new or established patient (D0150),
  - d. office visit for observation (during regularly scheduled hours)-no other services performed (D9430).

**PROCEDURE D0171**

**RE-EVALUATION- POST-OPERATIVE OFFICE VISIT**

This procedure can only be billed as palliative (emergency) treatment of dental pain- minor procedure (D9110) or office visit for observation (during regularly scheduled hours) - no other services performed (D9430) and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D0180**

**COMPREHENSIVE PERIODONTAL EVALUATION - NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT**

This procedure can only be billed as comprehensive oral evaluation-new or established patient (D0150) and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D0190**

**SCREENING OF A PATIENT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0191  
ASSESSMENT OF A PATIENT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0210  
INTRAORAL - COMPLETE SERIES OF RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGES**

1. Submission of radiographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit;
  - a. once per provider every 36 months.
  - b. only for patients age 11 or over. For patients age 10 or under, medically necessary radiographs taken (D0220, D0230, D0240, D0270, D0272 and D0274) shall be billed separately.
3. Not a benefit to the same provider within six months of bitewings (D0272 and D0274).
4. A complete series shall be at least:
  - a. ten (10) periapicals (D0230) and bitewings (D0272 or D0274), or
  - b. eight (8) periapicals (D0230), two (2) occlusals (D0240) and bitewings (D0272 or D0274), or
  - c. a panoramic radiographic image (D0330) plus bitewings (D0272 or D0274) and a minimum of two (2) periapicals (D0230).
5. When multiple radiographs are taken on the same date of service, or if an intraoral-complete series of radiographic images (D0210) has been paid in the last 36 months, the maximum payment shall not exceed the total fee allowed for an intraoral complete series.

**PROCEDURE D0220  
INTRAORAL - PERIAPICAL FIRST RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGE**

1. Submission of radiographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit to a maximum of 20 periapicals in a 12 month period by the same provider, in any combination of the following: intraoral-periapical first radiographic image (D0220) and intraoral-periapical each additional radiographic image (D0230). Periapicals taken as part of an intraoral-complete series of radiographic images (D0210) are not considered against the maximum of 20 periapicals in a 12 month period.
3. This procedure is payable once per provider per date of service. All additional periapicals shall be billed as intraoral-periapical each additional radiographic image (D0230).
4. Periapicals taken in conjunction with bitewings, occlusal or panoramic radiographs shall be billed as intraoral-periapical each additional radiographic image (D0230).

**PROCEDURE D0230  
INTRAORAL - PERIAPICAL EACH ADDITIONAL RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGE**

1. Submission of radiographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit to a maximum of 20 periapicals in a 12 month period to the same provider, in any combination of the following: intraoral-periapical first radiographic image (D0220) and intraoral-periapical each additional radiographic image (D0230). Periapicals taken as part of an intraoral



complete series of radiographic images (D0210) are not considered against the maximum of 20 periapical films in a 12 month period.

3. Periapicals taken in conjunction with bitewings, occlusal or panoramic radiographs shall be billed as intraoral-periapical each additional radiographic image (D0230).

**PROCEDURE D0240  
INTRAORAL - OCCLUSAL RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGE**

1. Submission of radiographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit up to a maximum of two in a six month period per provider.
3. If any film size other than 2 1/4" x 3" (57mm x 76mm) is used for an intraoral- occlusal radiographic image (D0240), it shall be billed as a intraoral-periapical first radiographic image (D0220) or intraoral-periapical each additional radiographic image (D0230) as applicable.

**PROCEDURE D0250  
EXTRA-ORAL - 2D PROJECTION RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGES CREATED USING A STATIONARY RADIATION SOURCE , AND DETECTOR**

1. Submission of radiographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit once per date of service.

**PROCEDURE D0251  
EXTRA-ORAL POSTERIOR DENTAL RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0270  
BITEWING - SINGLE RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGE**

1. Submission of radiographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit once per date of service.
3. Not a benefit for a totally edentulous area.

**PROCEDURE D0272  
BITEWINGS - TWO RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGES**

1. Submission of radiographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit once every six months per provider.
3. Not a benefit:
  - a. within six months of intraoral-complete series of radiographic images (D0210), same provider.
  - b. for a totally edentulous area.

**PROCEDURE D0273  
BITEWINGS- THREE RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGES**

This procedure can only be billed as bitewing- single radiographic image (D0270) and bitewings- two radiographic images (D0272).

**PROCEDURE D0274  
BITEWINGS - FOUR RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGES**

1. Submission of radiographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit once every six months per provider.
3. Not a benefit:
  - a. within six months of intraoral-complete series of radiographic images (D0210), same provider.
  - b. for patients under the age of 10.
  - c. for a totally edentulous area.

**PROCEDURE D0277  
VERTICAL BITEWINGS - 7 TO 8 RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGES**

This procedure can only be billed as bitewings-four radiographic images (D0274). The maximum payment is for four bitewings.

**PROCEDURE D0310  
SIALOGRAPHY**

Submit radiology report or radiograph(s) for payment.

**PROCEDURE D0320  
TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT ARTHROGRAM, INCLUDING INJECTION**

1. Submission of radiographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. for the survey of trauma or pathology.
  - b. for a maximum of three per date of service.

**PROCEDURE D0321  
OTHER TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGES, BY REPORT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0322  
TOMOGRAPHIC SURVEY**

1. Written documentation for payment-shall include the radiographic findings and diagnosis to justify the medical necessity.
2. The tomographic survey shall be submitted for payment.

3. A benefit twice in a 12 month period per provider.
4. This procedure shall include three radiographic views of the right side and three radiographic views of the left side representing the rest, open and closed positions.

**PROCEDURE D0330  
PANORAMIC RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGE**

1. Submission of radiographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit once in a 36 month period per provider, except when documented as essential for a follow-up/ post-operative exam (such as after oral surgery).
3. Not a benefit, for the same provider, on the same date of service as an intraoral-complete series of radiographic images (D0210).
4. This procedure shall be considered part of an intraoral- complete series of radiographic images (D0210) when taken on the same date of service with bitewings (D0272 or D0274) and a minimum of two (2) intraoral- periapicals each additional radiographic image (D0230).

**PROCEDURE D0340  
2D CEPHALOMETRIC RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGE- ACQUISITION, MEASUREMENT AND ANALYSIS**

1. Submission of radiographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit once in a 24 month period per provider.

**PROCEDURE D0350  
2D ORAL/FACIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES OBTAINED INTRA-ORALLY OR EXTRA ORALLY**

1. Photographs shall be submitted, with the claim or Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) for the procedure that it supports, for payment.
2. A benefit up to a maximum of four per date of service.
3. Not a benefit when used for patient identification, multiple views of the same area, treatment progress and post-operative photographs.
4. Photographs shall be necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of the specific clinical condition of the patient that is not readily apparent on radiographs.
5. Photographs shall be of diagnostic quality, labeled with the date the photograph was taken, the provider's name, the provider's billing number, the patient's name and with the tooth/quadrant/area (as applicable) clearly indicated.
6. This procedure is included in the fee for pre-orthodontic treatment visit (D8660) and comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the adolescent dentition (D8080) and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D0351  
3D PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0364  
CONE BEAM CT CAPTURE AND INTERPRETATION WITH LIMITED FIELD OF VIEW- LESS THAN ONE WHOLE JAW**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0365  
CONE BEAM CT CAPTURE AND INTERPRETATION WITH FIELD OF VIEW OF ONE FULL DENTAL ARCH- MANDIBLE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0366  
CONE BEAM CT CAPTURE AND INTERPRETATION WITH FIELD OF VIEW OF ONE FULL DENTAL ARCH- MAXILLA, WITH OR WITHOUT CRANIUM**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0367  
CONE BEAM CT CAPTURE AND INTERPRETATION WITH FIELD OF VIEW OF BOTH JAWS WITH OR WITHOUT CRANIUM**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0368  
CONE BEAM CT CAPTURE AND INTERPRETATION FOR TMJ SERIES INCLUDING TWO OR MORE EXPOSURES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0369  
MAXILLOFACIAL MRI CAPTURE AND INTERPRETATION**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0370  
MAXILLOFACIAL ULTRASOUND CAPTURE AND INTERPRETATION**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0371  
SIALOENDOSCOPY CAPTURE AND INTERPRETATION**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0380  
CONE BEAM CT IMAGE CAPTURE WITH LIMITED FIELD OF VIEW- LESS THAN ONE WHOLE JAW**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0381  
CONE BEAM CT IMAGE CAPTURE WITH FIELD OF VIEW OF ONE FULL DENTAL ARCH- MANDIBLE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0382  
CONE BEAM CT IMAGE CAPTURE WITH FIELD OF VIEW OF ONE FULL DENTAL ARCH- MAXILLA, WITH OR WITHOUT CRANIUM**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0383  
CONE BEAM CT IMAGE CAPTURE WITH FIELD OF VIEW OF BOTH JAWS, WITH OR WITHOUT CRANIUM**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0384  
CONE BEAM CT IMAGE CAPTURE FOR TMJ SERIES INCLUDING TWO OR MORE EXPOSURES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0385  
MAXILLOFACIAL MRI IMAGE CAPTURE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0386  
MAXILLOFACIAL ULTRASOUND IMAGE CAPTURE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0391  
INTERPRETATION OF DIAGNOSTIC IMAGE BY A PRACTITIONER NOT ASSOCIATED WITH CAPTURE OF THE IMAGE, INCLUDING REPORT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0393  
TREATMENT SIMULATION USING 3D IMAGE VOLUME**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0394  
DIGITAL SUBTRACTION OF TWO OR MORE IMAGES OR IMAGE VOLUMES OF THE SAME MODALITY**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0395  
FUSION OF TWO OR MORE 3D IMAGE VOLUMES OF ONE OR MORE MODALITIES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0411  
HBA1C IN-OFFICE POINT OF SERVICE TESTING**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0412  
BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVEL TEST IN-OFFICE USING A GLUCOSE METER**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0414  
LABORATORY PROCESSING OF MICROBIAL SPECIMEN TO INCLUDE CULTURE AND SENSITIVITY  
STUDIES, PREPARATION AND TRANSMISSION OF WRITTEN REPORT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0415  
COLLECTION OF MICROORGANISMS FOR CULTURE AND SENSITIVITY**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0416  
VIRAL CULTURE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0417  
COLLECTION AND PREPARATION OF SALIVA SAMPLE FOR LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC TESTING**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0418  
ANALYSIS OF SALIVA SAMPLE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0419  
ASSESSMENT OF SALIVARY FLOW BY MEASUREMENT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0422  
COLLECTION AND PREPARATION OF GENETIC SAMPLE MATERIAL FOR LABORATORY ANALYSIS AND  
REPORT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0423  
GENETIC TEST FOR SUSCEPTIBILITY TO DISEASES- SPECIMEN ANALYSIS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0425  
CARIES SUSCEPTIBILITY TESTS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0431  
ADJUNCTIVE PRE-DIAGNOSTIC TEST THAT AIDS IN DETECTION OF MUCOSAL ABNORMALITIES  
INCLUDING PREMALIGNANT AND MALIGNANT LESIONS, NOT TO INCLUDE CYTOLOGY OR BIOPSY  
PROCEDURES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0460  
PULP VITALITY TESTS**

This procedure is included in the fees for diagnostic, restorative, endodontic and emergency procedures and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D0470  
DIAGNOSTIC CASTS**

1. Diagnostic casts are for the evaluation of orthodontic benefits only. Unless specifically requested by the Medi-Cal Dental Program, diagnostic casts submitted for other than orthodontic treatment shall be discarded and not reviewed.
2. Diagnostic casts are required to be submitted for orthodontic evaluation and are payable only upon authorized orthodontic treatment. Do not send original casts, as casts will not be returned.
3. A benefit:
  - a. once per provider unless special circumstances are documented (such as trauma or pathology which has affected the course of orthodontic treatment).
  - b. for patients under the age of 21.
  - c. for permanent dentition (unless over the age of 13 with primary teeth still present or has a cleft palate or craniofacial anomaly).
  - d. only when provided by a Medi-Cal Dental Program certified orthodontist.
4. Diagnostic casts shall be free of voids and be properly trimmed with centric occlusion clearly marked on the casts. The patient's name, Medi-Cal identification number and the providers name and/or billing number shall be clearly labeled on each cast. Impressions (and bite registrations if taken) shall be treated with an approved EPA disinfectant before being poured and the casts shall be dried before being placed in a sealed bag for shipping to the Medi-Cal Dental Program.

**PROCEDURE D0472  
ACCESSION OF TISSUE, GROSS EXAMINATION, PREPARATION AND TRANSMISSION OF WRITTEN  
REPORT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0473  
ACCESSION OF TISSUE, GROSS AND MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION, PREPARATION AND TRANSMISSION  
OF WRITTEN REPORT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0474  
ACCESSION OF TISSUE, GROSS AND MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION, INCLUDING ASSESSMENT OF  
SURGICAL MARGINS FOR PRESENCE OF DISEASE, PREPARATION AND TRANSMISSION OF WRITTEN  
REPORT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0475  
DECALCIFICATION PROCEDURE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0476  
SPECIAL STAINS FOR MICROORGANISMS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0477  
SPECIAL STAINS, NOT FOR MICROORGANISMS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0478  
IMMUNOHISTOCHEMICAL STAINS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0479  
TISSUE IN-SITU HYBRIDIZATION, INCLUDING INTERPRETATION**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0480  
ACCESSION OF EXFOLIATIVE CYTOLOGIC SMEARS, MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION, PREPARATION AND  
TRANSMISSION OF WRITTEN REPORT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0481  
ELECTRON MICROSCOPY**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0482  
DIRECT IMMUNOFLUORESCENCE**

This procedure is not a benefit.



**PROCEDURE D0483  
INDIRECT IMMUNOFLUORESCENCE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0484  
CONSULTATION ON SLIDES PREPARED ELSEWHERE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0485  
CONSULTATION, INCLUDING PREPARATION OF SLIDES FROM BIOPSY MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY  
REFERRING SOURCE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0486  
ACCESSION OF TRANSEPIHELIAL CYTOLOGIC SAMPLE, MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION, PREPARATION  
AND TRANSMISSION OF WRITTEN REPORT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0502  
OTHER ORAL PATHOLOGY PROCEDURES BY REPORT**

1. Submission of the pathology report is required for payment.
2. A benefit only when provided by a Medi-Cal Dental Program certified oral pathologist.
3. This procedure shall be billed only for a histopathological examination.

**PROCEDURE D0600  
NON-IONIZING DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE CAPABLE OF QUANTIFYING, MONITORING, AND RECORDING  
CHANGES IN STRUCTURE OF ENAMEL, DENTIN, AND CEMENTUM**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0601  
CARIES RISK ASSESSMENT AND DOCUMENTATION, WITH A FINDING OF LOW RISK**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0602  
CARIES RISK ASSESSMENT AND DOCUMENTATION, WITH A FINDING OF MODERATE RISK**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0603  
CARIES RISK ASSESSMENT AND DOCUMENTATION, WITH A FINDING OF HIGH RISK**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D0999  
UNSPECIFIED DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE, BY REPORT**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment - submit radiographs as applicable for the type of procedure.
3. Photographs for payment - submit photographs as applicable for the type of procedure.
4. Written documentation for payment - shall describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the proposed or actual treatment.
5. Procedure D0999 shall be used:
  - a. for a procedure which is not adequately described by a CDT code, or
  - b. for a procedure that has a CDT code that is not a benefit but the patient has an exceptional medical condition to justify the medical necessity. Documentation shall include the medical condition and the specific CDT code associated with the treatment.

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## Preventive General Policies (D1000-D1999)

### 1. Dental Prophylaxis and Fluoride Treatment (D1110- D1208):

- a) Dental prophylaxis (D1110 and D1120) is defined as the preventive dental procedure of coronal scaling and polishing which includes the complete removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque, stains and smoothing of unattached tooth surfaces.
- b) Fluoride treatment (D1206 and D1208) is a benefit only for prescription strength fluoride products.
- c) Fluoride treatments do not include treatments that incorporate fluoride with prophylaxis paste, topical application of fluoride to the prepared portion of a tooth prior to restoration and applications of aqueous sodium fluoride.
- d) The application of fluoride is only a benefit for caries control and is payable as a full mouth treatment regardless of the number of teeth treated.
- e) Fluoride procedures (D1206 and D1208) are a benefit once in a four month period without prior authorization up to the age of six.
- f) Fluoride procedures (D1206 and D1208) are a benefit once in a six month period without prior authorization from the age of six to under the age of 21.
- g) Prophylaxis procedures (D1120) are a benefit once in a six month period under the age of 21.
- h) Prophylaxis and fluoride procedures (D1110, D1206 and D1208) are a benefit once in a 12 month period without prior authorization for age 21 or older.
- i) Additional requests, beyond the stated frequency limitations, for prophylaxis and fluoride procedures (D1110, D1120, D1206 and D1208) shall be considered for prior authorization when documented medical necessity is justified due to a physical limitation and/or an oral condition that prevents daily oral hygiene.

## Preventive Procedures (D1000-D1999)

### **PROCEDURE D1110 PROPHYLAXIS - ADULT**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once in a 12 month period for patients age 21 or older.
  - b. once in a four month period for patients residing in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or Intermediate Care Facility (ICF).
3. Frequency limitations shall apply toward prophylaxis procedure D1120.
4. Not a benefit when performed on the same date of service with:
  - a. gingivectomy or gingivoplasty (D4210 and D4211).
  - b. osseous surgery (D4260 and D4261).
  - c. periodontal scaling and root planing (D4341 and D4342).
5. Not a benefit to the same provider who performed periodontal maintenance (D4910) in the same calendar quarter.

### **PROCEDURE D1120 PROPHYLAXIS - CHILD**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once in a six month period for patients under the age of 21.
  - b. once in a four month period for patients residing in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or Intermediate Care Facility (ICF).
3. Not a benefit when performed on the same date of service with:
  - a. gingivectomy or gingivoplasty (D4210 and D4211).
  - b. osseous surgery (D4260 and D4261).
  - c. periodontal scaling and root planing (D4341 and D4342).
4. Not a benefit to the same provider who performed periodontal maintenance (D4910) in the same calendar quarter.

### **PROCEDURE D1206 TOPICAL APPLICATION OF FLUORIDE VARNISH**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once in a four month period for patients up to the age of six.
  - b. once in a six month period for patients from the age of six to under the age of 21.

- c. once in a 12 month period for patients age 21 or older.
  - d. once in a four month period for patients residing in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or Intermediate Care Facility (ICF).
3. Frequency limitations shall apply toward topical application of fluoride (D1208).
  4. Payable as a full mouth treatment regardless of the number of teeth treated.

**PROCEDURE D1208**

**TOPICAL APPLICATION OF FLUORIDE- EXCLUDING VARNISH**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once in a four month period for patients up to the age of six.
  - b. once in a six month period for patients from the age of six to under the age of 21.
  - c. once in a 12 month period for patients age 21 or older.
  - d. once in a four month period for patients residing in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or Intermediate Care Facility (ICF).
3. Frequency limitations shall apply toward topical application of fluoride varnish (D1206).
4. Payable as a full mouth treatment regardless of the number of teeth treated.

**PROCEDURE D1310**

**NUTRITIONAL COUNSELING FOR CONTROL OF DENTAL DISEASE**

This procedure is to be performed in conjunction with diagnostic, preventive, and periodontal procedures and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D1320**

**TOBACCO COUNSELING FOR THE CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF ORAL DISEASE**

1. Submission of dental record documenting tobacco counseling is not required for payment.
2. A benefit only in conjunction with periodic oral evaluation- established patient (D0120) or comprehensive oral evaluation- new or established patient (D0150).
3. Documentation in the provider record of a face-to-face encounter shall include:
  - a. the five A's of tobacco dependence. The five A's are the following:
    - Ask- Ask the patient about tobacco use at every visit and document the response.
    - Advise- Advise the patient to quit in a clear and personalized manner.
    - Assess- Assess the patient's willingness to make a quit attempt at this time.
    - Assist- Assist the patient to set a quit date and make a quit plan
    - Arrange- Arrange to follow up with the patient within the first week, either in person or by phone and take appropriate action to assist them.
  - b. if unwilling to quit document the patient's expressed roadblocks.

4. Refer the patient to the Department of Health Care Services Help With Quitting Smoking at [www.dhcs.ca.gov/individuals/Pages/QuitSmoking.aspx](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/individuals/Pages/QuitSmoking.aspx).

**PROCEDURE D1330  
ORAL HYGIENE INSTRUCTIONS**

This procedure is to be performed in conjunction with diagnostic, preventive, and periodontal procedures and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D1351  
SEALANT - PER TOOTH**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. Requires a tooth code and surface code.
3. A benefit:
  - a. for first, second and third permanent molars that occupy the second molar position.
  - b. only on the occlusal surfaces that are free of decay and/or restorations.
  - c. for patients under the age of 21.
  - d. once per tooth every 36 months per provider regardless of surfaces sealed. Frequency limitations shall apply toward preventive resin restoration in a moderate to high caries risk patient-permanent tooth (D1352).
4. The original provider is responsible for any repair or replacement during the 36-month period.

**PROCEDURE D1352  
PREVENTIVE RESIN RESTORATION IN A MODERATE TO HIGH CARIES RISK PATIENT- PERMANENT TOOTH**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. Requires a tooth code and surface code.
3. A benefit:
  - a. for first, second and third permanent molars that occupy the second molar position.
  - b. only for an active cavitated lesion in a pit or fissure that does not cross the DEJ.
  - c. for patients under the age of 21.
  - d. once per tooth every 36 months per provider regardless of surfaces sealed. Frequency limitations shall apply toward sealant- per tooth (D1351).
4. The original provider is responsible for any repair or replacement during the 36-month period.

**PROCEDURE D1353  
SEALANT REPAIR- PER TOOTH**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D1354  
INTERIM CARIES ARRESTING MEDICAMENT APPLICATION-PER TOOTH**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D1510**

**SPACE MAINTAINER – FIXED- UNILATERAL- PER QUADRANT**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment - submit a diagnostic pre-operative periapical or bitewing radiograph to verify there is enough space to allow the eruption of the permanent teeth.
3. Written documentation for payment - shall include the identification of the missing primary molar.
4. Requires a quadrant code.
5. A benefit:
  - a. once per quadrant per patient.
  - b. for patients under the age of 18.
  - c. only to maintain the space for a single tooth.
6. Not a benefit:
  - a. when the permanent tooth is near eruption.
  - b. for upper and lower anterior teeth.
  - c. for orthodontic appliances, tooth guidance appliances, minor tooth movement, or activating wires.
7. Replacement space maintainers shall be considered for payment when documentation identifies an unusual circumstance (such as lost or non-repairable).
8. The fee for space maintainers includes the band and loop.
9. When prefabricated crowns (D2930, D2931, D2932 and D2933) are necessary for space maintainer abutment teeth they first shall meet the Medi-Cal Dental Program's criteria for prefabricated crowns and shall be billed separately from the space maintainer.

**PROCEDURE D1516**

**SPACE MAINTAINER - FIXED – BILATERAL, MAXILLARY**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment - submit a diagnostic pre-operative periapical or bitewing radiograph to verify there is enough space to allow the eruption of the permanent teeth.
3. Written documentation for payment - shall include the identification of the missing primary molars.
4. A benefit:
  - a. once per arch when there is a missing primary molar in both quadrants or when there are two missing primary molars in the same quadrant. Bilateral space maintainers shall be attached to teeth on both sides of the arch.
  - b. for patients under the age of 18.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. when the permanent tooth is near eruption.
  - b. for upper and lower anterior teeth.
  - c. for orthodontic appliances, tooth guidance appliances, minor tooth movement, or activating wires.
6. Replacement space maintainers shall be considered for payment when documentation identifies an unusual circumstance (such as lost or non-repairable).
7. The fee for space maintainers includes the band and loop.

9. When prefabricated crowns (D2930, D2931, D2932 and D2933) are necessary for space maintainer abutment teeth they first shall meet the Medi-Cal Dental Program's criteria for prefabricated crowns and shall be billed separately from the space maintainer.

**PROCEDURE D1517**  
**SPACE MAINTAINER - FIXED - BILATERAL, MANDIBULAR**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment - submit a diagnostic pre-operative periapical or bitewing radiograph to verify there is enough space to allow the eruption of the permanent teeth.
3. Written documentation for payment - shall include the identification of the missing primary molars.
4. A benefit:
  - a. once per arch when there is a missing primary molar in both quadrants or when there are two missing primary molars in the same quadrant. Bilateral space maintainers shall be attached to teeth on both sides of the arch.
  - b. for patients under the age of 18.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. when the permanent tooth is near eruption.
  - b. for upper and lower anterior teeth.
  - c. for orthodontic appliances, tooth guidance appliances, minor tooth movement, or activating wires.
6. Replacement space maintainers shall be considered for payment when documentation identifies an unusual circumstance (such as lost or non-repairable).
7. The fee for space maintainers includes the band and loop.
8. When prefabricated crowns (D2930, D2931, D2932 and D2933) are necessary for space maintainer abutment teeth they first shall meet the Medi-Cal Dental Program's criteria for prefabricated crowns and shall be billed separately from the space maintainer.

**PROCEDURE D1520**  
**SPACE MAINTAINER - REMOVABLE - UNILATERAL - PER QUADRANT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D1526**  
**SPACE MAINTAINER - REMOVABLE - BILATERAL, MAXILLARY**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment - submit a diagnostic pre-operative periapical or bitewing radiograph to verify there is enough space to allow the eruption of the permanent teeth.
3. Written documentation for payment - shall include the identification of the missing primary molars.
4. A benefit:
  - a. once per arch when there is a missing primary molar in both quadrants or when there are two missing primary molars in the same quadrant. Bilateral space maintainers shall be attached to teeth on both sides of the arch.
  - b. for patients under the age of 18.
5. Not a benefit:



- a. when the permanent tooth is near eruption.
  - b. for upper and lower anterior teeth.
  - c. for orthodontic appliances, tooth guidance appliances, minor tooth movement, or activating wires.
6. Replacement space maintainers shall be considered for payment when documentation identifies an unusual circumstance (such as lost or non-repairable).
  7. All clasps, rests and adjustments are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D1527**

**SPACE MAINTAINER - REMOVABLE - BILATERAL, MANDIBULAR**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment - submit a diagnostic pre-operative periapical or bitewing radiograph to verify there is enough space to allow the eruption of the permanent teeth.
3. Written documentation for payment - shall include the identification of the missing primary molars.
4. A benefit:
  - a. once per arch when there is a missing primary molar in both quadrants or when there are two missing primary molars in the same quadrant. Bilateral space maintainers shall be attached to teeth on both sides of the arch.
  - b. for patients under the age of 18.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. when the permanent tooth is near eruption.
  - b. for upper and lower anterior teeth.
  - c. for orthodontic appliances, tooth guidance appliances, minor tooth movement, or activating wires.
6. Replacement space maintainers shall be considered for payment when documentation identifies an unusual circumstance (such as lost or non-repairable).
7. All clasps, rests and adjustments are included in the fee for this procedure.

**~~PROCEDURE D1550~~**

**~~RE-CEMENT OR RE-BOND SPACE MAINTAINER~~**

- ~~1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.~~
- ~~2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.~~
- ~~3. Requires a quadrant code or arch code, as applicable.~~
- ~~4. A benefit:
  - ~~a. once per provider, per applicable quadrant or arch.~~
  - ~~b. for patients under the age of 18.~~~~
- ~~5. Additional requests beyond the stated frequency limitations shall be considered for payment when the medical necessity is documented and identifies an unusual condition (such as displacement due to a sticky food item).~~

**PROCEDURE D1551**

**RE-CEMENT OR RE-BOND BILATERAL SPACE MAINTAINER- MAXILLARY**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.

2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. once per provider per arch.
  - b. for patients under the age of 18.
5. Additional requests beyond the stated frequency limitations shall be considered for payment when the medical necessity is documented and identifies an unusual condition (such as displacement due to a sticky food item).

**PROCEDURE D1552**  
**RE-CEMENT OR RE-BOND BILATERAL SPACE MAINTAINER- MANDIBULAR**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. once per provider per arch.
  - b. for patients under the age of 18.
5. Additional requests beyond the stated frequency limitations shall be considered for payment when the medical necessity is documented and identifies an unusual condition (such as displacement due to a sticky food item).

**PROCEDURE D1553**  
**RE-CEMENT OR RE-BOND UNILATERAL SPACE MAINTAINER- PER QUADRANT**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
3. Requires a quadrant code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. once per provider per quadrant.
  - b. for patients under the age of 18.
5. Additional requests beyond the stated frequency limitations shall be considered for payment when the medical necessity is documented and identifies an unusual condition (such as displacement due to a sticky food item).

**PROCEDURE D1555**  
**REMOVAL OF FIXED SPACE MAINTAINER**

1. ~~This procedure does not require prior authorization.~~
2. ~~Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.~~
3. ~~Requires a quadrant code or arch code, as applicable.~~
4. ~~Not a benefit to the original provider who placed the space maintainer.~~

**PROCEDURE D1556**

**REMOVAL OF FIXED UNILATERAL SPACE MAINTAINER- PER QUADRANT**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
3. Requires a quadrant code.
4. Not a benefit to the original provider who placed the space maintainer.

**PROCEDURE D1557**

**REMOVAL OF FIXED BILATERAL SPACE MAINTAINER- MAXILLARY**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. Not a benefit to the original provider who placed the space maintainer.

**PROCEDURE D1558**

**REMOVAL OF FIXED BILATERAL SPACE MAINTAINER- MANDIBULAR**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. Not a benefit to the original provider who placed the space maintainer.

**PROCEDURE D1575**

**DISTAL SHOE SPACE MAINTAINER- FIXED- UNILATERAL- PER QUADRANT**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment - submit a diagnostic pre-operative periapical or bitewing radiograph to verify there is enough space to allow the eruption of the permanent teeth.
3. Written documentation for payment - shall include the identification of the missing primary molar.
4. Requires a quadrant code.
5. A benefit:
  - a. once per quadrant per patient.
  - b. for patients under the age of 18.
  - c. only to maintain the space for a single tooth.
6. Not a benefit:
  - a. when the permanent tooth is near eruption.
  - b. for upper and lower anterior teeth.
  - c. for orthodontic appliances, tooth guidance appliances, minor tooth movement, or activating wires.
7. Replacement space maintainers shall be considered for payment when documentation identifies an unusual circumstance (such as lost or non-repairable).
8. The fee for space maintainers includes the band and loop.

9. When prefabricated crowns (D2930, D2931, D2932 and D2933) are necessary for space maintainer abutment teeth they first shall meet the Medi-Cal Dental Program's criteria for prefabricated crowns and shall be billed separately from the space maintainer.

**PROCEDURE D1999  
UNSPECIFIED PREVENTIVE PROCEDURE, BY REPORT**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment - submit radiographs as applicable for the type of procedure.
3. Photographs for payment- submit photographs as applicable for the type of procedure.
4. Written documentation for payment shall describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating medical necessity, any pertinent history and the actual treatment.
5. Procedure D1999 shall be used:
  - a. for a procedure which is not adequately described by a CDT code, or
  - b. for a procedure that has a CDT code that is not a benefit but the patient has an exceptional medical condition to justify the medical necessity. Documentation shall include the medical condition and the specific CDT code associated with the treatment.

## Restorative General Policies (D2000-D2999)

1. **Amalgam and Resin-Based Composite Restorations (D2140-D2394):**
  - a) Restorative services shall be a benefit when medically necessary, when carious activity or fractures have extended through the dentinoenamel junction (DEJ) and when the tooth demonstrates a reasonable longevity.
  - b) Amalgam and resin-based composite restoration procedures do not require submission of pre-operative radiographs for payment except when requested by the program.
  - c) The submitted radiographs shall clearly demonstrate that the destruction of the tooth is due to such conditions as decay, fracture, endodontic access or missing or defective restorations. Payment for restorative procedures shall be modified or denied when the medical necessity is not evident.
  - d) Anterior proximal restorations (amalgam/composite) submitted as a two or three surface restorations shall be clearly demonstrated on radiographs that the tooth structure is involved to a point one-third the mesial-distal width of the tooth.
  - e) Should the submitted radiographs fail to demonstrate the medical necessity for the restoration, intraoral photographs shall also be submitted as further documentation.
  - f) When radiographs are medically contraindicated due to recent application of therapeutic doses of ionizing radiation to the head and neck areas, the reason for the contraindication shall be fully documented by the patient's attending physician and submitted for payment. If this condition exists, intraoral photographs shall also be submitted to demonstrate the medical necessity for the restoration.
  - g) Restorative services provided solely to replace tooth structure lost due to attrition, abrasion, erosion or for cosmetic purposes are not a benefit.
  - h) Restorative services are not a benefit when the prognosis of the tooth is questionable due to non-restorability or periodontal involvement.
  - i) Restorations for primary teeth near exfoliation are not a benefit.
  - j) The five valid tooth surface classifications are mesial, distal, occlusal/incisal, lingual and facial (including buccal and labial).
  - k) All surfaces on a single tooth restored with the same restorative material shall be considered connected, for payment purposes, if performed on the same date of service.
  - l) Payment is made for a tooth surface only once for the same date of service regardless of the number or combination of restorative materials placed on that surface.
  - m) Tooth and soft tissue preparation, crown lengthening, cement bases, direct and indirect pulp capping, bonding agents, lining agents, occlusal adjustments (D9951), polishing, local anesthesia and any other associated procedures are included in the fee for a completed restorative service.
  - n) The original provider is responsible for any replacement restorations necessary in primary teeth within the first 12 months and permanent teeth within the first 36 months, except when failure or breakage results from circumstances beyond the control of the provider (such as due to a patient's oral habits). Radiographs (and photographs, as applicable) shall be submitted for payment to demonstrate the need for replacement.
  - o) Replacement of otherwise satisfactory amalgam restorations with resin-based composite restorations is not a benefit unless a specific allergy has been documented by a medical specialist (allergist) on their professional letterhead or prescription and submitted for payment.

## 2. Prefabricated Crowns (D2930-D2933):

### A. Primary Teeth:

- a) Prefabricated crowns (D2930, D2932, and D2933) are a benefit only once in a 12 month period.
- b) Primary teeth do not require prior authorization.
- c) Prefabricated crowns do not require submission of pre-operative radiographs for payment except when requested by the program.
- d) At least one of the following criteria shall be met for payment:
  - i) decay, fracture or other damage involving three or more tooth surfaces,
  - ii) decay, fracture or other damage involving one interproximal surface when the damage has extended extensively buccolingually or mesiodistally,
  - iii) the prefabricated crown is submitted for payment in conjunction with therapeutic pulpotomy or pulpal therapy (D3220, D3230 and D3240) or the tooth has had previous pulpal treatment.
- e) Prefabricated crowns for primary teeth near exfoliation are not a benefit.
- f) When prefabricated crowns are utilized to restore space maintainer abutment teeth they shall meet Medi-Cal Dental Program criteria for prefabricated crowns and shall be submitted separately for payment from the space maintainer.

### B. Permanent Teeth:

- a) Prefabricated crowns (D2931, D2932 and D2933) are a benefit only once in a 36 month period.
- b) Permanent teeth do not require prior authorization.
- c) Prefabricated crowns do not require submission of pre-operative radiographs for payment except when requested by the program.
- d) At least one of the following criteria shall be met for payment:
  - i) anterior teeth shall show traumatic or pathological destruction of the crown of the tooth which involves four or more tooth surfaces including at least the loss of one incisal angle,
  - ii) bicuspid (premolars) shall show traumatic or pathological destruction of the crown of the tooth which involves three or more tooth surfaces including at least one cusp,
  - iii) molars shall show traumatic or pathological destruction of the crown of the tooth which involves four or more tooth surfaces including at least two cusps,
  - iv) the prefabricated crown shall restore an endodontically treated bicuspid or molar tooth.
- e) Arch integrity and the overall condition of the mouth, including the patient's ability to maintain oral health, shall be considered based upon a supportable 36-month prognosis for the permanent tooth to be crowned.
- f) Indirectly fabricated or prefabricated posts (D2952 and D2954) are benefits when medically necessary for the retention of prefabricated crowns on root canal treated permanent teeth.
- g) Prefabricated crowns on root canal treated teeth shall be considered for payment only after satisfactory completion of root canal therapy. Post root canal treatment radiographs shall be submitted for payment of prefabricated crowns.
- h) Prefabricated crowns are not a benefit for abutment teeth for cast metal framework partial dentures (D5213 and D5214).

C. Primary and Permanent Teeth:

- a) Prefabricated crowns provided solely to replace tooth structure lost due to attrition, abrasion, erosion or for cosmetic purposes are not a benefit.
- b) Prefabricated crowns are not a benefit when the prognosis of the tooth is questionable due to non-restorability or periodontal involvement.
- c) Prefabricated crowns are not a benefit when a tooth can be restored with an amalgam or resin-based composite restoration.
- d) Tooth and soft tissue preparation, crown lengthening, cement bases, direct and indirect pulp capping, amalgam or acrylic buildups, pins (D2951), bonding agents, occlusal adjustments (D9951), local anesthesia (D9210) and any other associated procedures are included in the fee for a prefabricated crown.
- e) The original provider is responsible for any replacement prefabricated crowns necessary in primary teeth within the first 12 months and permanent teeth within the first 36 months, except when failure or breakage results from circumstances beyond the control of the provider (such as due to a patient's oral habits). Radiographs (and photographs, as applicable) shall be submitted for payment to demonstrate the need for replacement.

3. Laboratory Processed Crowns (D2710-D2792):

- a) Laboratory processed crowns on permanent teeth (or over-retained primary teeth with no permanent successor) are a benefit only once in a five year period except when failure or breakage results from circumstances beyond the control of the provider (such as due to a patient's oral habits).
- b) Prior authorization with current periapical and arch radiographs is required. Arch films are not required for crown authorizations if the Medi-Cal Dental Program has paid for root canal treatment on the same tooth within the last six months. Only a periapical radiograph of the completed root canal treatment is required.
- c) A benefit for patients age 13 or older when a lesser service will not suffice because of extensive coronal destruction. The following criteria shall be met for prior authorization:
  - i) Anterior teeth shall show traumatic or pathological destruction to the crown of the tooth, which involves at least one of the following:
    - a. the involvement of four or more surfaces including at least one incisal angle. The facial or lingual surface shall not be considered involved for a mesial or proximal restoration unless the proximal restoration wraps around the tooth to at least the midline,
    - b. the loss of an incisal angle which involves a minimum area of both half the incisal width and half the height of the anatomical crown,
    - c. an incisal angle is not involved but more than 50% of the anatomical crown is involved.
  - ii) Bicuspid (premolars) shall show traumatic or pathological destruction of the crown of the tooth, which involves three or more tooth surfaces including one cusp.
  - iii) Molars shall show traumatic or pathological destruction of the crown of the tooth, which involves four or more tooth surfaces including two or more cusps.
  - iv) Posterior crowns for patients age 21 or older are a benefit only when they act as an abutment for a removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests (D5213 and D5214) or for a fixed partial denture which meets current criteria.
  - v) Posterior crowns for patients under the age of 21 that shall restore a successfully treated endodontic bicuspid or molar tooth.

- d) Restorative services provided solely to replace tooth structure lost due to attrition, abrasion, erosion or for cosmetic purposes are not a benefit.
- e) Laboratory crowns are not a benefit when the prognosis of the tooth is questionable due to non-restorability or periodontal involvement.
- f) Laboratory processed crowns are not a benefit when the tooth can be restored with an amalgam or resin-based composite.
- g) When a tooth has been restored with amalgam or resin-based composite restoration within 36 months, by the same provider, written documentation shall be submitted with the TAR justifying the medical necessity for the crown request. A current periapical radiograph dated after the restoration is required to demonstrate the medical necessity along with arch radiographs.
- h) Tooth and soft tissue preparation, crown lengthening, cement bases, direct and indirect pulp capping, amalgam or acrylic buildups, pins (D2951), bonding agents, lining agents, impressions, temporary crowns, occlusal adjustments (D9951), polishing, local anesthesia (D9210) and any other associated procedures are included in the fee for a completed laboratory processed crown.
- i) Arch integrity and overall condition of the mouth, including the patient's ability to maintain oral health, shall be considered for prior authorization, which shall be based upon a supportable five year prognosis for the teeth to be crowned.
- j) Indirectly fabricated or prefabricated posts (D2952 and D2954) are a benefit when medically necessary for the retention of allowable laboratory processed crowns on root canal treated permanent teeth.
- k) Partial payment will not be made for an undelivered laboratory processed crown. Payment shall be made only upon final cementation.



## Restorative Procedures (D2000-D2999)

### **PROCEDURE D2140 AMALGAM - ONE SURFACE, PRIMARY OR PERMANENT**

Primary teeth:

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment-refer to Restorative General Policies for specific requirements.
3. Requires a tooth code and surface code.
4. A benefit once in a 12 month period.

Permanent teeth:

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment- Refer to Restorative General Policies for specific requirements.
3. Requires a tooth code and surface code.
4. A benefit once in a 36 month period.

### **PROCEDURE D2150 AMALGAM - TWO SURFACES, PRIMARY OR PERMANENT**

See the criteria under Procedure D2140.

### **PROCEDURE D2160 AMALGAM - THREE SURFACES, PRIMARY OR PERMANENT**

See the criteria under Procedure D2140.

### **PROCEDURE D2161 AMALGAM - FOUR OR MORE SURFACES, PRIMARY OR PERMANENT**

See the criteria under Procedure D2140.

### **PROCEDURE D2330 RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE - ONE SURFACE, ANTERIOR**

Primary teeth:

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment-refer to Restorative General Policies for specific requirements.
3. Requires a tooth code and surface code.
4. A benefit once in a 12 month period.

Permanent teeth:

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment- Refer to Restorative General Policies for specific requirements.
3. Requires a tooth code and surface code.

4. A benefit once in a 36 month period.

**PROCEDURE D2331  
RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE - TWO SURFACES, ANTERIOR**

Primary teeth:

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment-refer to Restorative General Policies for specific requirements.
3. Requires a tooth code and surface code.
4. A benefit once in a 12 month period.
5. Each unique tooth surface is only payable once per tooth per date of service.

Permanent teeth:

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment- Refer to Restorative General Policies for specific requirements.
3. Requires a tooth code and surface code.
4. A benefit once in a 36 month period.
5. Each unique tooth surface is only payable once per tooth per date of service.

**PROCEDURE D2332  
RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE - THREE SURFACES, ANTERIOR**

See the criteria under Procedure D2331.

**PROCEDURE D2335  
RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE - FOUR OR MORE SURFACES OR INVOLVING INCISAL ANGLE (ANTERIOR)**

See the criteria under Procedure D2331.

**PROCEDURE D2390  
RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE CROWN, ANTERIOR**

Primary teeth:

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment- refer to Restorative General Policies for specific requirements.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. At least four surfaces shall be involved.
5. A benefit once in a 12 month period.

Permanent teeth:

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment- refer to Restorative General Policies for specific requirements.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. At least four surfaces shall be involved.

5. A benefit once in a 36 month period.

**PROCEDURE D2391  
RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE - ONE SURFACE, POSTERIOR**

Primary teeth:

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment- refer to Restorative General Policies for specific requirements.
3. Requires a tooth code and surface code.
4. A benefit once in a 12 month period.

Permanent teeth:

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment- Refer to Restorative General Policies for specific requirements.
3. Requires a tooth code and surface code.
4. A benefit once in a 36 month period.

**PROCEDURE D2392  
RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE - TWO SURFACES, POSTERIOR**

See the criteria under Procedure D2391.

**PROCEDURE D2393  
RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE - THREE SURFACES, POSTERIOR**

See the criteria under Procedure D2391.

**PROCEDURE D2394  
RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE - FOUR OR MORE SURFACES, POSTERIOR**

See the criteria under Procedure D2391.

**PROCEDURE D2410  
GOLD FOIL - ONE SURFACE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2420  
GOLD FOIL - TWO SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2430  
GOLD FOIL - THREE SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2510  
INLAY - METALLIC - ONE SURFACE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2520  
INLAY - METALLIC - TWO SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2530  
INLAY - METALLIC - THREE OR MORE SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2542  
ONLAY - METALLIC - TWO SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2543  
ONLAY - METALLIC - THREE SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2544  
ONLAY - METALLIC - FOUR OR MORE SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2610  
INLAY - PORCELAIN/CERAMIC - ONE SURFACE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2620  
INLAY - PORCELAIN/CERAMIC - TWO SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2630  
INLAY - PORCELAIN/CERAMIC - THREE OR MORE SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2642  
ONLAY - PORCELAIN/CERAMIC - TWO SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2643  
ONLAY - PORCELAIN/CERAMIC - THREE SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2644  
ONLAY - PORCELAIN/CERAMIC - FOUR OR MORE SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2650  
INLAY - RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE - ONE SURFACE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2651  
INLAY - RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE - TWO SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2652  
INLAY - RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE - THREE OR MORE SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2662  
ONLAY- RESIN BASED COMPOSITE- TWO SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2663  
ONLAY - RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE - THREE SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2664  
ONLAY - RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE - FOUR OR MORE SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2710  
CROWN -RESIN- BASED COMPOSITE (INDIRECT)**

Permanent anterior teeth (age 13 or older) and permanent posterior teeth (ages 13 through 20):

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. once in a five year period.

- b. for any resin based composite crown that is indirectly fabricated.
- 5. Not a benefit:
  - a. for patients under the age of 13.
  - b. for 3rd molars, unless the 3rd molar occupies the 1st or 2nd molar position or is an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.
  - c. for use as a temporary crown.

Permanent posterior teeth (age 21 or older):

- 1. Prior authorization is required.
- 2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs.
- 3. Photographs for prior authorization - a photograph shall be submitted when there is an existing removable partial denture and the cast clasp or rest is not evident on a radiograph.
- 4. Requires a tooth code.
- 5. A benefit:
  - a. once in a five year period.
  - b. for any resin based composite crown that is indirectly fabricated.
  - c. only for the treatment of posterior teeth acting as an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests (D5213 and D5214), or
  - d. when the treatment plan includes an abutment crown and removable partial denture (D5213 or D5214). Both shall be submitted on the same TAR for prior authorization.
- 6. Not a benefit:
  - a. for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars, unless the 3rd molar is an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.
  - b. for use as a temporary crown.

**PROCEDURE D2712  
CROWN - 3/4 RESIN- BASED COMPOSITE (INDIRECT)**

Permanent anterior teeth (age 13 or older) and permanent posterior teeth (ages 13 through 20):

- 1. Prior authorization is required.
- 2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs.
- 3. Requires a tooth code.
- 4. A benefit:
  - a. once in a five year period.
  - b. for any resin based composite crown that is indirectly fabricated.
- 5. Not a benefit:
  - a. for patients under the age of 13.
  - b. for 3rd molars, unless the 3rd molar occupies the 1st or 2nd molar position or is an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.
  - c. for use as a temporary crown.

Permanent posterior teeth (age 21 or older):

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Photographs for prior authorization - a photograph shall be submitted when there is an existing removable partial denture and the cast clasp or rest is not evident on a radiograph.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit:
  - a. once in a five year period.
  - b. for any resin based composite crown that is indirectly fabricated.
  - c. only for the treatment of posterior teeth acting as an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests (D5213 and D5214), or
  - d. when the treatment plan includes an abutment crown and removable partial denture (D5213 or D5214). Both shall be submitted on the same TAR for prior authorization.
6. Not a benefit:
  - a. for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar is an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.
  - b. for use as a temporary crown.

**PROCEDURE D2720  
CROWN - RESIN WITH HIGH NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2721  
CROWN - RESIN WITH PREDOMINANTLY BASE METAL**

Permanent anterior teeth (age 13 or older) and permanent posterior teeth (ages 13 through 20):

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit once in a five year period.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. for patients under the age of 13.
  - b. for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar occupies the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> molar position or is an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.

Permanent posterior teeth (age 21 or older):

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Photographs for prior authorization- a photograph shall be submitted when there is an existing removable partial denture and the cast clasps or rest is not evident on a radiograph.
4. Requires a tooth code.

5. A benefit:
  - a. once in a five year period.
  - b. only for the treatment of posterior teeth acting as an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests (D5213 and D5214), or
  - c. when the treatment plan includes an abutment crown and removable partial denture (D5213 or D5214). Both shall be submitted on the same TAR for prior authorization.
6. Not a benefit for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar is an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.

**PROCEDURE D2722  
CROWN - RESIN WITH NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2740  
CROWN - PORCELAIN / CERAMIC**

Permanent anterior teeth (age 13 or older) and permanent posterior teeth (ages 13 through 20):

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit once in a five year period.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. for patients under the age of 13.
  - b. for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar occupies the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> molar position or is an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.

Permanent posterior teeth (age 21 or older):

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Photographs for prior authorization- a photograph shall be submitted when there is an existing removable partial denture and the cast clasps or rest is not evident on a radiograph.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit:
  - a. once in a five year period.
  - b. only for the treatment of posterior teeth acting as an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests (D5213 and D5214), or
  - c. when the treatment plan includes an abutment crown and removable partial denture (D5213 or D5214). Both shall be submitted on the same TAR for prior authorization.
6. Not a benefit for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar is an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.



**PROCEDURE D2750  
CROWN - PORCELAIN FUSED TO HIGH NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2751  
CROWN - PORCELAIN FUSED TO PREDOMINANTLY BASE METAL**

Permanent anterior teeth (age 13 or older) and permanent posterior teeth (ages 13 through 20):

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit once in a five year period.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. for beneficiaries under the age of 13.
  - b. for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar occupies the 1st or 2nd molar position or is an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.

Permanent posterior teeth (age 21 or older):

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Photographs for prior authorization- a photograph shall be submitted when there is an existing removable partial denture and the cast clasps or rest is not evident on a radiograph.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit:
  - a. once in a five year period.
  - b. only for the treatment of posterior teeth acting as an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests (D5213 and D5214), or
  - c. when the treatment plan includes an abutment crown and removable partial denture (D5213 or D5214). Both shall be submitted on the same TAR for prior authorization.
6. Not a benefit for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar is an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.

**PROCEDURE D2752  
CROWN - PORCELAIN FUSED TO NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2753  
CROWN - PORCELAIN FUSED TO TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2780  
CROWN - 3/4 CAST HIGH NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2781  
CROWN - 3/4 CAST PREDOMINANTLY BASE METAL**

Permanent anterior teeth (age 13 or older) and permanent posterior teeth (ages 13 through 20):

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit once in a five year period.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. for patients under the age of 13.
  - b. for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar occupies the 1st or 2nd molar position or is an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.

Permanent posterior teeth (age 21 or older):

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Photographs for prior authorization- a photograph shall be submitted when there is an existing removable partial denture and the cast clasps or rest is not evident on a radiograph.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit:
  - a. once in a five year period.
  - b. only for the treatment of posterior teeth acting as an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests (D5213 and D5214), or
  - c. when the treatment plan includes an abutment crown and removable partial denture (D5213 or D5214). Both shall be submitted on the same TAR for prior authorization.
6. Not a benefit for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar is an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.

**PROCEDURE D2782  
CROWN - 3/4 CAST NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2783  
CROWN - 3/4 PORCELAIN / CERAMIC**

Permanent anterior teeth (age 13 or older) and permanent posterior teeth (ages 13 through 20):

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Requires a tooth code.

4. A benefit once in a five year period.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. for patients under the age of 13.
  - b. for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar occupies the 1st or 2nd molar position or is an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.

Permanent posterior teeth (age 21 or older):

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Photographs for prior authorization- a photograph shall be submitted when there is an existing removable partial denture and the cast clasps or rest is not evident on a radiograph.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit:
  - a. once in a five year period.
  - b. only for the treatment of posterior teeth acting as an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests (D5213 and D5214), or
  - c. when the treatment plan includes an abutment crown and removable partial denture (D5213 or D5214). Both shall be submitted on the same TAR for prior authorization.
6. Not a benefit for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar is an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.

**PROCEDURE D2790  
CROWN - FULL CAST HIGH NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2791  
CROWN - FULL CAST PREDOMINANTLY BASE METAL**

Permanent anterior teeth (age 13 or older) and permanent posterior teeth (ages 13 through 20):

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit once in a five year period.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. for patients under the age of 13.
  - b. for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar occupies the 1st or 2nd molar position or is an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.

Permanent posterior teeth (age 21 or older):

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Photographs for prior authorization- a photograph shall be submitted when there is an existing removable partial denture and the cast clasps or rest is not evident on a radiograph.

4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit:
  - a. once in a five year period.
  - b. only for the treatment of posterior teeth acting as an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests (D5213 and D5214), or
  - c. when the treatment plan includes an abutment crown and removable partial denture (D5213 or D5214). Both shall be submitted on the same TAR for prior authorization.
6. Not a benefit for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar is an abutment for an existing removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.

**PROCEDURE D2792  
CROWN - FULL CAST NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2794  
CROWN - TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2799  
PROVISIONAL CROWN- FURTHER TREATMENT OR COMPLETION OF DIAGNOSIS NECESSARY PRIOR TO FINAL IMPRESSION**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2910  
RE\_CEMENT INLAY OR RE-BOND, ONLAY, VENEER OR PARTIAL COVERAGE RESTORATION**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit once in a 12 month period, per provider.

**PROCEDURE D2915  
RE\_CEMENT OR RE-BOND INDIRECTLY FABRICATED OR PREFABRICATED POST AND CORE**

This procedure is to be performed in conjunction with the re-cementation of an existing crown or of a new crown and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D2920  
RE\_CEMENT OR RE-BOND CROWN**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.

3. Requires a tooth code.
4. The original provider is responsible for all re-cementations within the first 12 months following the initial placement of prefabricated or laboratory processed crowns.
5. Not a benefit within 12 months of a previous re-cementation by the same provider.

**PROCEDURE D2921**  
**REATTACHMENT OF TOOTH FRAGMENT, INCISAL EDGE OR CUSP**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2929**  
**PREFABRICATED PORCELAIN/CERAMIC CROWN- PRIMARY TOOTH**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2930**  
**PREFABRICATED STAINLESS STEEL CROWN - PRIMARY TOOTH**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment- refer to Restorative General Policies for specific requirements.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit once in a 12 month period.

**PROCEDURE D2931**  
**PREFABRICATED STAINLESS STEEL CROWN - PERMANENT TOOTH**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment-refer to Restorative General Policies for specific requirements.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit once in a 36 month period.
5. Not a benefit for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar occupies the 1st or 2nd molar position.

**PROCEDURE D2932**  
**PREFABRICATED RESIN CROWN**

Primary teeth:

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment-refer to Restorative General Policies for specific requirements.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit once in a 12 month period.

Permanent teeth:

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment-refer to Restorative General Policies for specific requirements.
3. Requires a tooth code.

4. A benefit once in a 36 month period.
5. Not a benefit for 3rd molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar occupies the 1st or 2nd molar position.

**PROCEDURE D2933  
PREFABRICATED STAINLESS STEEL CROWN WITH RESIN WINDOW**

Primary teeth:

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment-refer to Restorative General Policies for specific requirements.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit once in a 12 month period.
5. This procedure includes the placement of a resin-based composite.

Permanent teeth:

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment- refer to Restorative General Policies for specific requirements.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit once in a 36 month period.
5. Not a benefit for 3rd molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar occupies the 1st or 2nd molar position.
6. This procedure includes the placement of a resin-based composite.

**PROCEDURE D2934  
PREFABRICATED ESTHETIC COATED STAINLESS STEEL CROWN - PRIMARY TOOTH**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2940  
PROTECTIVE RESTORATION**

1. This procedure cannot be prior authorized.
2. Radiographs for payment - submit pre-operative radiographs. Refer to Restorative General Policies for specific requirements.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit once per tooth per lifetime.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. when performed on the same date of service with a permanent restoration or crown, for same tooth.
  - b. on root canal treated teeth.
6. This procedure is for a temporary restoration and is not to be used as a base or liner under a restoration.

**PROCEDURE D2941  
INTERIM THERAPEUTIC RESTORATION- PRIMARY DENTITION**

1. This procedure cannot be prior authorized.
2. Radiographs for payment - submit pre-operative radiographs. Refer to Restorative General Policies for specific requirements.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit once per tooth in a six month period, per provider for primary teeth only.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. when performed on the same date of service with a permanent restoration or crown, for the same tooth.
  - b. on pulpotomy treated teeth.
6. This procedure is for a temporary restoration and is not to be used as a base or liner under a restoration.

**PROCEDURE D2949  
RESTORATIVE FOUNDATION FOR AN INDIRECT RESTORATION**

This procedure is included in the fee for restorative procedures and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D2950  
CORE BUILDUP, INCLUDING ANY PINS WHEN REQUIRED**

This procedure is included in the fee for restorative procedures and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D2951  
PIN RETENTION - PER TOOTH, IN ADDITION TO RESTORATION**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment- submit pre-operative radiographs.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. for permanent teeth only.
  - b. when billed with an amalgam or composite restoration on the same date of service.
  - c. once per tooth regardless of the number of pins placed.
  - d. for a posterior restoration when the destruction involves three or more connected surfaces and at least one cusp, or
  - e. for an anterior restoration when extensive coronal destruction involves the incisal angle.

**PROCEDURE D2952  
POST AND CORE IN ADDITION TO CROWN, INDIRECTLY FABRICATED**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment- submit arch and periapical radiographs.

3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. once per tooth regardless of number of posts placed.
  - b. only in conjunction with allowable crowns (prefabricated or laboratory processed) on root canal treated permanent teeth.
5. This procedure shall be submitted on the same claim/TAR as the crown request.

**PROCEDURE D2953  
EACH ADDITIONAL INDIRECTLY FABRICATED POST - SAME TOOTH**

This procedure is to be performed in conjunction with D2952 and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D2954  
PREFABRICATED POST AND CORE IN ADDITION TO CROWN**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment- submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. once per tooth regardless of number of posts placed.
  - b. only in conjunction with allowable crowns (prefabricated or laboratory processed) on root canal treated permanent teeth.
5. This procedure shall be submitted on the same claim/TAR as the crown request.

**PROCEDURE D2955  
POST REMOVAL**

This procedure is included in the fee for endodontic and restorative procedures and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D2957  
EACH ADDITIONAL PREFABRICATED POST - SAME TOOTH**

This procedure is to be performed in conjunction with D2954 and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D2960  
LABIAL VENEER (RESIN LAMINATE) – CHAIRSIDE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2961  
LABIAL VENEER (RESIN LAMINATE) - LABORATORY**

This procedure is not a benefit.



**PROCEDURE D2962  
LABIAL VENEER (PORCELAIN LAMINATE) - LABORATORY**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2971  
ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES TO CONSTRUCT NEW CROWN UNDER EXISTING PARTIAL DENTURE  
FRAMEWORK**

This procedure is included in the fee for laboratory processed crowns and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D2975  
COPING**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2980  
CROWN REPAIR NECESSITATED BY RESTORATIVE MATERIAL FAILURE**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment - submit a pre-operative periapical radiograph.
3. Photographs for payment - submit a pre-operative photograph.
4. Written documentation for payment - shall describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure (such as broken porcelain).
5. Requires a tooth code.
6. A benefit for laboratory processed crowns on permanent teeth.
7. Not a benefit within 12 months of initial crown placement or previous repair for the same provider.

**PROCEDURE D2981  
INLAY REPAIR NECESSITATED BY RESTORATIVE MATERIAL FAILURE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2982  
ONLAY REPAIR NECESSITATED BY RESTORATIVE MATERIAL FAILURE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2983  
VENEER REPAIR NECESSITATED BY RESTORATIVE MATERIAL FAILURE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2990  
RESIN INFILTRATION OF INCIPIENT SMOOTH SURFACE LESIONS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D2999  
UNSPECIFIED RESTORATIVE PROCEDURE, BY REPORT**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment - submit radiographs as applicable for the type of procedure.
3. Photographs for payment - submit photographs as applicable for the type of procedure.
4. Written documentation for payment - shall describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the proposed or actual treatment.
5. Requires a tooth code.
6. Procedure D2999 shall be used:
  - a. for a procedure which is not adequately described by a CDT code, or
  - b. for a procedure that has a CDT code that is not a benefit but the patient has an exceptional medical condition to justify the medical necessity. Documentation shall include the medical condition and the specific CDT code associated with the treatment.

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## Endodontic General Policies (D3000-D3999)

- a) Prior authorization with current periapical radiographs is required for patients age 21 or older and not required for patients under the age of 21 for initial root canal therapy (D3310, D3320 and D3330) and root canal retreatment (D3346, D3347 and D3348). Prior authorization is required for all ages for partial pulpotomy for apexogenesis (D3222), apexification/recalcification (D3351), apicoectomy (D3410, D3421, D3425 and D3426) and periradicular surgery without apicoectomy (D3427) on permanent teeth.
- b) Prior authorization for root canal therapy (D3310, D3320 and D3330) is not required when it is documented on a claim for payment that the permanent tooth has been accidentally avulsed or there has been a fracture of the crown exposing vital pulpal tissue. Preoperative radiographs (arch and periapicals) shall be submitted for payment.
- c) Root canal therapy (D3310, D3320, D3330, D3346, D3347 and D3348) is a benefit for permanent teeth and over-retained primary teeth with no permanent successor, if medically necessary. It is medically necessary when the tooth is non-vital (due to necrosis, gangrene or death of the pulp) or if the pulp has been compromised by caries, trauma or accident that may lead to the death of the pulp.
- d) The prognosis of the affected tooth and other remaining teeth shall be evaluated in considering endodontic procedures for prior authorization and payment. Endodontic procedures are not a benefit when the prognosis of the tooth is questionable (due to non-restorability or periodontal involvement).
- e) Endodontic procedures are not a benefit when extraction is appropriate for a tooth due to non-restorability, periodontal involvement or for a tooth that is easily replaced by an addition to an existing or proposed prosthesis in the same arch.
- f) Endodontic procedures are not a benefit for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar occupies the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> molar positions or is an abutment for an existing fixed or removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.
- g) The fee for endodontic procedures includes all treatment and post treatment radiographs, any temporary restorations and/or occlusal seals, medicated treatments, bacteriologic studies, pulp vitality tests, removal of root canal obstructions (such as posts, silver points, old root canal filling material, broken root canal files and broaches and calcifications), internal root repairs of perforation defects and routine postoperative care within 30 days.
- h) Endodontic procedures shall be completed prior to payment. The date of service on the payment request shall reflect the final treatment date. A post treatment radiograph is not required for payment.
- i) Satisfactory completion of endodontic procedures is required prior to requesting the final restoration.

## Endodontic Procedures (D3000-D3999)

### **PROCEDURE D3110 PULP CAP - DIRECT (EXCLUDING FINAL RESTORATION)**

This procedure is included in the fees for restorative and endodontic procedures and is not payable separately.

### **PROCEDURE D3120 PULP CAP - INDIRECT (EXCLUDING FINAL RESTORATION)**

This procedure is included in the fees for restorative and endodontic procedures and is not payable separately.

### **PROCEDURE D3220 THERAPEUTIC PULPOTOMY (EXCLUDING FINAL RESTORATION) - REMOVAL OF PULP CORONAL TO THE DENTINOCEMENTAL JUNCTION AND APPLICATION OF MEDICAMENT**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit once per primary tooth.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. for a primary tooth near exfoliation.
  - b. for a primary tooth with a necrotic pulp or a periapical lesion.
  - c. for a primary tooth that is non-restorable.
  - d. for a permanent tooth.
6. This procedure is for the surgical removal of the entire portion of the pulp coronal to the dentinocemental junction with the aim of maintaining the vitality of the remaining radicular portion by means of an adequate dressing.

### **PROCEDURE D3221 PULPAL DEBRIDEMENT, PRIMARY AND PERMANENT TEETH**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. for permanent teeth.
  - b. for over-retained primary teeth with no permanent successor.
  - c. once per tooth.
5. Not a benefit on the same date of service with any additional services, same tooth.

6. This procedure is for the relief of acute pain prior to conventional root canal therapy and is not a benefit for root canal therapy visits. Subsequent emergency visits, if medically necessary, shall be billed as palliative (emergency) treatment of dental pain- minor procedure (D9110).

**PROCEDURE D3222**

**PARTIAL PULPOTOMY FOR APEXOGENESIS- PERMANENT TOOTH WITH INCOMPLETE ROOT DEVELOPMENT**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit periapical radiographs.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. once per permanent tooth.
  - b. for patients under the age of 21.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. for primary teeth.
  - b. for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar occupies the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> molar position or is an abutment for an existing fixed partial denture or removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.
  - c. on the same date of service as any other endodontic procedures for the same tooth.
6. This procedure is for vital teeth only.

**PROCEDURE D3230**

**PULPAL THERAPY (RESORBABLE FILLING) - ANTERIOR, PRIMARY TOOTH (EXCLUDING FINAL RESTORATION)**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit once per primary tooth.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. for a primary tooth near exfoliation.
  - b. with a therapeutic pulpotomy (excluding final restoration) (D3220), same date of service, same tooth.
  - c. with pulpal debridement, primary and permanent teeth (D3221), same date of service, same tooth.

**PROCEDURE D3240**

**PULPAL THERAPY (RESORBABLE FILLING) - POSTERIOR, PRIMARY TOOTH (EXCLUDING FINAL RESTORATION)**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
3. Requires a tooth code.

4. A benefit once per primary tooth.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. for a primary tooth near exfoliation.
  - b. with a therapeutic pulpotomy (excluding final restoration) (D3220), same date of service, same tooth.
  - c. with pulpal debridement, primary and permanent teeth (D3221), same date of service, same tooth.

**PROCEDURE D3310  
ENDODONTIC THERAPY, ANTERIOR TOOTH (EXCLUDING FINAL RESTORATION)**

1. Prior authorization is not required for patients under the age of 21.
2. Prior authorization is required for patients age 21 or older.
3. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit once per tooth for initial root canal therapy treatment. For root canal therapy retreatment use retreatment of previous root canal therapy-anterior (D3346).
6. The fee for this procedure includes all treatment and post treatment radiographs, any temporary restoration and/or occlusal seal.

**PROCEDURE D3320  
ENDODONTIC THERAPY, PREMOLAR TOOTH (EXCLUDING FINAL RESTORATION)**

1. Prior authorization is not required for patients under the age of 21.
2. Prior authorization is required for patients age 21 or older.
3. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit once per tooth for initial root canal therapy treatment. For root canal therapy retreatment use retreatment of previous root canal therapy-bicuspid (D3347).
6. The fee for this procedure includes all treatment and post treatment radiographs, any temporary restoration and/or occlusal seal.

**PROCEDURE D3330  
ENDODONTIC THERAPY, MOLAR TOOTH (EXCLUDING FINAL RESTORATION)**

1. Prior authorization is not required for patients under the age of 21.
2. Prior authorization is required for patients age 21 or older.
3. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit once per tooth for initial root canal therapy treatment. For root canal therapy retreatment use retreatment of previous root canal therapy-molar (D3348).
6. Not a benefit for 3rd molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar occupies the 1st or 2nd molar position or is an abutment for an existing fixed partial denture or removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.
7. The fee for this procedure includes all treatment and post treatment radiographs, any temporary restoration and/or occlusal seal.

**PROCEDURE D3331  
TREATMENT OF ROOT CANAL OBSTRUCTION; NON-SURGICAL ACCESS**

This procedure is to be performed in conjunction with endodontic procedures and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D3332  
INCOMPLETE ENDODONTIC THERAPY; INOPERABLE, UNRESTORABLE OR FRACTURED TOOTH**

Endodontic treatment is only payable upon successful completion of endodontic therapy.

**PROCEDURE D3333  
INTERNAL ROOT REPAIR OF PERFORATION DEFECTS**

This procedure is to be performed in conjunction with endodontic procedures and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D3346  
RETREATMENT OF PREVIOUS ROOT CANAL THERAPY - ANTERIOR**

1. Prior authorization is not required for patients under the age of 21.
2. Prior authorization is required for patients age 21 or older.
3. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs demonstrating the medical necessity for retreatment.
4. Written documentation for prior authorization - if the medical necessity is not evident on the radiographs, documentation shall include the rationale for retreatment.
5. Requires a tooth code.
6. Not a benefit to the original provider within 12 months of initial treatment.
7. The fee for this procedure includes all treatment and post treatment radiographs, any temporary restoration and/or occlusal seal.

**PROCEDURE D3347  
RETREATMENT OF PREVIOUS ROOT CANAL THERAPY - PREMOLAR**

1. Prior authorization is not required for patients under the age of 21.
2. Prior authorization is required for patients age 21 or older.
3. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs demonstrating the medical necessity for retreatment.
4. Written documentation for prior authorization - if the medical necessity is not evident on the radiographs, documentation shall include the rationale for retreatment.
5. Requires a tooth code.
6. Not a benefit to the original provider within 12 months of initial treatment.
7. The fee for this procedure includes all treatment and post treatment radiographs, any temporary restoration and/or occlusal seal.

**PROCEDURE D3348  
RETREATMENT OF PREVIOUS ROOT CANAL THERAPY - MOLAR**

1. Prior authorization is not required for patients under the age of 21.
2. Prior authorization is required for patients age 21 or older.
3. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs demonstrating the medical necessity for retreatment.
4. Written documentation for prior authorization - if the medical necessity is not evident on the radiographs, documentation shall include the rationale for retreatment.
5. Requires a tooth code.
6. Not a benefit:
  - a. to the original provider within 12 months of initial treatment.
  - b. for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar occupies the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> molar position or is an abutment for an existing fixed partial denture or removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.
7. The fee for this procedure includes all treatment and post treatment radiographs, any temporary restoration and/or occlusal seal.

**PROCEDURE D3351  
APEXIFICATION/ RECALCIFICATION- INITIAL VISIT (APICAL CLOSURE/CALCIFIC REPAIR OF PERFORATIONS, ROOT RESORPTION, ETC.)**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit periapical radiographs.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. once per permanent tooth.
  - b. for patients under the age of 21.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. for primary teeth.
  - b. for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar occupies the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> molar position or is an abutment for an existing fixed partial denture or removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.
  - c. on the same date of service as any other endodontic procedures for the same tooth.
6. This procedure includes initial opening of the tooth, performing a pulpectomy, preparation of canal spaces, placement of medications and all treatment and post treatment radiographs.
7. If an interim medication replacement is necessary, use apexification/recalcification- interim medication replacement (apical closure/calcific repair of perforations, root resorption, etc.) (D3352).
8. Upon completion of apexification/recalcification, prior authorization for the final root canal therapy shall be submitted along with the post-treatment radiograph to demonstrate sufficient apical formation.

**PROCEDURE D3352  
APEXIFICATION/ RECALCIFICATION- INTERIM MEDICATION REPLACEMENT**

1. Prior authorization is required for D3351, which shall be completed before D3352 is payable.



2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. only following apexification/recalcification- initial visit (apical closure/calcific repair of perforations, root resorption, etc.) (D3351).
  - b. once per permanent tooth.
  - c. for patients under the age of 21.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. for primary teeth.
  - b. for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar occupies the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> molar position or is an abutment for an existing fixed partial denture or removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.
  - c. on the same date of service as any other endodontic procedures for the same tooth.
6. This procedure includes reopening the tooth, placement of medications and all treatment and post treatment radiographs.
7. Upon completion of apexification/recalcification, prior authorization for the final root canal therapy shall be submitted along with the post treatment radiograph to demonstrate sufficient apical formation.

**PROCEDURE D3353**

**APEXIFICATION/ RECALCIFICATION - FINAL VISIT (INCLUDES COMPLETED ROOT CANAL THERAPY - APICAL CLOSURE/CALCIFIC REPAIR OF PERFORATIONS, ROOT RESORPTION, ETC.)**

This procedure is not a benefit. Upon completion of apexification/recalcification, prior authorization for the final root canal therapy shall be submitted along with the post treatment radiograph to demonstrate sufficient apical formation.

**PROCEDURE D3355**

**PULPAL REGENERATION- INITIAL VISIT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D3356**

**PULPAL REGENERATION- INTERIM MEDICATION REPLACEMENT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D3357**

**PULPAL REGENERATION- COMPLETION OF TREATMENT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D3410  
APICOECTOMY- ANTERIOR**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs demonstrating the medical necessity.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization - if the medical necessity is not evident on the radiographs, documentation shall include the rationale for treatment.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit for permanent anterior teeth only.
6. Not a benefit:
  - a. to the original provider within 90 days of root canal therapy except when a medical necessity is documented.
  - b. to the original provider within 24 months of a prior apicoectomy.
  - c. when a periradicular surgery (D3427) has been performed on the same root.
7. The fee for this procedure includes the placement of retrograde filling material and all treatment and post treatment radiographs.

**PROCEDURE D3421  
APICOECTOMY- BICUSPID (FIRST ROOT)**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs demonstrating the medical necessity.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization - if the medical necessity is not evident on the radiographs, documentation shall include the rationale and the identity of the root that requires treatment.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit for permanent bicuspid teeth only.
6. Not a benefit:
  - a. to the original provider within 90 days of root canal therapy except when a medical necessity is documented.
  - b. to the original provider within 24 months of a prior apicoectomy, same root.
  - c. when a periradicular surgery (D3427) has been performed on the same root.
7. The fee for this procedure includes the placement of retrograde filling material and all treatment and post treatment radiographs.
8. If more than one root is treated, use apicoectomy- each additional root (D3426).

**PROCEDURE D3425  
APICOECTOMY- MOLAR (FIRST ROOT)**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs demonstrating the medical necessity.

3. Written documentation for prior authorization - if the medical necessity is not evident on the radiographs, documentation shall include the rationale and the identity of the root that requires treatment.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit for permanent 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> molar teeth only.
6. Not a benefit:
  - a. to the original provider within 90 days of root canal therapy except when a medical necessity is documented.
  - b. to the original provider within 24 months of a prior apicoectomy, same root.
  - c. for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar occupies the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> molar position or is an abutment for an existing fixed partial denture or removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.
  - d. when a periradicular surgery (D3427) has been performed on the same root.
7. The fee for this procedure includes the placement of retrograde filling material and all treatment and post treatment radiographs.
8. If more than one root is treated, use apicoectomy- each additional root (D3426).

**PROCEDURE D3426  
APICOECTOMY (EACH ADDITIONAL ROOT)**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs demonstrating the medical necessity.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization - if the medical necessity is not evident on the radiographs, documentation shall include the rationale and the identity of the root that requires treatment.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit for permanent teeth only.
6. Not a benefit:
  - a. to the original provider within 90 days of root canal therapy except when a medical necessity is documented.
  - b. to the original provider within 24 months of a prior apicoectomy, same root.
  - c. for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar occupies the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> molar position or is an abutment for an existing fixed partial denture or removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.
  - d. when a periradicular surgery (D3427) has been performed on the same root.
7. Only payable the same date of service as procedures D3421 or D3425.
8. The fee for this procedure includes the placement of retrograde filling material and all treatment and post treatment radiographs.

**PROCEDURE D3427  
PERIRADICULAR SURGERY WITHOUT APICOECTOMY**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and periapical radiographs demonstrating the medical necessity.

3. Written documentation for prior authorization - if the medical necessity is not evident on the radiographs, documentation shall include the rationale for treatment.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit for permanent teeth only.
6. Not a benefit:
  - a. to the original provider within 90 days of root canal therapy except when a medical necessity is documented.
  - b. to the original provider within 24 months of a prior periradicular surgery.
  - c. when an apicoectomy (D3410, D3421, D3425 and D3426) has been performed on the same root.
7. The fee for this procedure includes the placement of retrograde filling material and all treatment and post treatment radiographs.

**PROCEDURE D3428  
BONE GRAFT IN CONJUNCTION WITH PERIRADICULAR SURGERY- PER TOOTH, SINGLE SITE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D3429  
BONE GRAFT IN CONJUNCTION WITH PERIRADICULAR SURGERY- EACH ADDITIONAL CONTIGUOUS TOOTH IN THE SAME SURGICAL SITE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D3430  
RETROGRADE FILLING - PER ROOT**

This procedure is to be performed in conjunction with endodontic procedures and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D3431  
BIOLOGIC MATERIALS TO AID IN SOFT AND OSSEOUS TISSUE REGENERATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH PERIRADICULAR SURGERY**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D3432  
GUIDED TISSUE REGENERATION, RESORBABLE BARRIER, PER SITE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH PERIRADICULAR SURGERY**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D3450  
ROOT AMPUTATION - PER ROOT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D3460  
ENDODONTIC ENDOSSEOUS IMPLANT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D3470  
INTENTIONAL REIMPLANTATION (INCLUDING NECESSARY SPLINTING)**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D3910  
SURGICAL PROCEDURE FOR ISOLATION OF TOOTH WITH RUBBER DAM**

This procedure is included in the fees for restorative and endodontic procedures and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D3920  
HEMISECTION (INCLUDING ANY ROOT REMOVAL), NOT INCLUDING ROOT CANAL THERAPY**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D3950  
CANAL PREPARATION AND FITTING OF PREFORMED DOWEL OR POST**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D3999  
UNSPECIFIED ENDODONTIC PROCEDURE, BY REPORT**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment - submit arch and pre-operative periapical radiographs as applicable for the type of procedure.
3. Photographs for payment- submit as applicable for the type of procedure.
4. Written documentation for payment - shall describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the actual treatment.
5. Requires a tooth code.
6. Procedure D3999 shall be used:
  - a. for a procedure which is not adequately described by a CDT code, or
  - b. for a procedure that has a CDT code that is not a benefit but the patient has an exceptional medical condition to justify the medical necessity. Documentation shall include the medical condition and the specific CDT code associated with the treatment.

## Periodontal General Policies (D4000-D4999)

- a) Periodontal procedures shall be a benefit for patients age 13 or older. Periodontal procedures shall be considered for patients under the age of 13 when unusual circumstances exist such as aggressive periodontitis and drug-induced hyperplasia and the medical necessity has been fully documented on the TAR.
- b) Prior authorization is required for all periodontal procedures except for unscheduled dressing change (by someone other than the treating dentist) (D4920) and periodontal maintenance (D4910).
- c) Current periapical radiographs of the involved areas and bitewing radiographs are required for periodontal scaling and root planing (D4341 and D4342) and osseous surgery (D4260 and D4261) for prior authorizations.
- d) Photographs are required for gingivectomy or gingivoplasty (D4210 and D4211) for prior authorizations.
- e) Only teeth that qualify as diseased are to be considered in the count for the number of teeth to be treated in a particular quadrant. A qualifying tooth shall have a significant amount of bone loss, presence of calculus deposits, be restorable and have arch integrity and shall meet Medi-Cal Dental Program criteria for the requested procedure. Qualifying teeth include implants. Teeth shall not be counted as qualifying when they are indicated to be extracted. Full or partial quadrants are defined as follows:
  - i) a full quadrant is considered to have four or more qualifying diseased teeth,
  - ii) a partial quadrant is considered to have one, two, or three diseased teeth,
  - iii) third molars shall not be counted unless the third molar occupies the first or second molar position or is an abutment for an existing fixed or removable partial denture with cast clasps or rests.
- f) Tooth bounded spaces shall only be counted in conjunction with osseous surgeries (D4260 and D4261) that require a surgical flap. Each tooth bounded space shall only count as one tooth space regardless of the number of missing natural teeth in the space.
- g) Scaling and root planing (D4341 and D4342) are a benefit once per quadrant in a 24 month period. Patients shall exhibit connective tissue attachment loss and radiographic evidence of bone loss and/or subgingival calculus deposits on root surfaces.
- h) Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty (D4210 and D4211) and osseous surgery (D4260 and D4261) are a benefit once per quadrant in a 36 month period and shall not be authorized until 30 days following scaling and root planing (D4341 and D4342) in the same quadrant. Patients shall exhibit radiographic evidence of moderate to severe bone loss to qualify for osseous surgery.
- i) Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty (D4210 and D4211) and osseous surgery (D4260 and D4261) includes three months of post-operative care and any surgical re-entry for 36 months. Documentation of extraordinary circumstances and/or medical conditions will be given consideration on a case-by-case basis.
- j) Scaling and root planing (D4341 and D4342) can be authorized in conjunction with prophylaxis procedures (D1110 and D1120). However, payment shall not be made for any prophylaxis procedure if the prophylaxis is performed on the same date of service as the scaling and root planing.
- k) Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty (D4210 and D4211) and osseous surgery (D4260 and D4261) includes frenulectomy (frenectomy or frenotomy) (D7960), frenuloplasty (D7963) and/or distal wedge performed in the same area on the same date of service.
- l) Procedures involved in acquiring graft tissues (hard or soft) from extra-oral donor sites are considered part of the fee for osseous surgery (D4260 and D4261) and are not payable separately.

- m) Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty (D4210 and D4211) and osseous surgery (D4260 and D4261) performed in conjunction with a laboratory crown, prefabricated crown, amalgam or resin-based composite restoration or endodontic therapy is included in the fee for the final restoration or endodontic therapy and is not payable separately.
- n) The criteria for periodontal procedures shall apply to all dental provider billing types providing services within their scope of practice.

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## Periodontal Procedures (D4000-D4999)

### **PROCEDURE D4210**

#### **GINGIVECTOMY OR GINGIVOPLASTY- FOUR OR MORE CONTIGUOUS TEETH OR TOOTH BOUNDED SPACES PER QUADRANT**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Photographs for prior authorization- submit photographs of the involved areas.
3. Requires a quadrant code.
4. If three or fewer diseased teeth are present in the quadrant, use gingivectomy or gingivoplasty (D4211).
5. A benefit:
  - a. for patients age 13 or older.
  - b. once per quadrant every 36 months.
6. This procedure cannot be prior authorized within 30 days following periodontal scaling and root planing (D4341 and D4342) for the same quadrant.

### **PROCEDURE D4211**

#### **GINGIVECTOMY OR GINGIVOPLASTY- ONE TO THREE CONTIGUOUS TEETH OR TOOTH BOUNDED SPACES PER QUADRANT**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Photographs for prior authorization- submit photographs of the involved areas.
3. Requires a quadrant code.
4. If four or more diseased teeth are present in the quadrant, use gingivectomy or gingivoplasty (D4210).
5. A benefit:
  - a. for patients age 13 or older.
  - b. once per quadrant every 36 months.
6. This procedure cannot be prior authorized within 30 days following periodontal scaling and root planing (D4341 and D4342) for the same quadrant.

### **PROCEDURE D4212**

#### **GINGIVECTOMY OR GINGIVOPLASTY TO ALLOW ACCESS FOR RESTORATIVE PROCEDURE, PER TOOTH**

This procedure is not a benefit.

### **PROCEDURE D4230**

#### **ANATOMICAL CROWN EXPOSURE- FOUR OR MORE CONTIGUOUS TEETH OR TOOTH BOUNDED SPACES PER QUADRANT**

This procedure is not a benefit.



**PROCEDURE D4231  
ANATOMICAL CROWN EXPOSURE- ONE TO THREE TEETH OR TOOTH BOUNDED SPACES PER  
QUADRANT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D4240  
GINGIVAL FLAP PROCEDURE, INCLUDING ROOT PLANING- FOUR OR MORE CONTIGUOUS TEETH OR  
TOOTH BOUNDED SPACES PER QUADRANT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D4241  
GINGIVAL FLAP PROCEDURE, INCLUDING ROOT PLANING- ONE TO THREE CONTIGUOUS TEETH OR  
TOOTH BOUNDED SPACES, PER QUADRANT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D4245  
APICALLY POSITIONED FLAP**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D4249  
CLINICAL CROWN LENGTHENING - HARD TISSUE**

This procedure is included in the fee for a completed restorative service.

**PROCEDURE D4260  
OSSEOUS SURGERY (INCLUDING ELEVATION OF A FULL THICKNESS FLAP AND CLOSURE)- FOUR OR  
MORE CONTIGUOUS TEETH OR TOOTH BOUNDED SPACES PER QUADRANT**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization- submit periapical radiographs of the involved areas and bitewing radiographs.
3. Requires a quadrant code.
4. If three or fewer diseased teeth are present in the quadrant, use osseous surgery (D4261).
5. A benefit:
  - a. for patients age 13 or older.
  - b. once per quadrant every 36 months.
6. This procedure cannot be prior authorized within 30 days following periodontal scaling and root planing (D4341 and D4342) for the same quadrant.
7. This procedure can only be prior authorized when preceded by periodontal scaling and root planing (D4341 and D4342) in the same quadrant within the previous 24 months.

**PROCEDURE D4261**

**OSSEOUS SURGERY (INCLUDING ELEVATION OF A FULL THICKNESS FLAP AND CLOSURE)- ONE TO THREE CONTIGUOUS TEETH OR TOOTH BOUNDED SPACES PER QUADRANT**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization- submit periapical radiographs of the involved areas and bitewing radiographs.
3. Requires a quadrant code.
4. If four or more diseased teeth are present in the quadrant, use osseous surgery (D4260).
5. A benefit:
  - a. for patients age 13 or older.
  - b. once per quadrant every 36 months.
6. This procedure cannot be prior authorized within 30 days following periodontal scaling and root planing (D4341 and D4342) for the same quadrant.
7. This procedure can only be prior authorized when preceded by periodontal scaling and root planing (D4341 and D4342) in the same quadrant within the previous 24 months.

**PROCEDURE D4263**

**BONE REPLACEMENT GRAFT - RETAINED NATURAL TOOTH- FIRST SITE IN QUADRANT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D4264**

**BONE REPLACEMENT GRAFT - RETAINED NATURAL TOOTH- EACH ADDITIONAL SITE IN QUADRANT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D4265**

**BIOLOGIC MATERIALS TO AID IN SOFT AND OSSEOUS TISSUE REGENERATION**

This procedure is included in the fees for other periodontal procedures and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D4266**

**GUIDED TISSUE REGENERATION - RESORBABLE BARRIER, PER SITE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D4267**

**GUIDED TISSUE REGENERATION - NONRESORBABLE BARRIER, PER SITE (INCLUDES MEMBRANE REMOVAL)**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D4268**

**SURGICAL REVISION PROCEDURE, PER TOOTH**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D4270  
PEDICLE SOFT TISSUE GRAFT PROCEDURE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D4273  
AUTOGENOUS CONNECTIVE TISSUE GRAFT PROCEDURE (INCLUDING DONOR AND RECIPIENT  
SURGICAL SITES) FIRST TOOTH, IMPLANT, OR EDENTULOUS TOOTH POSITION IN GRAFT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D4274  
MESIAL/DISTAL WEDGE PROCEDURE, SINGLE TOOTH (WHEN NOT PERFORMED IN CONJUNCTION  
WITH SURGICAL PROCEDURES IN THE SAME ANATOMICAL AREA)**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D4275  
NON-AUTOGENOUS CONNECTIVE TISSUE GRAFT (INCLUDING RECIPIENT SITE AND DONOR MATERIAL)  
FIRST TOOTH, IMPLANT, OR EDENTULOUS TOOTH POSITION IN GRAFT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D4276  
COMBINED CONNECTIVE TISSUE AND DOUBLE PEDICLE GRAFT, PER TOOTH**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D4277  
FREE SOFT TISSUE GRAFT PROCEDURE (INCLUDING RECIPIENT AND DONOR SURGICAL SITES) FIRST  
TOOTH, IMPLANT, OR EDENTULOUS TOOTH POSITION IN GRAFT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D4278  
FREE SOFT TISSUE GRAFT PROCEDURE (INCLUDING RECIPIENT AND DONOR SURGICAL SITES) EACH  
ADDITIONAL CONTIGUOUS TOOTH, IMPLANT, OR EDENTULOUS TOOTH POSITION IN SAME GRAFT SITE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D4283  
AUTOGENOUS CONNECTIVE TISSUE GRAFT PROCEDURE (INCLUDING DONOR AND RECIPIENT  
SURGICAL SITES) - EACH ADDITIONAL CONTIGUOUS TOOTH, IMPLANT OR EDENTULOUS TOOTH  
POSITION IN SAME GRAFT SITE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D4285  
NON-AUTOGENOUS CONNECTIVE TISSUE GRAFT PROCEDURE (INCLUDING DONOR AND RECIPIENT  
SURGICAL SITES) - EACH ADDITIONAL CONTIGUOUS TOOTH, IMPLANT OR EDENTULOUS TOOTH  
POSITION IN SAME GRAFT SITE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D4320  
PROVISIONAL SPLINTING – INTRACORONAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D4321  
PROVISIONAL SPLINTING – EXTRACORONAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D4341  
PERIODONTAL SCALING AND ROOT PLANING- FOUR OR MORE TEETH PER QUADRANT**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization- submit periapical radiographs of the involved areas and bitewing radiographs.
3. Requires a quadrant code.
4. If three or fewer diseased teeth are present in the quadrant, use periodontal scaling and root planing (D4342).
5. A benefit:
  - a. for patients age 13 or older.
  - b. once per quadrant every 24 months.
6. Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty (D4210 and D4211) and osseous surgery (D4260 and D4261) cannot be prior authorized within 30 days following this procedure for the same quadrant.
7. Prophylaxis (D1110 and D1120) are not payable on the same date of service as this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D4342  
PERIODONTAL SCALING AND ROOT PLANING- ONE TO THREE TEETH PER QUADRANT**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization- submit periapical radiographs of the involved areas and bitewing radiographs.
3. Requires a quadrant code.
4. If four or more diseased teeth are present in the quadrant, use periodontal scaling and root planing (D4341).
5. A benefit:
  - a. for patients age 13 or older.
  - b. once per quadrant every 24 months.
6. Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty (D4210 and D4211) and osseous surgery (D4260 and D4261) cannot be prior authorized within 30 days following this procedure for the same quadrant.
7. Prophylaxis (D1110 and D1120) are not payable on the same date of service as this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D4346  
SCALING IN PRESENCE OF GENERALIZED MODERATE OR SEVERE GINGIVAL INFLAMATION- FULL MOUTH, AFTER ORAL EVALUATION**

This procedure can only be billed as prophylaxis- adult (D1110) or prophylaxis- child (D1120) and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D4355  
FULL MOUTH DEBRIDEMENT TO ENABLE COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION AND DIAGNOSIS ON A SUBSEQUENT VISIT**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. A benefit:
  - a. only for patients residing in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or Intermediate Care Facility (ICF).
  - b. once in a 12 month period.
3. Not a benefit:
  - a. on the same date of service as periodontal scaling and root planing (D4341 and D4342), prophylaxis (D1110 and D1120) or perio maintenance (D4910).
  - b. within 24 months following the last periodontal scaling and root planing.
4. This procedure is considered a full mouth treatment.

**PROCEDURE D4381  
LOCALIZED DELIVERY OF ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS VIA A CONTROLLED RELEASE VEHICLE INTO DISEASED CREVICULAR TISSUE, PER TOOTH**

This procedure is included in the fees for other periodontal procedures and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D4910  
PERIODONTAL MAINTENANCE**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. A benefit:
  - a. only when preceded by a periodontal scaling and root planing (D4341-D4342).
  - b. only after completion of all necessary scaling and root planings.
  - c. once in a calendar quarter.
  - d. only in the 24 month period following the last scaling and root planing.
3. Not a benefit in the same calendar quarter as scaling and root planing.
4. Not payable to the same provider in the same calendar quarter as prophylaxis- adult (D1110) or prophylaxis- child (D1120).
5. This procedure is considered a full mouth treatment.

**PROCEDURE D4920  
UNSCHEDULED DRESSING CHANGE (BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN TREATING DENTIST OR THEIR STAFF)**

1. This procedure cannot be prior authorized.

2. Written documentation for payment –shall include a brief description indicating the medical necessity.
3. A benefit:
  - a. for patients age 13 or older.
  - b. once per patient per provider.
  - c. within 30 days of the date of service of gingivectomy or gingivoplasty (D4210 and D4211) and osseous surgery (D4260 and D4261).
4. Unscheduled dressing changes by the same provider are considered part of, and included in the fee for gingivectomy or gingivoplasty (D4210 and D4211) and osseous surgery (D4260 and D4261).

**PROCEDURE D4921  
GINGIVAL IRRIGATION- PER QUADRANT**

This procedure is included in the fees for other periodontal procedures and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D4999  
UNSPECIFIED PERIODONTAL PROCEDURE, BY REPORT**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization- submit as applicable for the type of procedure.
3. Photographs for prior authorization- shall be submitted.
4. Written documentation for prior authorization –shall include the specific treatment requested and etiology of the disease or condition.
5. Requires a tooth or quadrant code, as applicable for the type of procedure.
6. A benefit for patients age 13 or older.
7. Procedure D4999 shall be used:
  - a. for a procedure which is not adequately described by a CDT code, or
  - b. for a procedure that has a CDT code that is not a benefit but the patient has an exceptional medical condition to justify the medical necessity. Documentation shall include the medical condition and the specific CDT code associated with the treatment.

## Prosthodontics (Removable) General Policies (D5000-D5899)

### 1. Complete and Partial Dentures (D5110-D5214, D5863 and D5865):

- a) Prior authorization is required for removable prostheses except for immediate dentures (D5130 and D5140) under certain circumstances. See the criteria for D5130 and D5140.
- b) Prior authorization shall be considered for a new prosthesis only when it is clearly evident that the existing prosthesis cannot be made serviceable by repair, replacement of broken and missing teeth or relines.
- c) Current radiographs of all remaining natural teeth and implants and a properly completed prosthetic Justification of Need for Prosthesis Form, DC054 (09/18) are required for prior authorization. A panoramic radiographic image shall be considered diagnostic for edentulous areas only.
- d) Complete and partial dentures are prior authorized only as full treatment plans. Payment shall be made only when the full treatment has been completed. Any revision of a prior authorized treatment plan requires a new TAR.
- e) New complete or partial dentures shall not be prior authorized when it would be highly improbable for a patient to utilize, care for or adapt to a new prosthesis due to psychological and/or motor deficiencies as determined by a clinical screening dentist (see "g" below).
- f) All endodontic, restorative and surgical procedures for teeth that impact the design of a removable partial denture (D5211, D5212, D5213 and D5214) shall be addressed before prior authorization is considered.
- g) The need for new or replacement prosthesis may be evaluated by a clinical screening dentist.
- h) Providers shall use the laboratory order date as the date of service when submitting for payment of a prior authorized removable prosthesis. The laboratory order date is the date when the prosthesis is sent to the laboratory for final fabrication. Full payment shall not be requested until the prosthesis is delivered and is in use by the patient.
- i) Partial payment of an undeliverable completed removable prosthesis shall be considered when the reason for non-delivery is adequately documented on the Notice of Authorization (NOA) and is accompanied by a laboratory invoice indicating the prosthesis was processed. The completed prosthesis shall be kept in the provider's office, in a deliverable condition, for a period of at least one year.
- j) A removable prosthesis is a benefit only once in a five year period. When adequately documented, the following exceptions shall apply:
  - i) catastrophic loss beyond the control of the patient. Documentation must include a copy of the official public service agency report (fire or police), or
  - ii) a need for a new prosthesis due to surgical or traumatic loss of oral-facial anatomic structure, or
  - iii) the removable prosthesis is no longer serviceable as determined by a clinical screening dentist.
- k) Prosthodontic services provided solely for cosmetic purposes are not a benefit.
- l) Temporary or interim dentures to be used while a permanent denture is being constructed are not a benefit.
- m) Spare or backup dentures are not a benefit.
- n) Evaluation of a denture on a maintenance basis is not a benefit.

- o) The fee for any removable prosthesis, reline, tissue conditioning or repair includes all adjustments necessary for six months after the date of service by the same provider.
- p) Immediate dentures should only be considered for a patient when one or more of the following conditions exist:
  - i) extensive or rampant caries are exhibited in the radiographs,
  - ii) severe periodontal involvement is indicated in the radiographs,
  - iii) numerous teeth are missing resulting in diminished masticating ability adversely affecting the patient's health.
- q) There is no insertion fee payable to an oral surgeon who seats an immediate denture.
- r) Preventative, endodontic or restorative procedures are not a benefit for teeth to be retained for overdentures. Only extractions for the retained teeth will be a benefit.
- s) Partial dentures are not a benefit to replace missing 3<sup>rd</sup> molars.

**2. Relines and Tissue Conditioning (D5730-D5761, D5850 and D5851):**

- a) Laboratory relines (D5750, D5751, D5760 and D5761) are a benefit six months after the date of service for immediate dentures (D5130 and D5140), and overdentures (D5863 and D5865) and cast metal partial dentures (D5213 and D5214) that **required** extractions.
- b) Laboratory relines (D5750, D5751, D5760 and D5761) are a benefit 12 months after the date of service for complete dentures (D5110 and D5120), overdentures (D5863 and D5865) and cast metal partial dentures (D5213 and D5214) that **did not require** extractions.
- c) Laboratory relines (D5760 and D5761) are not a benefit for resin based partial dentures (D5211 and D5212).
- d) Laboratory relines (D5750, D5751, D5760 and D5761) are not a benefit within 12 months of chairside relines (D5730, D5731, D5740 and D5741).
- e) Chairside relines (D5730, D5731, D5740 and D5741) are a benefit six months after the date of service for immediate dentures (D5130 and D5140), an immediate overdenture (D5863 and D5865), resin based partial dentures (D5211 and D5212) and cast metal partial dentures (D5213 and D5214) that **required** extractions.
- f) Chairside relines (D5730, D5731, D5740 and D5741) are a benefit 12 months after the date of service for complete (remote) dentures (D5110 and D5120), a complete (remote) overdenture (D5863 and D5865), resin based partial dentures (D5211 and D5212) and cast metal partial dentures (D5213 and D5214) that **did not require** extractions.
- g) Chairside relines (D5730, D5731, D5740 and D5741) are not a benefit within 12 months of laboratory relines (D5750, D5751, D5760 and D5761).
- h) Tissue conditioning (D5850 and D5851) is only a benefit to heal unhealthy ridges prior to a definitive prosthodontic treatment.
- i) Tissue conditioning (D5850 and D5851) is a benefit the same date of service as an immediate prosthesis that **required** extractions.



## Prosthodontic (Removable) Procedures (D5000-D5899)

### **PROCEDURE D5110 COMPLETE DENTURE – MAXILLARY**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit radiographs of all opposing natural teeth.
3. A current and complete Justification of Need for Prosthesis Form, DC054 (09/18) is required for prior authorization.
4. A benefit once in a five year period from a previous complete, immediate or overdenture- complete denture.
5. For an immediate denture, use immediate denture-maxillary (D5130) or overdenture- complete maxillary (D5863) as applicable for the type of procedure.
6. All adjustments made for six months after the date of service, by the same provider, are included in the fee for this procedure.
7. A laboratory reline (D5750) or chairside reline (D5730) is a benefit 12 months after the date of service for this procedure.

### **PROCEDURE D5120 COMPLETE DENTURE – MANDIBULAR**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit radiographs of all opposing natural teeth.
3. A current and complete Justification of Need for Prosthesis Form, DC054 (09/18) is required for prior authorization.
4. A benefit once in a five year period from a previous complete, immediate or overdenture- complete denture.
5. For an immediate denture, use immediate denture-mandibular (D5140) or overdenture- complete mandibular (D5865) as applicable for the type of procedure.
6. All adjustments made for six months after the date of service, by the same provider, are included in the fee for this procedure.
7. A laboratory reline (D5751) or chairside reline (D5731) is a benefit 12 months after the date of service for this procedure.

### **PROCEDURE D5130 IMMEDIATE DENTURE – MAXILLARY**

1. Prior authorization is not required except when the prosthesis on the opposing arch requires prior authorization.
2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
3. A benefit once per patient.
4. Not a benefit as a temporary denture. Subsequent complete dentures are not a benefit within a five year period of an immediate denture.
5. All adjustments made for six months after the date of service, by the same provider, are included in the fee for this procedure.

6. A laboratory reline (D5750) or chairside reline (D5730) is a benefit six months after the date of service for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5140  
IMMEDIATE DENTURE – MANDIBULAR**

1. Prior authorization is not required, except when the prosthesis on the opposing arch requires prior authorization.
2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
3. A benefit once per patient.
4. Not a benefit as a temporary denture. Subsequent complete dentures are not a benefit within a five year period of an immediate denture.
5. All adjustments made for six months after the date of service, by the same provider, are included in the fee for this procedure.
6. A laboratory reline (D5751) or chairside reline (D5731) is a benefit 12 months after the date of service for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5211  
MAXILLARY PARTIAL DENTURE – RESIN BASE (INCLUDING RETENTIVE/CLASPING MATERIALS, RESTS  
AND TEETH)**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit radiographs of all remaining natural teeth and periapical radiographs of abutment teeth.
3. A current and complete Justification of Need For Prosthesis Form, DC054 (09/18) is required for prior authorization.
4. A benefit once in a five year period.
5. A benefit when replacing a permanent anterior tooth/teeth and/or the arch lacks posterior balanced occlusion. Lack of posterior balanced occlusion is defined as follows:
  - a. five posterior permanent teeth are missing, (excluding 3<sup>rd</sup> molars), or
  - b. all four 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> permanent molars are missing, or
  - c. the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> permanent molars and 2<sup>nd</sup> bicuspid are missing on the same side.
6. A benefit for under the age of 21 when replacing one or more permanent anterior, bicuspid or first molar tooth/teeth.
7. Not a benefit for replacing missing 3rd molars.
8. All adjustments made for six months after the date of service, by the same provider, are included in the fee for this procedure.
9. Laboratory reline (D5760) is not a benefit for this procedure.
10. Chairside reline (D5740) is a benefit:
  - a. once in a 12 month period.
  - b. six months after the date of service for a partial denture that required extractions, or
  - c. 12 months after the date of service for a partial denture that did not require extractions.

**PROCEDURE D5212  
MANDIBULAR PARTIAL DENTURE – RESIN BASE (INCLUDING RETENTIVE/CLASPING MATERIALS, RESTS  
AND TEETH)**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit radiographs of all remaining natural teeth and periapical radiographs of abutment teeth.
3. A current and complete Justification of Need For Prosthesis Form, DC054 (09/18) is required for prior authorization.
4. A benefit once in a five year period.
5. A benefit when replacing a permanent anterior tooth/teeth and/or the arch lacks posterior balanced occlusion. Lack of posterior balanced occlusion is defined as follows:
  - a. five posterior permanent teeth are missing, (excluding 3<sup>rd</sup> molars), or
  - b. all four 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> permanent molars are missing, or
  - c. the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> permanent molars and 2<sup>nd</sup> bicuspid are missing on the same side.
6. A benefit for under the age of 21 when replacing one or more permanent anterior, bicuspid or first molar tooth/teeth.
7. Not a benefit for replacing missing 3<sup>rd</sup> molars.
8. All adjustments made for six months after the date of service, by the same provider, are included in the fee for this procedure.
9. Laboratory reline (D5761) is not a benefit for this procedure.
10. Chairside reline (D5741) is a benefit:
  - a. once in a 12 month period.
  - b. six months after the date of service for a partial denture that required extractions, or
  - c. 12 months after the date of service for a partial denture that did not require extractions.

**PROCEDURE D5213  
MAXILLARY PARTIAL DENTURE – CAST METAL FRAMEWORK WITH RESIN DENTURE BASES (INCLUDING  
~~ANY CONVENTIONAL CLASPS; RETENTIVE/CLASPING MATERIALS,~~ RESTS AND TEETH)**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit radiographs of all remaining natural teeth and periapical radiographs of abutment teeth.
3. A current and complete Justification of Need for Prosthesis Form, DC054 (09/18) is required for prior authorization.
4. A benefit once in a five year period.
5. A benefit when opposing a full denture and the arch lacks posterior balanced occlusion. Lack of posterior balanced occlusion is defined as follows:
  - a. five posterior permanent teeth are missing, (excluding 3<sup>rd</sup> molars), or
  - b. all four 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> permanent molars are missing, or
  - c. the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> permanent molars and 2<sup>nd</sup> bicuspid are missing on the same side.
6. Not a benefit for replacing missing 3<sup>rd</sup> molars.

7. All adjustments made for six months after the date of service, by the same provider, are included in the fee for this procedure.
8. Laboratory reline (D5760) is a benefit:
  - a. once in a 12 month period.
  - b. six months after the date of service for a cast partial denture that required extractions, or
  - c. 12 months after the date of service for a cast partial denture that did not require extractions.
9. Chairside reline (D5740) is a benefit:
  - a. once in a 12 month period.
  - b. six months after the date of service for a partial denture that required extractions, or
  - c. 12 months after the date of service for a partial denture that did not require extractions.

**PROCEDURE D5214**

**MANDIBULAR PARTIAL DENTURE – CAST METAL FRAMEWORK WITH RESIN DENTURE BASES  
(INCLUDING ~~ANY CONVENTIONAL CLASPS; RETENTIVE/CLASPING MATERIALS,~~ RESTS AND TEETH)**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit radiographs of all remaining natural teeth and periapical radiographs of abutment teeth.
3. A current and complete Justification of Need for Prosthesis Form, DC054 (09/18) is required for prior authorization.
4. A benefit once in a five year period.
5. A benefit when opposing a full denture and the arch lacks posterior balanced occlusion. Lack of posterior balanced occlusion is defined as follows:
  - a. five posterior permanent teeth are missing, (excluding 3<sup>rd</sup> molars), or
  - b. all four 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> permanent molars are missing, or
  - c. the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> permanent molars and 2<sup>nd</sup> bicuspid are missing on the same side.
6. Not a benefit for replacing missing 3<sup>rd</sup> molars.
7. All adjustments made for six months after the date of service, by the same provider, are included in the fee for this procedure.
8. Laboratory reline (D5761) is a benefit:
  - a. once in a 12 month period.
  - b. six months after the date of service for a cast partial denture that required extractions, or
  - c. 12 months after the date of service for a cast partial denture that did not require extractions.
9. Chairside reline (D5741) is a benefit:
  - a. once in a 12 month period.
  - b. six months after the date of service for a partial denture that required extractions, or
  - c. 12 months after the date of service for a partial denture that did not require extractions.

**PROCEDURE D5221**  
**IMMEDIATE MAXILLARY PARTIAL DENTURE -RESIN BASE (INCLUDING ~~ANY CONVENTIONAL CLASPS;~~ RETENTIVE/CLASPING MATERIALS, RESTS AND TEETH)**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5222**  
**IMMEDIATE MANDIBULAR PARTIAL DENTURE -RESIN BASE (INCLUDING ~~ANY CONVENTIONAL CLASPS;~~ RETENTIVE/CLASPING MATERIALS, RESTS AND TEETH)**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5223**  
**IMMEDIATE MAXILLARY PARTIAL DENTURE -CAST METAL FRAMEWORK WITH RESIN DENTURE BASES (INCLUDING ~~ANY CONVENTIONAL CLASPS;~~ RETENTIVE/CLASPING MATERIALS, RESTS AND TEETH)**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5224**  
**IMMEDIATE MANDIBULAR PARTIAL DENTURE -CAST METAL FRAMEWORK WITH RESIN DENTURE BASES (INCLUDING ~~ANY CONVENTIONAL CLASPS;~~ RETENTIVE/CLASPING MATERIALS, RESTS AND TEETH)**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5225**  
**MAXILLARY PARTIAL DENTURE - FLEXIBLE BASE (INCLUDING ANY CONVENTIONAL CLASPS, RESTS AND TEETH)**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5226**  
**MANDIBULAR PARTIAL DENTURE - FLEXIBLE BASE (INCLUDING ANY CONVENTIONAL CLASPS, RESTS AND TEETH)**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5282**  
**REMOVABLE UNILATERAL PARTIAL DENTURE - ONE PIECE CAST METAL (INCLUDING CLASPS AND TEETH), MAXILLARY**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5283**  
**REMOVABLE UNILATERAL PARTIAL DENTURE - ONE PIECE CAST METAL (INCLUDING CLASPS AND TEETH), MANDIBULAR**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5284**  
**REMOVABLE UNILATERAL PARTIAL DENTURE – ONE PIECE FLEXIBLE BASE (INCLUDING CLASPS AND TEETH), PER QUADRANT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5286**  
**REMOVABLE UNILATERAL PARTIAL DENTURE – ONE PIECE RESIN (INCLUDING CLASPS AND TEETH), PER QUADRANT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5410**  
**ADJUST COMPLETE DENTURE - MAXILLARY**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once per date of service per provider.
  - b. twice in a 12 month period per provider.
3. Not a benefit:
  - a. same date of service or within six months of the date of service of a complete denture-maxillary (D5110), immediate denture-maxillary (D5130) or overdenture-complete maxillary (D5863).
  - b. same date of service or within six months of the date of service of a reline complete maxillary denture (chairside) (D5730), reline complete maxillary denture (laboratory) (D5750) and tissue conditioning, maxillary (D5850).
  - c. same date of service or within six months of the date of service of repair broken complete denture base, maxillary (D5512) and replace missing or broken teeth-complete denture (D5520).

**PROCEDURE D5411**  
**ADJUST COMPLETE DENTURE – MANDIBULAR**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once per date of service per provider.
  - b. twice in a 12 month period per provider.
3. Not a benefit:
  - a. same date of service or within six months of the date of service of a complete denture-mandibular (D5120), immediate denture- mandibular (D5140) or overdenture-complete mandibular (D5865).
  - b. same date of service or within six months of the date of service of a reline complete mandibular denture (chairside) (D5731), reline complete mandibular denture (laboratory) (D5751) and tissue conditioning, mandibular (D5851).

- c. same date of service or within six months of the date of service of repair broken complete denture base, mandibular (D5511) and replace missing or broken teeth-complete denture (D5520).

**PROCEDURE D5421  
ADJUST PARTIAL DENTURE - MAXILLARY**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once per date of service per provider.
  - b. twice in a 12 month period per provider.
3. Not a benefit:
  - a. same date of service or within six months of the date of service of a maxillary partial- resin base (D5211) or maxillary partial denture- cast metal framework with resin denture bases (D5213).
  - b. same date of service or within six months of the date of service of a reline maxillary partial denture (chairside) (D5740), reline maxillary partial denture (laboratory) (D5760) and tissue conditioning, maxillary (D5850).
  - c. same date of service or within six months of the date of service of repair resin partial denture base, maxillary (D5612), repair cast partial denture framework, maxillary (D5622), repair or replace broken clasp-per tooth (D5630), replace broken teeth- per tooth (D5640), add tooth to existing partial denture (D5650) and add clasp to existing partial denture-per tooth (D5660).

**PROCEDURE D5422  
ADJUST PARTIAL DENTURE - MANDIBULAR**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once per date of service per provider.
  - b. twice in a 12 month period per provider.
3. Not a benefit:
  - a. same date of service or within six months of the date of service of a mandibular partial- resin base (D5212) or mandibular partial denture- cast metal framework with resin denture bases (D5214).
  - b. same date of service or within six months of the date of service of a reline mandibular partial denture (chairside) (D5741), reline mandibular partial denture (laboratory) (D5761) and tissue conditioning, mandibular (D5851).
  - c. same date of service or within six months of the date of service of repair resin partial denture base, mandibular (D5611), repair cast partial denture framework, mandibular (D5621), repair or replace broken clasp-per tooth (D5630), replace broken teeth- per tooth (D5640), add tooth to existing partial denture (D5650) and add clasp to existing partial denture-per tooth (D5660).

**PROCEDURE D5511  
REPAIR BROKEN COMPLETE DENTURE BASE, MANDIBULAR**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.

2. A benefit:
  - a. once per arch, per date of service per provider.
  - b. twice in a 12 month period per provider.
3. Not a benefit on the same date of service as reline complete mandibular denture (chairside) (D5731) and reline complete mandibular denture (laboratory) (D5751).
4. All adjustments made for six months after the date of repair, by the same provider and same arch, are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5512  
REPAIR BROKEN COMPLETE DENTURE BASE, MAXILLARY**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once per arch, per date of service per provider.
  - b. twice in a 12 month period per provider.
3. Not a benefit on the same date of service as reline complete maxillary denture (chairside) (D5730) and reline complete maxillary denture (laboratory) (D5750).
4. All adjustments made for six months after the date of repair, by the same provider and same arch, are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5520  
REPLACE MISSING OR BROKEN TEETH - COMPLETE DENTURE (EACH TOOTH)**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. Requires an arch code.
3. A benefit:
  - a. up to a maximum of four, per arch, per date of service per provider.
  - b. twice per arch, in a 12 month period per provider.
4. All adjustments made for six months after the date of repair, by the same provider and same arch, are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5611  
REPAIR RESIN PARTIAL DENTURE BASE, MANDIBULAR**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once per arch, per date of service per provider.
  - b. twice per arch, in a 12 month period per provider.
  - c. for partial dentures only.
3. Not a benefit same date of service as reline mandibular partial denture (chairside) (D5741) and reline mandibular partial denture (laboratory) (D5761).



4. All adjustments made for six months after the date of repair, by the same provider and same arch, are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5612**  
**REPAIR RESIN PARTIAL DENTURE BASE, MAXILLARY**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once per arch, per date of service per provider.
  - b. twice per arch, in a 12 month period per provider.
  - c. for partial dentures only.
3. Not a benefit same date of service as reline maxillary partial denture (chairside) (D5740) and reline maxillary partial denture (laboratory) (D5760).
4. All adjustments made for six months after the date of repair, by the same provider and same arch, are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5621**  
**REPAIR CAST PARTIAL DENTURE FRAMEWORK, MANDIBULAR**

1. Requires a laboratory invoice for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once per arch, per date of service per provider.
  - b. twice per arch, in a 12 month period per provider.
3. All adjustments made for six months after the date of repair, by the same provider and same arch, are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5622**  
**REPAIR CAST PARTIAL DENTURE FRAMEWORK, MAXILLARY**

1. Requires a laboratory invoice for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once per arch, per date of service per provider.
  - b. twice per arch, in a 12 month period per provider.
3. All adjustments made for six months after the date of repair, by the same provider and same arch, are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5630**  
**REPAIR OR REPLACE BROKEN RETENTIVE/CLASPING MATERIALS PER TOOTH**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. Requires an arch code.
3. A benefit:
  - a. up to a maximum of three, per date of service per provider.

- b. twice per arch, in a 12 month period per provider.
4. All adjustments made for six months after the date of repair, by the same provider and same arch, are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5640**  
**REPLACE BROKEN TEETH – PER TOOTH**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. Requires an arch code.
3. A benefit:
  - a. up to a maximum of four, per arch, per date of service per provider.
  - b. twice per arch, in a 12 month period per provider.
  - c. for partial dentures only.
4. All adjustments made for six months after the date of repair, by the same provider and same arch, are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5650**  
**ADD TOOTH TO EXISTING PARTIAL DENTURE**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. Requires a tooth code.
3. A benefit:
  - a. for up to a maximum of three, per date of service per provider.
  - b. once per tooth.
4. Not a benefit for adding 3rd molars.
5. All adjustments made for six months after the date of repair, by the same provider and same arch, are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5660**  
**ADD CLASP TO EXISTING PARTIAL DENTURE- PER TOOTH**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. Requires an arch code.
3. A benefit:
  - a. for up to a maximum of three, per date of service per provider.
  - b. twice per arch, in a 12 month period per provider.
4. All adjustments made for six months after the date of repair, by the same provider and same arch, are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5670  
REPLACE ALL TEETH AND ACRYLIC ON CAST METAL FRAMEWORK (MAXILLARY)**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5671  
REPLACE ALL TEETH AND ACRYLIC ON CAST METAL FRAMEWORK (MANDIBULAR)**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5710  
REBASE COMPLETE MAXILLARY DENTURE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5711  
REBASE COMPLETE MANDIBULAR DENTURE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5720  
REBASE MAXILLARY PARTIAL DENTURE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5721  
REBASE MANDIBULAR PARTIAL DENTURE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5730  
RELINE COMPLETE MAXILLARY DENTURE (CHAIRSIDE)**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once in a 12 month period.
  - b. six months after the date of service for an immediate denture- maxillary (D5130) or overdenture - complete maxillary (D5863) that required extractions, or
  - c. 12 months after the date of service for a complete denture- maxillary (D5110) or overdenture -complete maxillary (D5863) that did not require extractions.
3. Not a benefit within 12 months of a reline complete maxillary denture (laboratory) (D5750).
4. All adjustments made for six months after the date of service, by the same provider, are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5731**  
**RELIN COMPLETE MANDIBULAR DENTURE (CHAIRSIDE)**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once in a 12 month period.
  - b. six months after the date of service for an immediate denture- mandibular (D5140) or overdenture- complete mandibular (D5865) that required extractions, or
  - c. 12 months after the date of service for a complete denture- mandibular (D5120) or overdenture complete mandibular (D5865) that did not require extractions.
3. Not a benefit within 12 months of a relin complete mandibular denture (laboratory) (D5751).
4. All adjustments made for six months after the date of service, by the same provider, are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5740**  
**RELIN MAXILLARY PARTIAL DENTURE (CHAIRSIDE)**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once in a 12 month period.
  - b. six months after the date of service for maxillary partial denture- resin base (D5211) or maxillary partial denture- cast metal framework with resin denture bases (D5213) that required extractions.
  - c. 12 months after the date of service for maxillary partial denture- resin base (D5211) or maxillary partial denture- cast metal framework with resin denture bases (D5213) that did not require extractions.
3. Not a benefit within 12 months of a relin maxillary partial denture (laboratory) (D5760).
4. All adjustments made for six months after the date of service, by the same provider, are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5741**  
**RELIN MANDIBULAR PARTIAL DENTURE (CHAIRSIDE)**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once in a 12 month period.
  - b. six months after the date of service for mandibular partial denture- resin base (D5212) or mandibular partial denture- cast metal framework with resin denture bases (D5214) that required extractions, or
  - c. 12 months after the date of service for mandibular partial denture- resin base (D5212) or mandibular partial denture- cast metal framework with resin denture bases (D5214) that did not require extractions.
3. Not a benefit within 12 months of a relin mandibular partial denture (laboratory) (D5761).

4. All adjustments made for six months after the date of service, by the same provider, are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5750**  
**RELINE COMPLETE MAXILLARY DENTURE (LABORATORY)**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once in a 12 month period.
  - b. six months after the date of service for an immediate denture- maxillary (D5130) or overdenture- complete maxillary (D5863) that required extractions, or
  - c. 12 months after the date of service for a complete denture- maxillary (D5110) or overdenture - complete maxillary (D5863) that did not require extractions.
3. Not a benefit within 12 months of a reline complete maxillary denture (chairside) (D5730).
4. All adjustments made for six months after the date of service, by the same provider, are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5751**  
**RELINE COMPLETE MANDIBULAR DENTURE (LABORATORY)**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once in a 12 month period.
  - b. six months after the date of service for an immediate denture-mandibular (D5140) or overdenture- complete mandibular (D5865) that required extractions, or
  - c. 12 months after the date of service for a complete denture- mandibular (D5120) or overdenture - complete mandibular (D5865) that did not require extractions.
3. Not a benefit within 12 months of a reline complete mandibular denture (chairside) (D5731).
4. All adjustments made for six months after the date of service, by the same provider, are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5760**  
**RELINE MAXILLARY PARTIAL DENTURE (LABORATORY)**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once in a 12 month period.
  - b. six months after the date of service for maxillary partial denture- cast metal framework with resin denture bases (D5213) that required extractions, or
  - c. 12 months after the date of service for maxillary partial denture- cast metal framework with resin denture bases (D5213) that did not require extractions.
3. Not a benefit:

- a. within 12 months of a reline maxillary partial denture (chairside) (D5740).
  - b. for a maxillary partial denture- resin base (D5211).
4. All adjustments made for six months after the date of service, by the same provider, are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5761  
RELINING MANDIBULAR PARTIAL DENTURE (LABORATORY)**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once in a 12 month period.
  - b. six months after the date of service for mandibular partial denture- cast metal framework with resin denture bases (D5214) that required extractions, or
  - c. 12 months after the date of service for mandibular partial denture- cast metal framework with resin denture bases (D5214) that did not require extractions.
3. Not a benefit:
  - a. within 12 months of a reline mandibular partial denture (chairside) (D5741).
  - b. for a mandibular partial denture- resin base (D5212).
4. All adjustments made for six months after the date of service, by the same provider, are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D5810  
INTERIM COMPLETE DENTURE (MAXILLARY)**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5811  
INTERIM COMPLETE DENTURE (MANDIBULAR)**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5820  
INTERIM PARTIAL DENTURE (MAXILLARY)**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5821  
INTERIM PARTIAL DENTURE (MANDIBULAR)**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5850  
TISSUE CONDITIONING, MAXILLARY**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit twice per prosthesis in a 36 month period.

3. Not a benefit:
  - a. same date of service as reline complete maxillary denture (chairside) (D5730), reline maxillary partial denture (chairside) (D5740), reline complete maxillary denture (laboratory) (D5750) and reline maxillary partial denture (laboratory) (D5760).
  - b. same date of service as a prosthesis that did not require extractions.
4. All adjustments made for six months after the date of service, by the same provider, are included in the fee for this procedure.
5. Tissue conditioning is designed to heal unhealthy ridges prior to a more definitive treatment.

**PROCEDURE D5851  
TISSUE CONDITIONING, MANDIBULAR**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. A benefit twice per prosthesis in a 36 month period.
3. Not a benefit:
  - a. same date of service as reline complete mandibular denture (chairside) (D5731), reline mandibular partial denture (chairside) (D5741), reline complete mandibular denture (laboratory) (D5751) and reline mandibular partial denture (laboratory) (D5761).
  - b. same date of service as a prosthesis that did not require extractions.
4. All adjustments made for six months after the date of service, by the same provider, are included in the fee for this procedure.
5. Tissue conditioning is designed to heal unhealthy ridges prior to a more definitive treatment.

**PROCEDURE D5862  
PRECISION ATTACHMENT, BY REPORT**

This procedure is included in the fee for prosthetic and restorative procedures and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D5863  
OVERDENTURE - COMPLETE MAXILLARY**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit all radiographs of remaining natural teeth including periapical radiographs of teeth to be retained.
3. A current and complete Justification of Need For Prosthesis Form, DC054 (09/18) is required, that includes which teeth are to be retained, for prior authorization.
4. A benefit once in a five year period.
5. Complete denture laboratory relines (D5750) are a benefit:
  - a. six months after the date of service for an immediate overdenture that required extractions, or
  - b. 12 months after the date of service for a complete overdenture that did not require extractions.
6. Complete denture chairside relines (D5730) are a benefit:

- a. six months after the date of service for an immediate overdenture that required extractions, or
  - b. 12 months after the date of service for a complete overdenture that did not require extractions.
7. All adjustments made for six months after the date of service, by the same provider, are included in the fee for this procedure.
  8. Teeth to be retained are not eligible for preventative, periodontal, endodontic or restorative procedures. Only extractions for the retained teeth shall be a benefit.
  9. An overdenture is considered to be a complete denture supported both by mucosa and by a few remaining natural teeth that have been altered to permit the denture to completely fit over them.

**PROCEDURE D5864  
OVERDENTURE – PARTIAL MAXILLARY**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5865  
OVERDENTURE – COMPLETE MANDIBULAR**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit all radiographs of remaining natural teeth including periapical radiographs of teeth to be retained.
3. A current and complete Justification of Need For Prosthesis Form, DC054 (09/18) is required, that includes which teeth are to be retained, for prior authorization.
4. A benefit once in a five year period.
5. Complete denture laboratory relines (D5751) are a benefit:
  - a. six months after the date of service for an immediate overdenture that required extractions, or
  - b. 12 months after the date of service for a complete overdenture that did not require extractions.
6. Complete denture chairside relines (D5731) are a benefit:
  - a. six months after the date of service for an immediate overdenture that required extractions, or
  - b. 12 months after the date of service for a complete overdenture that did not require extractions.
7. All adjustments made for six months after the date of service, by the same provider, are included in the fee for this procedure.
8. Teeth to be retained are not eligible for preventative, periodontal, endodontic or restorative procedures. Only extractions for the retained teeth shall be a benefit.
9. An overdenture is considered to be a complete denture supported both by mucosa and by a few remaining natural teeth that have been altered to permit the denture to completely fit over them.



**PROCEDURE D5866  
OVERDENTURE - PARTIAL MANDIBULAR**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5867  
REPLACEMENT OF REPLACEABLE PART OF SEMI-PRECISION OR PRECISION ATTACHMENT (MALE OR FEMALE COMPONENT)**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5875  
MODIFICATION OF REMOVABLE PROSTHESIS FOLLOWING IMPLANT SURGERY.**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5876  
ADD METAL SUBSTRUCTURE TO ACRYLIC FULL DENTURE (PER ARCH)**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5899  
UNSPECIFIED REMOVABLE PROSTHODONTIC PROCEDURE, BY REPORT**

1. Prior authorization is required for non-emergency procedures.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization or payment – submit radiographs if applicable for the type of procedure.
3. Photographs for prior authorization or payment – submit photographs if applicable for the type of procedure.
4. Submit a current and complete Justification of Need for Prosthesis Form, DC054 (09/18), if applicable for the type of procedure, for prior authorization.
5. Written documentation for prior authorization or payment – describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the proposed or actual treatment.
6. Procedure D5899 shall be used:
  - a. for a procedure which is not adequately described by a CDT code, or
  - b. for a procedure that has a CDT code that is not a benefit but the patient has an exceptional medical condition to justify the medical necessity. Documentation shall include the medical condition and the specific CDT code associated with the treatment.

## Maxillofacial Prosthetics General Policies (D5900-D5999)

- a) Maxillofacial prosthetic services are for the anatomic and functional reconstruction of those regions of the maxilla and mandible and associated structures that are missing or defective because of surgical intervention, trauma (other than simple or compound fractures), pathology, developmental or congenital malformations.
- b) All maxillofacial prosthetic procedures require written documentation for payment or prior authorization. Refer to the individual procedures for specific requirements.
- c) Prior authorization is required for the following procedures:
  - i) trismus appliance (D5937),
  - ii) palatal lift prosthesis, interim (D5958),
  - iii) fluoride gel carrier (D5986),
  - iv) surgical splint (D5988).
- d) All maxillofacial prosthetic procedures include routine postoperative care, revisions and adjustments for 90 days after the date of delivery.

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## Maxillofacial Prosthetic Procedures (D5900-D5999)

### **PROCEDURE D5911 FACIAL MOULAGE (SECTIONAL)**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include:
  - a. the etiology of the disease and/or condition, and
  - b. a description of the associated surgery or an operative report, and
  - c. a description of the prosthesis.

### **PROCEDURE D5912 FACIAL MOULAGE (COMPLETE)**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include:
  - a. the etiology of the disease and/or condition, and
  - b. a description of the associated surgery or an operative report, and
  - c. a description of the prosthesis.

### **PROCEDURE D5913 NASAL PROSTHESIS**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include:
  - a. the etiology of the disease and/or condition, and
  - b. a description of the associated surgery or an operative report.

### **PROCEDURE D5914 AURICULAR PROSTHESIS**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include:
  - a. the etiology of the disease and/or condition, and
  - b. a description of the associated surgery or an operative report.

### **PROCEDURE D5915 ORBITAL PROSTHESIS**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include:
  - a. the etiology of the disease and/or condition, and
  - b. a description of the associated surgery or an operative report.

### **PROCEDURE D5916 OCULAR PROSTHESIS**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include:
  - a. the etiology of the disease and/or condition, and
  - b. a description of the associated surgery or an operative report.
2. Not a benefit on the same date of service as ocular prosthesis, interim (D5923).

**PROCEDURE D5919  
FACIAL PROSTHESIS**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include:
  - a. the etiology of the disease and/or condition, and
  - b. a description of the associated surgery or an operative report, and
  - c. a description of the prosthesis.

**PROCEDURE D5922  
NASAL SEPTAL PROSTHESIS**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include:
  - a. the etiology of the disease and/or condition, and
  - b. a description of the associated surgery or an operative report.

**PROCEDURE D5923  
OCULAR PROSTHESIS, INTERIM**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include:
  - a. the etiology of the disease and/or condition, and
  - b. a description of the associated surgery or an operative report.
2. Not a benefit on the same date of service with an ocular prosthesis (D5916).

**PROCEDURE D5924  
CRANIAL PROSTHESIS**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include:
  - a. the etiology of the disease and/or condition, and
  - b. a description of the associated surgery or an operative report.

**PROCEDURE D5925  
FACIAL AUGMENTATION IMPLANT PROSTHESIS**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include:
  - a. the etiology of the disease and/or condition, and
  - b. a description of the associated surgery or an operative report, and
  - c. a description of the prosthesis.

**PROCEDURE D5926  
NASAL PROSTHESIS, REPLACEMENT**

Written documentation for payment - shall include the medical necessity for replacement.

**PROCEDURE D5927  
AURICULAR PROSTHESIS, REPLACEMENT**

Written documentation for payment - shall include the medical necessity for replacement.

**PROCEDURE D5928  
ORBITAL PROSTHESIS, REPLACEMENT**

Written documentation for payment - shall include the medical necessity for replacement.

**PROCEDURE D5929  
FACIAL PROSTHESIS, REPLACEMENT**

Written documentation for payment - shall include the medical necessity for replacement.

**PROCEDURE D5931  
OBTURATOR PROSTHESIS, SURGICAL**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include:
  - a. the etiology of the disease and/or condition, and
  - b. a description of the associated surgery or an operative report, and
  - c. a description of the prosthesis.
2. Not a benefit on the same date of service as obturator prosthesis, definitive (D5932) and obturator prosthesis, interim (D5936).

**PROCEDURE D5932  
OBTURATOR PROSTHESIS, DEFINITIVE**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include:
  - a. the etiology of the disease and/or condition, and
  - b. a description of the associated surgery or an operative report, and
  - c. a description of the prosthesis.
2. Not a benefit on the same date of service as obturator prosthesis, surgical (D5931) and obturator prosthesis, interim (D5936).

**PROCEDURE D5933  
OBTURATOR PROSTHESIS, MODIFICATION**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include the medical necessity for the modification.
2. A benefit twice in a 12 month period.
3. Not a benefit on the same date of service as obturator prosthesis, surgical (D5931), obturator prosthesis, definitive (D5932) and obturator prosthesis, interim (D5936).

**PROCEDURE D5934  
MANDIBULAR RESECTION PROSTHESIS WITH GUIDE FLANGE**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include:
  - a. the etiology of the disease and/or condition, and
  - b. a description of the associated surgery or an operative report, and
  - c. a description of the prosthesis.

**PROCEDURE D5935  
MANDIBULAR RESECTION PROSTHESIS WITHOUT GUIDE FLANGE**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include:
  - a. the etiology of the disease and/or condition, and
  - b. a description of the associated surgery or an operative report, and
  - c. a description of the prosthesis.

**PROCEDURE D5936  
OBTURATOR PROSTHESIS, INTERIM**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include:
  - a. the etiology of the disease and/or condition, and
  - b. a description of the associated surgery or an operative report, and
  - c. a description of the prosthesis.
2. Not a benefit on the same date of service as obturator prosthesis, surgical (D5931) and obturator prosthesis, definitive (D5932).

**PROCEDURE D5937  
TRISMUS APPLIANCE (NOT FOR TMD TREATMENT)**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Written documentation for prior authorization - shall include:
  - a. the etiology of the disease and/or condition, and
  - b. a description of the associated surgery.

**PROCEDURE D5951  
FEEDING AID**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include the treatment performed.
2. A benefit for patients under the age of 18.

**PROCEDURE D5952  
SPEECH AID PROSTHESIS, PEDIATRIC**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include the treatment performed.
2. A benefit for patients under the age of 18.

**PROCEDURE D5953  
SPEECH AID PROSTHESIS, ADULT**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include the treatment performed.
2. A benefit for patients age 18 or older.

**PROCEDURE D5954  
PALATAL AUGMENTATION PROSTHESIS**

Written documentation for payment - shall include the treatment performed.

**PROCEDURE D5955  
PALATAL LIFT PROSTHESIS, DEFINITIVE**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include the treatment performed.
2. Not a benefit on the same date of service as palatal lift prosthesis, interim (D5958).

**PROCEDURE D5958  
PALATAL LIFT PROSTHESIS, INTERIM**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Written documentation for prior authorization - shall include the treatment to be performed.
3. Not a benefit on the same date of service with palatal lift prosthesis, definitive (D5955).

**PROCEDURE D5959  
PALATAL LIFT PROSTHESIS, MODIFICATION**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include the treatment performed.
2. A benefit twice in a 12-month period.
3. Not a benefit on the same date of service as palatal lift prosthesis, definitive (D5955) and palatal lift prosthesis, interim (D5958).

**PROCEDURE D5960  
SPEECH AID PROSTHESIS, MODIFICATION**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include the treatment performed.
2. A benefit twice in a 12-month period.
3. Not a benefit on the same date of service as speech aid prosthesis, pediatric (D5952) and speech aid prosthesis, adult (D5953).

**PROCEDURE D5982  
SURGICAL STENT**

Written documentation for payment - shall include the treatment performed.

**PROCEDURE D5983  
RADIATION CARRIER**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include the etiology of the disease and/or condition.
2. Requires an arch code.

**PROCEDURE D5984  
RADIATION SHIELD**

Written documentation for payment - shall include the etiology of the disease and/or condition.

**PROCEDURE D5985  
RADIATION CONE LOCATOR**

Written documentation for payment - shall include the etiology of the disease and/or condition.

**PROCEDURE D5986  
FLUORIDE GEL CARRIER**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Written documentation for prior authorization - shall include the etiology of the disease and/or condition and the treatment to be performed.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. A benefit only in conjunction with radiation therapy directed at the teeth, jaws or salivary glands.

**PROCEDURE D5987  
COMMISSURE SPLINT**

Written documentation for payment - shall include the etiology of the disease and/or condition.

**PROCEDURE D5988  
SURGICAL SPLINT**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization -submit radiographs.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization - shall include the medical necessity and the treatment to be performed.

**PROCEDURE D5991  
VESICULOBULLOUS DISEASE MEDICAMENT CARRIER**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include the etiology of the disease and/or condition.
2. Requires an arch code.

**PROCEDURE D5992  
ADJUST MAXILLOFACIAL PROSTHETIC APPLIANCE, BY REPORT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5993  
MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING OF A MAXILLOFACIAL PROSTHESIS (EXTRA OR INTRAORAL) OTHER THAN REQUIRED ADJUSTMENTS, BY REPORT**

This procedure is not a benefit.



**PROCEDURE D5994  
PERIODONTAL MEDICAMENT CARRIER WITH PERIPHERAL SEAL- LABORATORY PROCESSED**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D5999  
UNSPECIFIED MAXILLOFACIAL PROSTHESIS, BY REPORT**

1. Prior authorization is required for non-emergency procedures.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization or payment – submit radiographs if applicable for the type of procedure.
3. Photographs for prior authorization or payment – submit photographs if applicable for the type of procedure.
4. Written documentation or operative report for prior authorization or payment – shall describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the proposed or actual treatment.
5. Procedure D5999 shall be used:
  - a. for a procedure which is not adequately described by a CDT code, or
  - b. for a procedure that has a CDT code that is not a benefit but the patient has an exceptional medical condition to justify the medical necessity. Documentation shall include the medical condition and the specific CDT code associated with the treatment.

## Implant Services General Policies (D6000-D6199)

- a) Implant services are a benefit only when exceptional medical conditions are documented and shall be reviewed by the Medi-Cal Dental Program for medical necessity for prior authorization. Exceptional medical conditions include, but are not limited to:
- i) cancer of the oral cavity requiring ablative surgery and/or radiation leading to destruction of alveolar bone, where the remaining osseous structures are unable to support conventional dental prostheses.
  - ii) severe atrophy of the mandible and/or maxilla that cannot be corrected with vestibular extension procedures or osseous augmentation procedures, and the patient is unable to function with conventional prostheses.
  - iii) skeletal deformities that preclude the use of conventional prostheses (such as arthrogyposis, ectodermal dysplasia, partial anodontia and cleidocranial dysplasia).
  - iv) traumatic destruction of jaw, face or head where the remaining osseous structures are unable to support conventional dental prostheses.
- Providers shall submit complete case documentation (such as radiographs, scans, operative reports, craniofacial panel reports, diagnostic casts, intraoral/extraoral photographs and tracings) necessary to demonstrate the medical necessity of the requested implant services.
- b) Single tooth implants are not a benefit of the Medi-Cal Dental Program.
- c) Implant removal, by report (D6100) is a benefit. Refer to the procedure for specific requirements.

## Implant Service Procedures (D6000-D6199)

### **PROCEDURE D6010 SURGICAL PLACEMENT OF IMPLANT BODY: ENDOSTEAL IMPLANT**

1. Implant services are a benefit only when exceptional medical conditions are documented and shall be reviewed for medical necessity. Refer to Implant Services General policies for specific requirements.
2. Prior authorization is required.
3. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch, pre-operative periapical and/or panoramic radiographs as applicable.
4. Photographs for prior authorization - submit as applicable.
5. Written documentation for prior authorization - shall describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the proposed treatment.
6. Requires a tooth or arch code, as applicable for the type of procedure.

### **PROCEDURE D6011 SECOND STAGE IMPLANT SURGERY**

This procedure is included in the fee for implant procedures and is not payable separately.

### **PROCEDURE D6013 SURGICAL PLACEMENT OF MINI IMPLANT**

See the criteria for procedure D6010.

### **PROCEDURE D6040 SURGICAL PLACEMENT: EPOSTEAL IMPLANT**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

### **PROCEDURE D6050 SURGICAL PLACEMENT: TRANSOSTEAL IMPLANT**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

### **PROCEDURE D6051 INTERIM ABUTMENT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

### **PROCEDURE D6052 SEMI-PRECISION ATTACHMENT ABUTMENT**

See the criteria for procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6055  
CONNECTING BAR –IMPLANT SUPPORTED OR ABUTMENT SUPPORTED**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6056  
PREFABRICATED ABUTMENT- INCLUDES MODIFICATION AND PLACEMENT**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6057  
CUSTOM FABRICATED ABUTMENT- INCLUDES PLACEMENT**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6058  
ABUTMENT SUPPORTED PORCELAIN/CERAMIC CROWN**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6059  
ABUTMENT SUPPORTED PORCELAIN FUSED TO METAL CROWN (HIGH NOBLE METAL)**

[This procedure is not a benefit.](#)

**PROCEDURE D6060  
ABUTMENT SUPPORTED PORCELAIN FUSED TO METAL CROWN (PREDOMINANTLY BASE METAL)**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6061  
ABUTMENT SUPPORTED PORCELAIN FUSED TO METAL CROWN (NOBLE METAL)**

[This procedure is not a benefit.](#)

**PROCEDURE D6062  
ABUTMENT SUPPORTED CAST METAL CROWN (HIGH NOBLE METAL)**

[This procedure is not a benefit.](#)

**PROCEDURE D6063  
ABUTMENT SUPPORTED CAST METAL CROWN (PREDOMINANTLY BASE METAL)**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6064  
ABUTMENT SUPPORTED CAST METAL CROWN (NOBLE METAL)**

[This procedure is not a benefit.](#)

**PROCEDURE D6065  
IMPLANT SUPPORTED PORCELAIN/CERAMIC CROWN**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6066  
IMPLANT SUPPORTED ~~CROWN-~~ PORCELAIN FUSED TO ~~METAL CROWN (TITANIUM, TITANIUM ALLOY,~~  
HIGH NOBLE ~~METAL)~~ ALLOYS**

[This procedure is not a benefit.](#)

**PROCEDURE D6067  
IMPLANT SUPPORTED ~~METAL CROWN-~~ (TITANIUM, TITANIUM ALLOY, HIGH NOBLE ~~METAL)~~ ALLOYS**

[This procedure is not a benefit.](#)

**PROCEDURE D6068  
ABUTMENT SUPPORTED RETAINER FOR PORCELAIN/CERAMIC FPD**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6069  
ABUTMENT SUPPORTED RETAINER FOR PORCELAIN FUSED TO METAL FPD (HIGH NOBLE METAL)**

[This procedure is not a benefit.](#)

**PROCEDURE D6070  
ABUTMENT SUPPORTED RETAINER FOR PORCELAIN FUSED TO METAL FPD (PREDOMINANTLY BASE METAL)**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6071  
ABUTMENT SUPPORTED RETAINER FOR PORCELAIN FUSED TO METAL FPD (NOBLE METAL)**

[This procedure is not a benefit.](#)

**PROCEDURE D6072  
ABUTMENT SUPPORTED RETAINER FOR CAST METAL FPD (HIGH NOBLE METAL)**

[This procedure is not a benefit.](#)

**PROCEDURE D6073  
ABUTMENT SUPPORTED RETAINER FOR CAST METAL FPD (PREDOMINANTLY BASE METAL)**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6074  
ABUTMENT SUPPORTED RETAINER FOR CAST METAL FPD (NOBLE METAL)**

[This procedure is not a benefit.](#)

**PROCEDURE D6075  
IMPLANT SUPPORTED RETAINER FOR CERAMIC FPD**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6076  
IMPLANT SUPPORTED RETAINER FOR ~~PORCELAIN FUSED TO METAL~~ FPD- PORCELAIN FUSED TO  
(TITANIUM, TITANIUM ALLOY, OR HIGH NOBLE METAL) ALLOYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6077  
IMPLANT SUPPORTED RETAINER FOR CAST METAL FPD- ~~(TITANIUM, TITANIUM ALLOY, OR HIGH  
NOBLE METAL) ALLOYS~~**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6080  
IMPLANT MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES WHEN PROSTHESES ARE REMOVED AND REINSERTED,  
INCLUDING CLEANSING OF PROSTHESES AND ABUTMENTS**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6081  
SCALING AND DEBRIDEMENT IN THE PRESENCE OF INFLAMMATION OR MUCOSITIS OF A SINGLE  
IMPLANT, INCLUDING CLEANING OF THE IMPLANT SURFACES, WITHOUT FLAP ENTRY AND CLOSURE**

This procedure is included in the fees for periodontal procedures and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D6082  
IMPLANT SUPPORTED CROWN- PORCELAIN FUSED TO PREDOMINATELY BASE ALLOYS**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6083  
IMPLANT SUPPORTED CROWN- PORCELAIN FUSED TO NOBLE ALLOYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6084  
IMPLANT SUPPORTED CROWN- PORCELAIN FUSED TO TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6085  
PROVISIONAL IMPLANT CROWN**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6086**  
**IMPLANT SUPPORTED CROWN- PREDOMINATELY BASE ALLOYS**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6087**  
**IMPLANT SUPPORTED CROWN- NOBLE ALLOYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6088**  
**IMPLANT SUPPORTED CROWN- TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6090**  
**REPAIR IMPLANT SUPPORTED PROSTHESIS, BY REPORT**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6091**  
**REPLACEMENT OF SEMI-PRECISION OR PRECISION ATTACHMENT (MALE OR FEMALE COMPONENT) OF IMPLANT/ABUTMENT SUPPORTED PROSTHESIS, PER ATTACHMENT**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6092**  
**RE-CEMENT OR RE-BOND IMPLANT/ABUTMENT SUPPORTED CROWN**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. The original provider is responsible for all re-cementations within the first 12 months following the initial placement of implant/abutment supported crowns.
5. Not a benefit within 12 months of a previous re-cementation by the same provider.

**PROCEDURE D6093**  
**RE-CEMENT OR RE-BOND IMPLANT/ABUTMENT SUPPORTED FIXED PARTIAL DENTURE**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
3. Requires a quadrant code.
4. The original provider is responsible for all re-cementations within the first 12 months following the initial placement of implant/abutment supported fixed partial dentures.
5. Not a benefit within 12 months of a previous re-cementation by the same provider.

**PROCEDURE D6094**  
**ABUTMENT SUPPORTED CROWN- ~~(TITANIUM)~~ AND TITANIUM ALLOYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6095**  
**REPAIR IMPLANT ABUTMENT, BY REPORT**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6096**  
**REMOVE BROKEN IMPLANT RETAINING SCREW**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6097**  
**ABUTMENT SUPPORTED CROWN- PORCELAIN FUSED TO TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6098**  
**IMPLANT SUPPORTED RETAINER- PORCELAIN FUSED TO PREDOMINATELY BASE ALLOYS**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6099**  
**IMPLANT SUPPORTED RETAINER FOR FPD- PORCELAIN FUSED TO NOBLE ALLOYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6100**  
**IMPLANT REMOVAL, BY REPORT**

1. Prior authorization is not required.
2. Radiographs for payment - submit a radiograph of the implant to be removed.
3. Written documentation for payment -shall include the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
4. Requires a tooth code.

**PROCEDURE D6101**  
**DEBRIDEMENT OF A PERI-IMPLANT DEFECT OR DEFECTS SURROUNDING A SINGLE IMPLANT, AND SURFACE CLEANING OF THE OF EXPOSED IMPLANT SERVICES, INCLUDING FLAP ENTRY AND CLOSURE**

This procedure is not a benefit.



**PROCEDURE D6102  
DEBRIDEMENT AND OSSEOUS CONTOURING OF A PERI-IMPLANT DEFECT OR DEFECTS SURROUNDING  
A SINGLE IMPLANT AND INCLUDES SURFACE CLEANING OF THE EXPOSED IMPLANT SURFACES  
INCLUDING FLAP ENTRY AND CLOSURE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6103  
BONE GRAFT FOR REPAIR OF PERI-IMPLANT DEFECT- DOES NOT INCLUDE FLAP ENTRY AND CLOSURE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6104  
BONE GRAFT AT TIME OF IMPLANT PLACEMENT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6110  
IMPLANT/ABUTMENT SUPPORTED REMOVABLE DENTURE FOR EDENTULOUS ARCH- MAXILLARY**

See the criteria for procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6111  
IMPLANT/ABUTMENT SUPPORTED REMOVABLE DENTURE FOR EDENTULOUS ARCH- MANDIBULAR**

See the criteria for procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6112  
IMPLANT/ABUTMENT SUPPORTED REMOVABLE DENTURE FOR PARTIALLY EDENTULOUS ARCH-  
MAXILLARY**

See the criteria for procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6113  
IMPLANT/ABUTMENT SUPPORTED REMOVABLE DENTURE FOR PARTIALLY EDENTULOUS ARCH-  
MANDIBULAR**

See the criteria for procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6114  
IMPLANT/ABUTMENT SUPPORTED FIXED DENTURE FOR EDENTULOUS ARCH- MAXILLARY**

See the criteria for procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6115  
IMPLANT/ABUTMENT SUPPORTED FIXED DENTURE FOR EDENTULOUS ARCH- MANDIBULAR**

See the criteria for procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6116  
IMPLANT/ABUTMENT SUPPORTED FIXED DENTURE FOR PARTIALLY EDENTULOUS ARCH- MAXILLARY**

See the criteria for procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6117  
IMPLANT/ABUTMENT SUPPORTED FIXED DENTURE FOR PARTIALLY EDENTULOUS ARCH-  
MANDIBULAR**

See the criteria for procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6118  
IMPLANT/ABUTMENT SUPPORTED INTERIM FIXED DENTURE FOR EDENTULOUS ARCH- MANDIBULAR**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6119  
IMPLANT/ABUTMENT SUPPORTED INTERIM FIXED DENTURE FOR EDENTULOUS ARCH- MAXILLARY**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6120  
IMPLANT SUPPORTED RETAINER- PORCELAIN FUSED TO TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6121  
IMPLANT SUPPORTED RETAINER FOR METAL FPD- PREDOMINATELY BASE ALLOYS**

See the criteria for Procedure D6010.

**PROCEDURE D6122  
IMPLANT SUPPORTED RETAINER FOR METAL FPD- NOBLE ALLOYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6123  
IMPLANT SUPPORTED RETAINER FOR METAL FPD- TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6190  
RADIOGRAPHIC/SURGICAL IMPLANT INDEX, BY REPORT**

This procedure is included in the fee for surgical placement of implant body: endosteal implant (D6010).

**PROCEDURE D6194  
ABUTMENT SUPPORTED RETAINER CROWN FOR FPD (~~TITANIUM~~) TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6195**  
**ABUTMENT SUPPORTED RETAINER- PORCELAIN FUSED TO TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6199**  
**UNSPECIFIED IMPLANT PROCEDURE, BY REPORT**

1. Implant services are a benefit only when exceptional medical conditions are documented and shall be reviewed for medical necessity.
2. Prior authorization is required.
3. Radiographs for prior authorization - submit arch and pre-operative periapical radiographs.
4. Photographs for prior authorization - submit as applicable for the type of procedure.
5. Written documentation for prior authorization - shall describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the proposed treatment.
6. Requires a tooth or arch code, as applicable for the type of procedure.

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## Fixed Prosthodontic General Policies (D6200-D6999)

- a) Fixed partial dentures (bridgework) are considered beyond the scope of the Medi-Cal Dental Program. However, the fabrication of a fixed partial denture shall be considered for prior authorization only when medical conditions or employment preclude the use of a removable partial denture. **Most importantly, the patient shall first meet the criteria for a removable partial denture before a fixed partial denture will be considered.**
- b) Medical conditions, which preclude the use of a removable partial denture, include:
  - i) the epileptic patient where a removable partial denture could be injurious to their health during an uncontrolled seizure,
  - ii) the paraplegia patient who utilizes a mouth wand to function to any degree and where a mouth wand is inoperative because of missing natural teeth,
  - iii) patients with neurological disorders whose manual dexterity precludes proper care and maintenance of a removable partial denture.
- c) Documentation for medical conditions shall be submitted for prior authorization that includes a written, signed and dated statement from the patient's physician, on their professional letterhead, describing the patient's medical condition and the reason why a removable partial denture would be injurious to the patient's health.
- d) Documentation for obtaining employment shall be submitted for prior authorization that includes a written statement from the patient's case manager or eligibility worker stating why the nature of the employment precludes the use of a removable partial denture.
- e) Fixed partial dentures are a benefit once in a five-year period only on permanent teeth when the above criteria are met.
- f) Current periapical radiographs of the retainer (abutment) teeth and arch radiographs are required for prior authorization.
- g) Fixed partial dentures are not a benefit when the prognosis of the retainer (abutment) teeth is questionable due to non-restorability or periodontal involvement.
- h) Posterior fixed partial dentures are not a benefit when the number of missing teeth requested to be replaced in the quadrant does not significantly impact the patient's masticatory ability.
- i) Tooth and soft tissue preparation, crown lengthening, cement bases, direct and indirect pulp capping, amalgam or acrylic buildups, pin retention-per tooth, in addition to restoration (D2951), bonding agents, lining agents, impressions, temporary crowns, occlusal adjustment-limited (D9951), polishing, local anesthesia (D9210) and any other associated procedures are included in the fee for a completed fixed partial denture.
- j) Arch integrity and overall condition of the mouth, including the patient's ability to maintain oral health, shall be considered for prior authorization. Prior authorization shall be based upon a supportable five-year prognosis for the fixed partial denture retainer (abutment).
- k) Fixed partial denture retainers (abutments) on root canal treated teeth shall be considered only after satisfactory completion of root canal therapy. Post root canal treatment periapical and arch radiographs shall be submitted for prior authorization of fixed partial dentures.
- l) Partial payment will not be made for an undelivered fixed partial denture. Payment will be made only upon final cementation.
- m) Fixed partial denture inlay/onlay retainers (abutments) (D6545 and D6634) are not a benefit.
- n) Cast resin bonded fixed partial dentures (Maryland Bridges) are not a benefit.

## Fixed Prosthodontic Procedures (D6200-D6999)

**PROCEDURE D6205**  
**PONTIC – INDIRECT RESIN BASED COMPOSITE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6210**  
**PONTIC – CAST HIGH NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6211**  
**PONTIC – CAST PREDOMINANTLY BASE METAL**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization- shall be submitted for employment or medical reasons. Refer to Fixed Prosthodontic General Policies for specific requirements.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit:
  - a. once in a five year period.
  - b. only when the criteria are met for a resin partial denture or cast partial denture (D5211, D5212, D5213 and D5214).
  - c. only when billed on the same date of service with fixed partial denture retainers (abutments) (D6721, D6740, D6751, D6781, D6783 and D6791).
6. Not a benefit for patients under the age of 13.

**PROCEDURE D6212**  
**PONTIC – CAST NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6214**  
**PONTIC – TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6240**  
**PONTIC – PORCELAIN FUSED TO HIGH NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6241**  
**PONTIC – PORCELAIN FUSED TO PREDOMINANTLY BASE METAL**

1. Prior authorization is required.

2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization- shall be submitted for employment or medical reasons. Refer to Fixed Prosthodontic General Policies for specific requirements.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit:
  - a. once in a five year period.
  - b. only when the criteria are met for a resin partial denture or cast partial denture (D5211, D5212, D5213 and D5214).
  - c. only when billed on the same date of service with fixed partial denture retainers (abutments) (D6721, D6740, D6751, D6781, D6783 and D6791).
6. Not a benefit for patients under the age of 13.

**PROCEDURE D6242  
PONTIC – PORCELAIN FUSED TO NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6243  
PONTIC – PORCELAIN FUSED TO TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6245  
PONTIC – PORCELAIN/CERAMIC**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization- shall be submitted for employment or medical reasons. Refer to Fixed Prosthodontic General Policies for specific requirements.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit:
  - a. once in a five year period.
  - b. only when the criteria are met for a resin partial denture or cast partial denture (D5211, D5212, D5213 and D5214).
  - c. only when billed on the same date of service with fixed partial denture retainers (abutments) (D6721, D6740, D6751, D6781, D6783 and D6791).
6. Not a benefit for patients under the age of 13.

**PROCEDURE D6250  
PONTIC – RESIN WITH HIGH NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6251  
PONTIC - RESIN WITH PREDOMINANTLY BASE METAL**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization -submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization- shall be submitted for employment or medical reasons. Refer to Fixed Prosthodontic General Policies for specific requirements.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit:
  - a. once in a five year period.
  - b. only when the criteria are met for a resin partial denture or cast partial denture (D5211, D5212, D5213 and D5214).
  - c. only when billed on the same date of service with fixed partial denture retainers (abutments) (D6721, D6740, D6751, D6781, D6783 and D6791).
6. Not a benefit for patients under the age of 13.

**PROCEDURE D6252  
PONTIC - RESIN WITH NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6253  
PROVISIONAL PONTIC- FURTHER TREATMENT OR COMPLETION OF DIAGNOSIS NECESSARY PRIOR TO FINAL IMPRESSION**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6545  
RETAINER - CAST METAL FOR RESIN BONDED FIXED PROSTHESIS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6548  
RETAINER - PORCELAIN/CERAMIC FOR RESIN BONDED FIXED PROSTHESIS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6549  
RESIN RETAINER -FOR RESIN BONDED FIXED PROSTHESIS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6600  
RETAINER INLAY - PORCELAIN/CERAMIC, TWO SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6601  
RETAINER INLAY - PORCELAIN/CERAMIC, THREE OR MORE SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6602  
RETAINER INLAY - CAST HIGH NOBLE METAL, TWO SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6603  
RETAINER INLAY - CAST HIGH NOBLE METAL, THREE OR MORE SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6604  
RETAINER INLAY - CAST PREDOMINANTLY BASE METAL, TWO SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6605  
RETAINER INLAY - CAST PREDOMINANTLY BASE METAL, THREE OR MORE SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6606  
RETAINER INLAY - CAST NOBLE METAL, TWO SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6607  
RETAINER INLAY - CAST NOBLE METAL, THREE OR MORE SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6608  
RETAINER ONLY - PORCELAIN/CERAMIC, TWO SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6609  
RETAINER ONLY - PORCELAIN/CERAMIC, THREE OR MORE SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6610  
RETAINER ONLY - CAST HIGH NOBLE METAL, TWO SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.



**PROCEDURE D6611  
RETAINER ONLAY – CAST HIGH NOBLE METAL, THREE OR MORE SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6612  
RETAINER ONLAY – CAST PREDOMINANTLY BASE METAL, TWO SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6613  
RETAINER ONLAY – CAST PREDOMINANTLY BASE METAL, THREE OR MORE SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6614  
RETAINER ONLAY – CAST NOBLE METAL, TWO SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6615  
RETAINER ONLAY – CAST NOBLE METAL, THREE OR MORE SURFACES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6624  
RETAINER INLAY- TITANIUM**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6634  
RETAINER ONLAY- TITANIUM**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6710  
RETAINER CROWN- INDIRECT RESIN BASED COMPOSITE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6720  
RETAINER CROWN – RESIN WITH HIGH NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6721  
RETAINER CROWN – RESIN WITH PREDOMINANTLY BASE METAL**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization- shall be submitted for employment or medical reasons. Refer to Fixed Prosthodontic General Policies for specific requirements.

4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit:
  - a. once in a five year period.
  - b. only when the criteria are met for a resin partial denture or cast partial denture (D5211, D5212, D5213 and D5214).
6. Not a benefit for patients under the age of 13.

**PROCEDURE D6722**  
**RETAINER CROWN – RESIN WITH NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6740**  
**RETAINER CROWN – PORCELAIN/CERAMIC**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization- shall be submitted for employment or medical reasons. Refer to Fixed Prosthodontic General Policies for specific requirements.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit:
  - a. once in a five year period.
  - b. only when the criteria are met for a resin partial denture or cast partial denture (D5211, D5212, D5213 and D5214).
6. Not a benefit for patients under the age of 13.

**PROCEDURE D6750**  
**RETAINER CROWN – PORCELAIN FUSED TO HIGH NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6751**  
**RETAINER CROWN – PORCELAIN FUSED TO PREDOMINANTLY BASE METAL**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization- shall be submitted for employment or medical reasons. Refer to Fixed Prosthodontic General Policies for specific requirements.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit:
  - a. once in a five year period.
  - b. only when the criteria are met for a resin partial denture or cast partial denture (D5211, D5212, D5213 and D5214).
6. Not a benefit for patients under the age of 13.

**PROCEDURE D6752  
RETAINER CROWN – PORCELAIN FUSED TO NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6753  
RETAINER CROWN – PORCELAIN FUSED TO TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6780  
RETAINER CROWN – ¾ CAST HIGH NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6781  
RETAINER CROWN – ¾ CAST PREDOMINANTLY BASE METAL**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization- shall be submitted for employment or medical reasons. Refer to Fixed Prosthodontic General Policies for specific requirements.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit:
  - a. once in a five year period.
  - b. only when the criteria are met for a resin partial denture or cast partial denture (D5211, D5212, D5213 and D5214).
6. Not a benefit for patients under the age of 13.

**PROCEDURE D6782  
RETAINER CROWN – ¾ CAST NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6783  
RETAINER CROWN – ¾ PORCELAIN/CERAMIC**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization- shall be submitted for employment or medical reasons. Refer to Fixed Prosthodontic General Policies for specific requirements.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit:
  - a. once in a five year period.
  - b. only when the criteria are met for a resin partial denture or cast partial denture (D5211, D5212, D5213 and D5214).
6. Not a benefit for patients under the age of 13.

**PROCEDURE D6784**  
**RETAINER CROWN 3/4 -TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6790**  
**RETAINER CROWN – FULL CAST HIGH NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6791**  
**RETAINER CROWN – FULL CAST PREDOMINANTLY BASE METAL**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit arch and periapical radiographs.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization- shall be submitted for employment or medical reasons. Refer to Fixed Prosthodontic General Policies for specific requirements.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit:
  - a. once in a five year period.
  - b. only when the criteria are met for a resin partial denture or cast partial denture (D5211, D5212, D5213 and D5214).
6. Not a benefit for patients under the age of 13.

**PROCEDURE D6792**  
**RETAINER CROWN – FULL CAST NOBLE METAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6793**  
**PROVISIONAL RETAINER CROWN - FURTHER TREATMENT OR COMPLETION OF DIAGNOSIS NECESSARY PRIOR TO FINAL IMPRESSION**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6794**  
**RETAINER CROWN- TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6920**  
**CONNECTOR BAR**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6930**  
**RE-CEMENT OR RE-BOND FIXED PARTIAL DENTURE**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.

2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
3. Requires a quadrant code.
4. The original provider is responsible for all re-cementations within the first 12 months following the initial placement of a fixed partial denture.
5. Not a benefit within 12 months of a previous re-cementation by the same provider.

**PROCEDURE D6940  
STRESS BREAKER**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6950  
PRECISION ATTACHMENT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6980  
FIXED PARTIAL DENTURE REPAIR NECESSITATED BY RESTORATIVE MATERIAL FAILURE**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment -submit pre-operative radiographs of the retainers.
3. Photographs for payment -submit a pre-operative photograph.
4. Written documentation for payment- shall describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure.
5. Submit a laboratory invoice, if applicable for the type of procedure, for payment.
6. Requires a tooth code.
7. Not a benefit within 12 months of initial placement or previous repair, same provider.

**PROCEDURE D6985  
PEDIATRIC PARTIAL DENTURE, FIXED**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D6999  
UNSPECIFIED, FIXED PROSTHODONTIC PROCEDURE, BY REPORT**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization -submit periapical radiographs.
3. Photographs for prior authorization - submit photographs if applicable for the type of procedure.
4. Written documentation for prior authorization - describe the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the proposed treatment.
5. Requires a tooth code.
6. Not a benefit within 12 months of initial placement, same provider.
7. Procedure D6999 shall be used:

- a. for a procedure which is not adequately described by a CDT code, or
- b. for a procedure that has a CDT code that is not a benefit but the patient has an exceptional medical condition to justify the medical necessity. Documentation shall include the medical condition and the specific CDT code associated with the treatment.

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## Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery General Policies (D7000-D7999)

- a) Diagnostic pre-operative radiographs are required for all hard tissue surgical procedures that are submitted for prior authorization and/or payment. Refer to the individual procedure for specific requirements.
- b) Local anesthetic, sutures and routine postoperative care within 30 days following an extraction procedure (D7111-D7250) are considered part of, and included in, the fee for the procedure. All other oral and maxillofacial surgery procedures include routine postoperative care for 90 days.
- c) The level of payment for multiple surgical procedures performed on the same date of service shall be modified to the most inclusive procedure.

### 1. Extractions (D7111-D7250):

- a) The following conditions shall be considered medically necessary and shall be a benefit:
  - i) full bony impacted supernumerary teeth or mesiodens that interfere with the alignment of other teeth,
  - ii) teeth which are involved with a cyst, tumor or other neoplasm,
  - iii) unerupted teeth which are severely distorting the normal alignment of erupted teeth or causing the resorption of the roots of other teeth,
  - iv) the extraction of all remaining teeth in preparation for a full prosthesis,
  - v) extraction of third molars that are causing repeated or chronic pericoronitis,
  - vi) extraction of primary teeth required to minimize malocclusion or malalignment when there is adequate space to allow normal eruption of succedaneous teeth,
  - vii) perceptible radiologic pathology that fails to elicit symptoms,
  - viii) extractions that are required to complete orthodontic dental services, excluding prophylactic removal of third molars,
  - ix) when the prognosis of the tooth is questionable due to non-restorability or periodontal involvement.
- b) The prophylactic extraction of 3<sup>rd</sup> molars is not a benefit.
- c) The fee for surgical extractions includes the removal of bone and/or sectioning of tooth, and elevation of mucoperiosteal flap, if indicated.
- d) Classification of surgical extractions and impactions shall be based on the anatomical position of the tooth rather than the surgical technique employed in the removal.
- e) The level of payment for surgical extractions shall be allowed or modified based on the degree of difficulty as evidenced by the diagnostic radiographs. When radiographs do not accurately depict the degree of difficulty, written documentation and/or photographs shall be considered.

### 2. Fractures (D7610-D7780):

- a) The placement and removal of wires, bands or splints is included in the fee for the associated procedure.
- b) Routine postoperative care within 90 days is included in the fee for the associated procedure.

- c) When extensive multiple or bilateral procedures are performed at the same operative site, each procedure shall be valued as follows:
  - i) 100% (full value) for the first or major procedure, and
  - ii) 50% for the second procedure, and
  - iii) 25% for the third procedure, and
  - iv) 10% for the fourth procedure, and
  - v) 5% for the fifth procedure, and
  - vi) over five procedures, by report.
- d) Assistant surgeons are paid 20% of the surgical fee allowed to the surgeon. Hospital call (D9420) is not payable to assistant surgeons.

**3. Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunctions (D7810-D7899):**

- a) TMJ dysfunction procedures are limited to differential diagnosis and symptomatic care. Not included as a benefit are those TMJ treatment modalities that involve prosthodontia, orthodontia and full or partial occlusal rehabilitation.
- b) Most TMJ dysfunction procedures require prior authorization. Submission of sufficient diagnostic information to establish the presence of the dysfunction is required. Refer to the individual procedures for specific submission requirements.
- c) TMJ dysfunction procedures solely for the treatment of bruxism is not a benefit.

**4. Repair Procedures (D7910- D7998):**

Suture procedures (D7910, D7911 and D7912) are not a benefit for the closure of surgical incisions.



## Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Procedures (D7000-D7999)

### **PROCEDURE D7111 EXTRACTION, CORONAL REMNANTS -PRIMARY TOOTH**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. Requires a tooth code.
3. Not a benefit for asymptomatic teeth.

### **PROCEDURE D7140 EXTRACTION, ERUPTED TOOTH OR EXPOSED ROOT (ELEVATION AND/OR FORCEPS REMOVAL)**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. Requires a tooth code.
3. Not a benefit to the same provider who performed the initial tooth extraction.

### **PROCEDURE D7210 EXTRACTION OF ERUPTED TOOTH REQUIRING REMOVAL OF BONE AND/OR SECTIONING OF TOOTH, AND INCLUDING ELEVATION OF MUCOPERIOSTEAL FLAP IF INDICATED**

1. Radiographs for payment -submit a current, diagnostic preoperative periapical or panoramic radiograph depicting the entire tooth.
2. Requires a tooth code.
3. A benefit when the removal of any erupted tooth requires the elevation of a mucoperiosteal flap and the removal of substantial alveolar bone or sectioning of the tooth.

### **PROCEDURE D7220 REMOVAL OF IMPACTED TOOTH - SOFT TISSUE**

1. Radiographs for payment -submit a current, diagnostic preoperative periapical or panoramic radiograph depicting the entire tooth.
2. Requires a tooth code.
3. A benefit when the major portion or the entire occlusal surface is covered by mucogingival soft tissue.

### **PROCEDURE D7230 REMOVAL OF IMPACTED TOOTH - PARTIALLY BONY**

1. Radiographs for payment -submit a current, diagnostic preoperative periapical or panoramic radiograph depicting the entire tooth.
2. Requires a tooth code.
3. A benefit when the removal of any impacted tooth requires the elevation of a mucoperiosteal flap and the removal of substantial alveolar bone. One of the proximal heights of contour of the crown shall be covered by bone.

**PROCEDURE D7240**  
**REMOVAL OF IMPACTED TOOTH - COMPLETELY BONY**

1. Radiographs for payment -submit a current, diagnostic preoperative periapical or panoramic radiograph depicting the entire tooth.
2. Requires a tooth code.
3. A benefit when the removal of any impacted tooth requires the elevation of a mucoperiosteal flap and the removal of substantial alveolar bone covering most or all of the crown.

**PROCEDURE D7241**  
**REMOVAL OF IMPACTED TOOTH - COMPLETELY BONY, WITH UNUSUAL SURGICAL COMPLICATIONS**

1. Radiographs for payment -submit a current, diagnostic preoperative periapical or panoramic radiograph depicting the entire tooth.
2. Written documentation for payment - shall justify the unusual surgical complication.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit when the removal of any impacted tooth requires the elevation of a mucoperiosteal flap and the removal of substantial alveolar bone covering most or all of the crown. Difficulty or complication shall be due to factors such as nerve dissection or aberrant tooth position.

**PROCEDURE D7250**  
**SURGICAL REMOVAL OF RESIDUAL TOOTH ROOTS (CUTTING PROCEDURE)**

1. Radiographs for payment -submit a current, diagnostic preoperative periapical or panoramic radiograph depicting the entire root.
2. Requires a tooth code.
3. A benefit when the root is completely covered by alveolar bone.
4. Not a benefit to the same provider who performed the initial tooth extraction.

**PROCEDURE D7251**  
**CORONECTOMY- INTENTIONAL PARTIAL TOOTH REMOVAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D7260**  
**OROANTRAL FISTULA CLOSURE**

1. Radiographs for payment -submit a current, diagnostic preoperative radiograph.
2. Written documentation or operative report for payment - shall describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
3. Requires a quadrant code.
4. A benefit for the excision of a fistulous tract between the maxillary sinus and oral cavity.
5. Not a benefit in conjunction with extraction procedures (D7111 - D7250).

**PROCEDURE D7261**  
**PRIMARY CLOSURE OF A SINUS PERFORATION**

1. This procedure cannot be prior authorized.

2. Radiographs for payment –submit a current, diagnostic preoperative radiograph.
3. Operative report for payment – shall describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit in the absence of a fistulous tract requiring the repair or immediate closure of the oroantral or oral nasal communication, subsequent to the removal of a tooth.

**PROCEDURE D7270  
TOOTH REIMPLANTATION AND/OR STABILIZATION OF ACCIDENTALLY EVULSED OR DISPLACED TOOTH**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a preoperative periapical radiograph.
2. Written documentation for payment – shall describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the tooth/teeth reimplanted.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. once per arch regardless of the number of teeth involved, and
  - b. for permanent anterior teeth only.
5. The fee for this procedure includes splinting and/or stabilization, postoperative care and the removal of the splint or stabilization, by the same provider.

**PROCEDURE D7272  
TOOTH TRANSPLANTATION (INCLUDES REIMPLANTATION FROM ONE SITE TO ANOTHER AND SPLINTING AND/OR STABILIZATION)**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D7280  
EXPOSURE OF AN UNERUPTED TOOTH**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a pre-operative radiograph depicting the impacted tooth.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization –shall describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure and the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. for patients age 21 or older.
  - b. for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars.

**PROCEDURE D7282  
MOBILIZATION OF ERUPTED OR MALPOSITIONED TOOTH TO AID ERUPTION**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D7283  
PLACEMENT OF DEVICE TO FACILITATE ERUPTION OF IMPACTED TOOTH**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a pre-operative radiograph depicting the impacted tooth.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization – shall indicate that the patient is under active orthodontic treatment.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. A benefit only for patients in active orthodontic treatment.
6. Not a benefit:
  - a. for patients age 21 years or older.
  - b. for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar occupies the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> molar position.

**PROCEDURE D7285  
INCISIONAL BIOPSY OF ORAL TISSUE – HARD (BONE, TOOTH)**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a pre-operative radiograph.
2. A pathology report from a certified pathology laboratory is required for payment.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. for the removal of the specimen only.
  - b. once per arch, per date of service regardless of the areas involved.
5. Not a benefit with an apicoectomy/periradicular surgery (D3410-D3427), an extraction (D7111-D7250) and an excision of any soft tissues or intraosseous lesions (D7410-D7461) in the same area or region on the same date of service.

**PROCEDURE D7286  
INCISIONAL BIOPSY OF ORAL TISSUE – SOFT**

1. Written documentation for payment – shall include the area or region and individual areas biopsied.
2. A pathology report from a certified pathology laboratory is required for payment.
3. A benefit:
  - a. for the removal of the specimen only.
  - b. up to a maximum of three per date of service.
4. Not a benefit with an apicoectomy/periradicular surgery (D3410-D3427), an extraction (D7111-D7250) and an excision of any soft tissues or intraosseous lesions (D7410-D7461) in the same area or region on the same date of service.

**PROCEDURE D7287  
EXFOLIATIVE CYTOLOGICAL SAMPLE COLLECTION**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D7288  
BRUSH BIOPSY- TRANSEPITHELIAL SAMPLE COLLECTION**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D7290  
SURGICAL REPOSITIONING OF TEETH**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a pre-operative radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization – shall indicate that the patient is under active orthodontic treatment.
4. Requires an arch code.
5. A benefit:
  - a. for permanent teeth only.
  - b. once per arch.
  - c. only for patients in active orthodontic treatment.
6. Not a benefit:
  - a. for patients age 21 years or older.
  - b. for 3<sup>rd</sup> molars unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> molar occupies the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> molar position.

**PROCEDURE D7291  
TRANSSEPTAL FIBEROTOMY/SUPRA CRESTAL FIBEROTOMY, BY REPORT**

1. Written documentation for payment – shall indicate that the patient is under active orthodontic treatment.
2. Requires an arch code.
3. A benefit:
  - a. once per arch.
  - b. only for patients in active orthodontic treatment.
4. Not a benefit for patients age 21 or older.

**PROCEDURE D7292  
PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY ANCHORAGE DEVICE [SCREW RETAINED PLATE] REQUIRING FLAP;  
INCLUDES DEVICE REMOVAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D7293  
PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY ANCHORAGE DEVICE REQUIRING FLAP; INCLUDES DEVICE REMOVAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D7294  
PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY ANCHORAGE DEVICE WITHOUT FLAP; INCLUDES DEVICE REMOVAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D7295  
HARVEST OF BONE FOR USE IN AUTOGENOUS GRAFTING PROCEDURE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D7296  
CORTICOTOMY- ONE TO THREE TEETH OR TOOTH SPACES, PER QUADRANT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D7297  
CORTICOTOMY- FOUR OR MORE TEETH OR TOOTH SPACES, PER QUADRANT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D7310  
ALVEOLOPLASTY IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXTRACTIONS - FOUR OR MORE TEETH OR TOOTH SPACES,  
PER QUADRANT**

1. Radiographs for payment -submit radiographs of the involved areas.
2. Requires a quadrant code.
3. A benefit on the same date of service with two or more extractions (D7140-D7250) in the same quadrant.
4. Not a benefit when only one tooth is extracted in the same quadrant on the same date of service.

**PROCEDURE D7311  
ALVEOLOPLASTY IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXTRACTIONS - ONE TO THREE TEETH OR TOOTH SPACES,  
PER QUADRANT**

This procedure can only be billed as alveoplasty in conjunction with extractions- four or more teeth or tooth spaces, per quadrant (D7310).

**PROCEDURE D7320  
ALVEOLOPLASTY NOT IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXTRACTIONS -FOUR OR MORE TEETH OR TOOTH  
SPACES, PER QUADRANT**

1. Radiographs for payment- submit radiographs of the involved areas if photographs do not demonstrate the medical necessity.
2. Photographs for payment- submit photographs of the involved areas.
3. Requires a quadrant code.
4. A benefit regardless of the number of teeth or tooth spaces.
5. Not a benefit within six months following extractions (D7140-D7250) in the same quadrant, for the same provider.

**PROCEDURE D7321  
ALVEOLOPLASTY NOT IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXTRACTIONS - ONE TO THREE TEETH OR TOOTH  
SPACES, PER QUADRANT**

This procedure can only be billed as alveoplasty not in conjunction with extractions- four or more teeth or tooth spaces, per quadrant (D7320).

**PROCEDURE D7340  
VESTIBULOPLASTY-RIDGE EXTENSION (SECONDARY EPITHELIALIZATION)**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit radiographs.
3. Photographs for prior authorization –submit photographs.
4. Written documentation for prior authorization- shall describe the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the proposed prosthodontic treatment.
5. Requires an arch code.
6. A benefit once in a five year period per arch.
7. Not a benefit:
  - a. on the same date of service with a vestibuloplasty – ridge extension (D7350) same arch.
  - b. on the same date of service with extractions (D7111-D7250) same arch.

**PROCEDURE D7350  
VESTIBULOPLASTY – RIDGE EXTENSION (INCLUDING SOFT TISSUE GRAFTS, MUSCLE REATTACHMENT, REVISION OF SOFT TISSUE ATTACHMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF HYPERTROPHIED AND HYPERPLASTIC TISSUE)**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit radiographs.
3. Photographs for prior authorization –submit photographs.
4. Written documentation for prior authorization- shall describe the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the proposed prosthodontic treatment.
5. Requires an arch code.
6. A benefit once per arch.
7. Not a benefit:
  - a. on the same date of service with a vestibuloplasty – ridge extension (D7340) same arch.
  - b. on the same date of service with extractions (D7111-D7250) same arch.

**PROCEDURE D7410  
EXCISION OF BENIGN LESION UP TO 1.25 CM**

1. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
2. A pathology report from a certified pathology laboratory is required for payment.
3. This procedure is included in the fee for an apicoectomy (D3410, D3421, D3425 and D3426) and periradicular surgery (D3427) and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D7411  
EXCISION OF BENIGN LESION GREATER THAN 1.25 CM**

1. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
2. A pathology report from a certified pathology laboratory is required for payment.
3. This procedure is included in the fee for an apicoectomy (D3410, D3421, D3425 and D3426) and periradicular surgery (D3427) and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D7412  
EXCISION OF BENIGN LESION, COMPLICATED**

1. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
2. A pathology report from a certified pathology laboratory is required for payment.
3. A benefit when there is extensive undermining with advancement or rotational flap closure.

**PROCEDURE D7413  
EXCISION OF MALIGNANT LESION UP TO 1.25 CM**

1. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
2. A pathology report from a certified pathology laboratory is required for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7414  
EXCISION OF MALIGNANT LESION GREATER THAN 1.25 CM**

1. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
2. A pathology report from a certified pathology laboratory is required for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7415  
EXCISION OF MALIGNANT LESION, COMPLICATED**

1. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
2. A pathology report from a certified pathology laboratory is required for payment.
3. A benefit when there is extensive undermining with advancement or rotational flap closure.

**PROCEDURE D7440  
EXCISION OF MALIGNANT TUMOR - LESION DIAMETER UP TO 1.25 CM**

1. Radiographs for payment- submit a radiograph of the tumor.



2. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
3. A pathology report from a certified pathology laboratory is required for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7441**

**EXCISION OF MALIGNANT TUMOR – LESION DIAMETER GREATER THAN 1.25 CM**

1. Radiographs for payment- submit a radiograph of the tumor.
2. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
3. A pathology report from a certified pathology laboratory is required for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7450**

**REMOVAL OF BENIGN ODONTOGENIC CYST OR TUMOR – LESION DIAMETER UP TO 1.25 CM**

1. Radiographs for payment- submit a radiograph of the cyst or tumor.
2. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
3. A pathology report from a certified pathology laboratory is required for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7451**

**REMOVAL OF BENIGN ODONTOGENIC CYST OR TUMOR – LESION DIAMETER GREATER THAN 1.25 CM**

1. Radiographs for payment- submit a radiograph of the cyst or tumor.
2. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
3. A pathology report from a certified pathology laboratory is required for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7460**

**REMOVAL OF BENIGN NONODONTOGENIC CYST OR TUMOR – LESION DIAMETER UP TO 1.25 CM**

1. Radiographs for payment- submit a radiograph of the cyst or tumor.
2. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
3. A pathology report from a certified pathology laboratory is required for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7461**

**REMOVAL OF BENIGN NONODONTOGENIC CYST OR TUMOR – LESION DIAMETER GREATER THAN 1.25 CM**

1. Radiographs for payment- submit a radiograph of the cyst or tumor.
2. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.

3. A pathology report from a certified pathology laboratory is required for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7465  
DESTRUCTION OF LESION(S) BY PHYSICAL OR CHEMICAL METHOD, BY REPORT**

1. Photographs for payment –submit a pre-operative photograph.
2. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
3. Examples include using cryo, laser or electro surgery.

**PROCEDURE D7471  
REMOVAL OF LATERAL EXOSTOSIS (MAXILLA OR MANDIBLE)**

1. Photographs for payment –submit pre-operative photographs.
2. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the proposed prosthodontic treatment.
3. Requires a quadrant code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. once per quadrant.
  - b. for the removal of buccal or facial exostosis only.

**PROCEDURE D7472  
REMOVAL OF TORUS PALATINUS**

1. Photographs for payment –submit pre-operative photographs.
2. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the proposed prosthodontic treatment.
3. A benefit once in the patient's lifetime.

**PROCEDURE D7473  
REMOVAL OF TORUS MANDIBULARIS**

1. Photographs for payment –submit pre-operative photographs.
2. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the proposed prosthodontic treatment.
3. Requires a quadrant code.
4. A benefit once per quadrant.

**PROCEDURE D7485  
SURGICAL REDUCTION OF OSSEOUS TUBEROSITY**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit preoperative radiographs.

2. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the proposed prosthodontic treatment.
3. Requires a quadrant code.
4. A benefit once per quadrant.

**PROCEDURE D7490  
RADICAL RESECTION OF MAXILLA OR MANDIBLE**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit radiographs.
2. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the proposed or actual treatment.

**PROCEDURE D7510  
INCISION AND DRAINAGE OF ABSCESS – INTRAORAL SOFT TISSUE**

1. Written documentation for payment- shall include the tooth involved, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
2. Requires a quadrant code.
3. A benefit once per quadrant, same date of service.
4. Not a benefit when any other definitive treatment is performed in the same quadrant on the same date of service, except necessary radiographs and/or photographs.
5. The fee for this procedure includes the incision, placement and removal of a surgical draining device.

**PROCEDURE D7511  
INCISION AND DRAINAGE OF ABSCESS – INTRAORAL SOFT TISSUE- COMPLICATED (INCLUDES  
DRAINAGE OF MULTIPLE FASCIAL SPACES)**

1. Written documentation for payment- shall include the tooth involved, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
2. Requires a quadrant code.
3. A benefit once per quadrant, same date of service.
4. Not a benefit when any other definitive treatment is performed in the same quadrant on the same date of service, except necessary radiographs and/or photographs.
5. The fee for this procedure includes the incision, placement and removal of a surgical draining device.

**PROCEDURE D7520  
INCISION AND DRAINAGE OF ABSCESS – EXTRAORAL SOFT TISSUE**

1. Written documentation for payment shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
2. The fee for this procedure includes the incision, placement and removal of a surgical draining device.

**PROCEDURE D7521  
INCISION AND DRAINAGE OF ABSCESS – EXTRAORAL SOFT TISSUE- COMPLICATED (INCLUDES  
DRAINAGE OF MULTIPLE FASCIAL SPACES)**

1. Written documentation for payment- shall include the tooth involved, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
2. The fee for this procedure includes the incision, placement and removal of a surgical draining device.

**PROCEDURE D7530  
REMOVAL OF FOREIGN BODY FROM MUCOSA, SKIN, OR SUBCUTANEOUS ALVEOLAR TISSUE**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a pre-operative radiograph.
2. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
3. A benefit once per date of service.
4. Not a benefit when associated with the removal of a tumor, cyst (D7440-D7461) or tooth (D7111-D7250).

**PROCEDURE D7540  
REMOVAL OF REACTION PRODUCING FOREIGN BODIES, MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a pre-operative radiograph.
2. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
3. A benefit once per date of service.
4. Not a benefit when associated with the removal of a tumor, cyst (D7440-D7461) or tooth (D7111-D7250).

**PROCEDURE D7550  
PARTIAL OSTECTOMY/SEQUESTRECTOMY FOR REMOVAL OF NON-VITAL BONE**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a pre-operative radiograph.
2. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
3. Requires a quadrant code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. once per quadrant per date of service.
  - b. only for the removal of loose or sloughed off dead bone caused by infection or reduced blood supply.
5. Not a benefit within 30 days of an associated extraction (D7111-D7250).

**PROCEDURE D7560  
MAXILLARY SINUSOTOMY FOR REMOVAL OF TOOTH FRAGMENT OR FOREIGN BODY**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a pre-operative radiograph.

2. Written documentation for payment- shall include the area or region, describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
3. Not a benefit when a tooth fragment or foreign body is retrieved from the tooth socket.

**PROCEDURE D7610  
MAXILLA – OPEN REDUCTION (TEETH IMMOBILIZED, IF PRESENT)**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a postoperative radiograph.
2. Operative report for payment – shall include a copy of the operative report, which describes the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
3. The fee for this procedure includes the placement and removal of wires, bands, splints and arch bars.
4. Anesthesia procedures (D9222-D9248) are a separate benefit when necessary for the surgical removal of wires, bands, splints or arch bars.

**PROCEDURE D7620  
MAXILLA – CLOSED REDUCTION (TEETH IMMOBILIZED, IF PRESENT)**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a postoperative radiograph.
2. Operative report for payment – shall include a copy of the operative report, which describes the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
3. The fee for this procedure includes the placement and removal of wires, bands, splints and arch bars.
4. Anesthesia procedures (D9222-D9248) are a separate benefit when necessary for the surgical removal of wires, bands, splints or arch bars.

**PROCEDURE D7630  
MANDIBLE – OPEN REDUCTION (TEETH IMMOBILIZED, IF PRESENT)**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a postoperative radiograph.
2. Operative report for payment – shall include a copy of the operative report, which describes the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
3. The fee for this procedure includes the placement and removal of wires, bands, splints and arch bars.
4. Anesthesia procedures (D9222-D9248) are a separate benefit, when necessary, for the surgical removal of wires, bands, splints or arch bars.

**PROCEDURE D7640  
MANDIBLE – CLOSED REDUCTION (TEETH IMMOBILIZED, IF PRESENT)**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a postoperative radiograph.
2. Operative report for payment – shall include a copy of the operative report, which describes the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
3. The fee for this procedure includes the placement and removal of wires, bands, splints and arch bars.
4. Anesthesia procedures (D9222-D9248) are a separate benefit, when necessary, for the surgical removal of wires, bands, splints or arch bars.

**PROCEDURE D7650  
MALAR AND/OR ZYGOMATIC ARCH – OPEN REDUCTION**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a postoperative radiograph.
2. Operative report for payment – shall include a copy of the operative report, which describes the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
3. The fee for this procedure includes the placement and removal of wires, bands, splints and arch bars.
4. Anesthesia procedures (D9222-D9248) are a separate benefit, when necessary, for the surgical removal of wires, bands, splints or arch bars.

**PROCEDURE D7660  
MALAR AND/OR ZYGOMATIC ARCH – CLOSED REDUCTION**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a postoperative radiograph.
2. Operative report for payment – shall include a copy of the operative report, which describes the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
3. The fee for this procedure includes the placement and removal of wires, bands, splints and arch bars.
4. Anesthesia procedures (D9222-D9248) are a separate benefit, when necessary, for the surgical removal of wires, bands, splints or arch bars.

**PROCEDURE D7670  
ALVEOLUS – CLOSED REDUCTION, MAY INCLUDE STABILIZATION OF TEETH**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a postoperative radiograph.
2. Operative report for payment – shall include a copy of the operative report, which describes the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. The fee for this procedure includes the placement and removal of wires, bands, splints and arch bars.
5. Anesthesia procedures (D9222-D9248) are a separate benefit, when necessary, for the surgical removal of wires, bands, splints or arch bars.

**PROCEDURE D7671  
ALVEOLUS – OPEN REDUCTION, MAY INCLUDE STABILIZATION OF TEETH**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a postoperative radiograph.
2. Operative report for payment – shall include a copy of the operative report which describes the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. The fee for this procedure includes the placement and removal of wires, bands, splints and arch bars.
5. Anesthesia procedures (D9222-D9248) are a separate benefit, when necessary, for the surgical removal of wires, bands, splints or arch bars.

**PROCEDURE D7680**

**FACIAL BONES – COMPLICATED REDUCTION WITH FIXATION AND MULTIPLE SURGICAL APPROACHES**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a postoperative radiograph.
2. Operative report for payment – shall include a copy of the operative report, which describes the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
3. A benefit for the treatment of simple fractures.
4. The fee for this procedure includes the placement and removal of wires, bands, splints and arch bars.
5. Anesthesia procedures (D9222-D9248) are a separate benefit, when necessary, for the surgical removal of wires, bands, splints or arch bars.

**PROCEDURE D7710**

**MAXILLA – OPEN REDUCTION**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a postoperative radiograph.
2. Operative report for payment – shall include a copy of the operative report, which describes the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
3. The fee for this procedure includes the placement and removal of wires, bands, splints and arch bars.
4. Anesthesia procedures (D9222-D9248) are a separate benefit, when necessary, for the surgical removal of wires, bands, splints or arch bars.

**PROCEDURE D7720**

**MAXILLA – CLOSED REDUCTION**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a postoperative radiograph.
2. Operative report for payment – shall include a copy of the operative report, which describes the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
3. The fee for this procedure includes the placement and removal of wires, bands, splints and arch bars.
4. Anesthesia procedures (D9222-D9248) are a separate benefit, when necessary, for the surgical removal of wires, bands, splints or arch bars.

**PROCEDURE D7730**

**MANDIBLE – OPEN REDUCTION**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a postoperative radiograph.
2. Operative report for payment – shall include a copy of the operative report, which describes the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
3. The fee for this procedure includes the placement and removal of wires, bands, splints and arch bars.
4. Anesthesia procedures (D9222-D9248) are a separate benefit, when necessary, for the surgical removal of wires, bands, splints or arch bars.

**PROCEDURE D7740**

**MANDIBLE – CLOSED REDUCTION**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a postoperative radiograph.

2. Operative report for payment – shall include a copy of the operative report, which describes the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
3. The fee for this procedure includes the placement and removal of wires, bands, splints and arch bars.
4. Anesthesia procedures (D9222-D9248) are a separate benefit, when necessary, for the surgical removal of wires, bands, splints or arch bars.

**PROCEDURE D7750  
MALAR AND/OR ZYGOMATIC ARCH – OPEN REDUCTION**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a postoperative radiograph.
2. Operative report for payment – shall include a copy of the operative report, which describes the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
3. The fee for this procedure includes the placement and removal of wires, bands, splints and arch bars.
4. Anesthesia procedures (D9222-D9248) are a separate benefit, when necessary, for the surgical removal of wires, bands, splints or arch bars.

**PROCEDURE D7760  
MALAR AND/OR ZYGOMATIC ARCH – CLOSED REDUCTION**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a postoperative radiograph.
2. Operative report for payment – shall include a copy of the operative report, which describes the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
3. The fee for this procedure includes the placement and removal of wires, bands, splints and arch bars.
4. Anesthesia procedures (D9222-D9248) are a separate benefit, when necessary, for the surgical removal of wires, bands, splints or arch bars.

**PROCEDURE D7770  
ALVEOLUS – OPEN REDUCTION STABILIZATION OF TEETH**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a radiograph.
2. Operative report for payment – shall include a copy of the operative report, which describes the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
3. The fee for this procedure includes the placement and removal of wires, bands, splints and arch bars.
4. Anesthesia procedures (D9222-D9248) are a separate benefit, when necessary, for the surgical removal of wires, bands, splints or arch bars.

**PROCEDURE D7771  
ALVEOLUS – CLOSED REDUCTION STABILIZATION OF TEETH**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a radiograph.
2. Operative report for payment – shall include a copy of the operative report, which describes the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
3. The fee for this procedure includes the placement and removal of wires, bands, splints and arch bars.



4. Anesthesia procedures (D9222-D9248) are a separate benefit, when necessary, for the surgical removal of wires, bands, splints or arch bars.

**PROCEDURE D7780**

**FACIAL BONES – COMPLICATED REDUCTION WITH FIXATION AND MULTIPLE SURGICAL APPROACHES**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a radiograph.
2. Operative report for payment – shall include a copy of the operative report, which describes the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
3. A benefit for the treatment of compound fractures.
4. The fee for this procedure includes the placement and removal of wires, bands, splints and arch bars.
5. Anesthesia procedures (D9222-D9248) are a separate benefit, when necessary, for the surgical removal of wires, bands, splints or arch bars.

**PROCEDURE D7810**

**OPEN REDUCTION OF DISLOCATION**

Written documentation or operative report for payment – shall describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.

**PROCEDURE D7820**

**CLOSED REDUCTION OF DISLOCATION**

Written documentation or operative report for payment – shall describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.

**PROCEDURE D7830**

**MANIPULATION UNDER ANESTHESIA**

1. Written documentation or operative report for payment – shall describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
2. Anesthesia procedures (D9222-D9248) are a separate benefit, when necessary.

**PROCEDURE D7840**

**CONDYLECTOMY**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization – shall describe the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.

**PROCEDURE D7850**

**SURGICAL DISCECTOMY, WITH/WITHOUT IMPLANT**

1. Prior authorization is required.

2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization – shall describe the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
4. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7852  
DISC REPAIR**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization – shall describe the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
4. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7854  
SYNOVECTOMY**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization – shall describe the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
4. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7856  
MYOTOMY**

Written documentation or operative report for payment – shall describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.

**PROCEDURE D7858  
JOINT RECONSTRUCTION**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization – shall describe the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
4. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7860  
ARTHROTOMY**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a radiograph.

3. Written documentation for prior authorization – shall describe the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
4. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7865  
ARTHROPLASTY**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization – shall describe the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
4. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7870  
ARTHROCENTESIS**

Written documentation or operative report for payment – shall describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.

**PROCEDURE D7871  
NON-ARTHROSCOPIC LYSIS AND LAVAGE**

This procedure is included in the fee for other procedures and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D7872  
ARTHROSCOPY – DIAGNOSIS, WITH OR WITHOUT BIOPSY**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization– shall describe the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
4. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.
5. This procedure includes the fee for any biopsies performed.

**PROCEDURE D7873  
ARTHROSCOPY – LAVAGE AND LYSIS OF ADHESIONS**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization– shall describe the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
4. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7874  
ARTHROSCOPY - DISC REPOSITIONING AND STABILIZATION**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization -submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization- shall describe the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
4. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7875  
ARTHROSCOPY - SYNOVECTOMY**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization -submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization- shall describe the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
4. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7876  
ARTHROSCOPY - DISCECTOMY**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization -submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization- shall describe the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
4. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7877  
ARTHROSCOPY - DEBRIDEMENT**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization -submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization- shall describe the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, the location (left or right) and any pertinent history.
4. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7880  
OCCLUSAL ORTHOTIC DEVICE, BY REPORT**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization -submit tomograms or a radiological report.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization - shall include the specific TMJ conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.

4. A benefit for diagnosed TMJ dysfunction.
5. Not a benefit for the treatment of bruxism.

**PROCEDURE D7881**

**OCCLUSAL ORTHOTIC DEVICE ADJUSTMENT**

This procedure is included in the fee for occlusal orthotic device, by report (D7880) and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D7899**

**UNSPECIFIED TMD THERAPY, BY REPORT**

1. Prior authorization is required for non-emergency procedures.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization – submit radiographs and/or tomograms, if applicable, for the type of procedure.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization – shall include the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
4. Not a benefit for procedures such as acupuncture, acupressure, biofeedback and hypnosis.

**PROCEDURE D7910**

**SUTURE OF RECENT SMALL WOUNDS UP TO 5 CM**

1. Written documentation or operative report for payment – shall include the specific conditions addressed by the procedure and the length of the wound.
2. Not a benefit for the closure of surgical incisions.

**PROCEDURE D7911**

**COMPLICATED SUTURE – UP TO 5 CM**

1. Written documentation or operative report for payment – shall include the specific conditions addressed by the procedure and the length of the wound.
2. Not a benefit for the closure of surgical incisions.

**PROCEDURE D7912**

**COMPLICATED SUTURE – GREATER THAN 5 CM**

1. Written documentation or operative report for payment – shall include the specific conditions addressed by the procedure and the length of the wound.
2. Not a benefit for the closure of surgical incisions.

**PROCEDURE D7920**

**SKIN GRAFT (IDENTIFY DEFECT COVERED, LOCATION AND TYPE OF GRAFT)**

1. Written documentation or operative report for payment – shall include the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the actual treatment.
2. Not a benefit for periodontal grafting.

**PROCEDURE D7921  
COLLECTION AND APPLICATION OF AUTOLOGOUS BLOOD CONCENTRATE PRODUCT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D7922  
PLACEMENT OF INTRA-SOCKET BIOLOGICAL DRESSING TO AID IN HEMOSTASIS OR CLOT STABILIZATION, PER SITE**

This procedure is included in the fee for surgical procedures and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D7940  
OSTEOPLASTY – FOR ORTHOGNATHIC DEFORMITIES**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization – shall include the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the proposed treatment.
4. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7941  
OSTEOTOMY – MANDIBULAR RAMI**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization – shall include the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
4. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7943  
OSTEOTOMY – MANDIBULAR RAMI WITH BONE GRAFT; INCLUDES OBTAINING THE GRAFT**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization – shall include the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
4. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7944  
OSTEOTOMY – SEGMENTED OR SUBAPICAL**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization – shall include the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
4. Requires a quadrant code.
5. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7945  
OSTEOTOMY - BODY OF MANDIBLE**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization -submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization - shall include the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
4. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7946  
LEFORT I (MAXILLA - TOTAL)**

1. Radiographs for payment -submit a pre-operative radiograph.
2. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7947  
LEFORT I (MAXILLA - SEGMENTED)**

1. Radiographs for payment -submit a pre-operative radiograph.
2. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.
3. When reporting a surgically assisted palatal expansion without downfracture, use unspecified oral surgery procedure, by report (D7999).

**PROCEDURE D7948  
LEFORT II OR LEFORT III (OSTEOPLASTY OF FACIAL BONES FOR MIDFACE HYPOPLASIA OR  
RETRUSION) - WITHOUT BONE GRAFT**

1. Radiographs for payment -submit a pre-operative radiograph.
2. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7949  
LEFORT II OR LEFORT III - WITH BONE GRAFT**

1. Radiographs for payment -submit a pre-operative radiograph.
2. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7950  
OSSEOUS, OSTEOPERIOSTEAL, OR CARTILAGE GRAFT OF THE MANDIBLE OR FACIAL BONES -  
AUTOGENOUS OR NONAUTOGENOUS, BY REPORT**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization -submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization - shall include the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the proposed treatment.
4. Not a benefit for periodontal grafting.
5. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7951  
SINUS AUGMENTATION WITH BONE OR BONE SUBSTITUTES VIA A LATERAL OPEN APPROACH**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization – shall include the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
4. A benefit only for patients with authorized implant services.
5. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7952  
SINUS AUGMENTATION WITH BONE OR BONE SUBSTITUTE VIA A VERTICAL APPROACH**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization – shall include the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
4. A benefit only for patients with authorized implant services.
5. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7953  
BONE REPLACEMENT GRAFT FOR RIDGE PRESERVATION- PER SITE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D7955  
REPAIR OF MAXILLOFACIAL SOFT AND/OR HARD TISSUE DEFECT**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization – shall include the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the proposed treatment.
4. Not a benefit for periodontal grafting.
5. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7960  
FRENULECTOMY- ALSO KNOWN AS FRENECTOMY OR FRENOTOMY- SEPARATE PROCEDURE NOT INCIDENTAL TO ANOTHER**

1. Photographs for payment –submit a pre-operative photograph.
2. Written documentation for payment – shall include the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and the specific area the treatment was performed.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. once per arch per date of service.



- b. only when the permanent incisors and cuspids have erupted.

**PROCEDURE D7963  
FRENULOPLASTY**

1. Photographs for payment –submit a pre-operative photograph.
2. Written documentation for payment – shall include the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and the specific area the treatment was performed.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. once per arch per date of service.
  - b. only when the permanent incisors and cuspids have erupted.

**PROCEDURE D7970  
EXCISION OF HYPERPLASTIC TISSUE – PER ARCH**

1. Photographs for payment –submit a pre-operative photograph.
2. Written documentation for payment – shall include the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and the specific area the treatment was performed.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. A benefit once per arch per date of service.
5. Not a benefit for drug induced hyperplasia or where removal of tissue requires extensive gingival recontouring.
6. This procedure is included in the fees for other surgical procedures that are performed in the same area on the same date of service.

**PROCEDURE D7971  
EXCISION OF PERICORONAL GINGIVA**

1. Radiographs for payment- submit a pre-operative periapical radiograph.
2. Photographs for payment –submit a pre-operative photograph only when the radiograph does not adequately demonstrate the medical necessity.
3. Written documentation for payment – shall include the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity.
4. Requires a tooth code.
5. This procedure is included in the fee for other associated procedures that are performed on the same tooth on the same date of service.

**PROCEDURE D7972  
SURGICAL REDUCTION OF FIBROUS TUBEROSITY**

1. Photographs for payment –submit a pre-operative photograph.
2. Written documentation for payment – shall include the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and the actual or proposed prosthodontic treatment.
3. Requires a quadrant code.
4. A benefit once per quadrant per date of service.

5. This procedure is included in the fees for other surgical procedures that are performed in the same quadrant on the same date of service.

**PROCEDURE D7979  
NON-SURGICAL SIALOLITHOTOMY**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a pre-operative radiograph.
2. Written documentation or operative report for payment – shall include the area or region the treatment was performed, the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.

**PROCEDURE D7980  
SURGICAL SIALOLITHOTOMY**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a pre-operative radiograph.
2. Written documentation or operative report for payment – shall include the area or region the treatment was performed, the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.

**PROCEDURE D7981  
EXCISION OF SALIVARY GLAND, BY REPORT**

Operative report for payment – shall include the area or region the treatment was performed, the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.

**PROCEDURE D7982  
SIALODOCHOPLASTY**

Operative report for payment – shall include the area or region the treatment was performed, the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.

**PROCEDURE D7983  
CLOSURE OF SALIVARY FISTULA**

Operative report for payment – shall include the area or region the treatment was performed, the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.

**PROCEDURE D7990  
EMERGENCY TRACHEOTOMY**

Operative report for payment – shall include the specific conditions addressed by the procedure.

**PROCEDURE D7991  
CORONOIDECTOMY**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a radiograph.

3. Written documentation for prior authorization – shall include the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
4. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7995  
SYNTHETIC GRAFT – MANDIBLE OR FACIAL BONES, BY REPORT**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit a radiograph.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization – shall include the specific conditions to be addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
4. Not a benefit for periodontal grafting.
5. An operative report shall be submitted for payment.

**PROCEDURE D7996  
IMPLANT – MANDIBLE FOR AUGMENTATION PURPOSES (EXCLUDING ALVEOLAR RIDGE), BY REPORT.**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D7997  
APPLIANCE REMOVAL (NOT BY DENTIST WHO PLACED APPLIANCE), INCLUDES REMOVAL OF ARCH BAR**

1. Radiographs for payment –submit a pre-operative radiograph.
2. Written documentation for payment – shall include the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity and any pertinent history.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. once per arch per date of service.
  - b. for the removal of appliances related to surgical procedures only.
5. Not a benefit for the removal of orthodontic appliances and space maintainers.

**PROCEDURE D7998  
INTRAORAL PLACEMENT OF A FIXATION DEVICE NOT IN CONJUNCTION WITH A FRACTURE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D7999  
UNSPECIFIED ORAL SURGERY PROCEDURE, BY REPORT**

1. Radiographs for payment – submit radiographs if applicable for the type of procedure.
2. Photographs for payment – submit photographs if applicable for the type of procedure.
3. Written documentation or operative report– describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the actual treatment.
4. Procedure D7999 shall be used:

- a. for a procedure which is not adequately described by a CDT code, or
- b. for a procedure that has a CDT code that is not a benefit but the patient has an exceptional medical condition to justify the medical necessity. Documentation shall include the medical condition and the specific CDT code associated with the treatment.

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## Orthodontic General Policies (D8000-D8999)

### Orthodontic Procedures (D8080, D8660, D8670 and D8680)

- a) Orthodontic procedures shall only be performed by dentists who qualify as orthodontists under the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 51223(c).
- b) Orthodontic procedures are benefits for medically necessary handicapping malocclusion, cleft palate and facial growth management cases for patients under the age of 21 and shall be prior authorized.
- c) Only those cases with permanent dentition shall be considered for medically necessary handicapping malocclusion, unless the patient is age 13 or older with primary teeth remaining. Cleft palate and craniofacial anomaly cases are a benefit for primary, mixed and permanent dentitions. Craniofacial anomalies are treated using facial growth management.
- d) All necessary procedures that may affect orthodontic treatment shall be completed before orthodontic treatment is considered.
- e) Orthodontic procedures are a benefit only when the diagnostic casts verify a minimum score of 26 points on the Handicapping Labio-Lingual Deviation (HLD) Index California Modification Score Sheet Form, DC016 (09/18) or one of the six automatic qualifying conditions below exist or when there is written documentation of a craniofacial anomaly from a credentialed specialist on their professional letterhead. Refer to procedure D0470 for the criteria for the proper labelling and handling of diagnostic casts.
- f) The automatic qualifying conditions are:
  - i) cleft palate deformity. If the cleft palate is not visible on the diagnostic casts written documentation from a credentialed specialist shall be submitted, on their professional letterhead, with the prior authorization request,
  - ii) craniofacial anomaly. Written documentation from a credentialed specialist shall be submitted, on their professional letterhead, with the prior authorization request,
  - iii) a deep impinging overbite in which the lower incisors are destroying the soft tissue of the palate,
  - iv) a crossbite of individual anterior teeth causing destruction of soft tissue,
  - v) an overjet greater than 9 mm or reverse overjet greater than 3.5 mm,
  - vi) a severe traumatic deviation (such as loss of a premaxilla segment by burns, accident or osteomyelitis or other gross pathology). Written documentation of the trauma or pathology shall be submitted with the prior authorization request.
- g) When a patient transfers from one orthodontist to another orthodontist, a new TAR for prior authorization shall be submitted:
  - i) when the patient has already qualified under the Medi-Cal Dental Program and has been receiving treatment, the remaining course of the originally authorized treatment shall be authorized to the new orthodontist to complete the case. Diagnostic casts, Handicapping Labio-Lingual Deviation (HLD) Index California Modification Score Sheet Form, DC016 (09/18), and photographs are not required for a transfer case that has already been approved, or
  - ii) when a patient has been receiving orthodontic treatment that has not been previously approved by the Medi-Cal Dental Program, pre-treatment diagnostic casts and current photographs are required. If pre-treatment diagnostic casts are not available then current diagnostic casts shall be submitted. Prior authorization for the remaining course of the orthodontic treatment shall be allowed or denied based on the Medi-Cal Dental Program's evaluation of the diagnostic casts and photographs.
- h) When additional periodic orthodontic treatment visit(s) (D8670) are necessary beyond the maximum allowed to complete the case, prior authorization is required. Current photographs are required to justify the medical necessity.

- i) If the patient's orthodontic treatment extends beyond the month of their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday or they become ineligible during treatment, then it is the patient's responsibility to pay for their continued treatment.
- j) The Handicapping Labio-Lingual Deviation (HLD) Index California Modification Score Sheet Form DC016 (09/18) shall be completed within the last three months prior to submitting for prior authorization for orthodontic services.

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## Orthodontic Procedures (D8000-D8999)

**PROCEDURE D8010  
LIMITED ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT OF THE PRIMARY DENTITION**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D8020  
LIMITED ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT OF THE TRANSITIONAL DENTITION**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D8030  
LIMITED ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT OF THE ADOLESCENT DENTITION**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D8040  
LIMITED ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT OF THE ADULT DENTITION**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D8050  
INTERCEPTIVE ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT OF THE PRIMARY DENTITION**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D8060  
INTERCEPTIVE ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT OF THE TRANSITIONAL DENTITION**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D8070  
COMPREHENSIVE ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT OF THE TRANSITIONAL DENTITION**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D8080  
COMPREHENSIVE ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT OF THE ADOLESCENT DENTITION**

1. Prior authorization is required. The following shall be submitted together for prior authorization:
  - a. comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the adolescent dentition (D8080), and
  - b. periodic orthodontic treatment visit(s) (D8670), and
  - c. orthodontic retention (D8680), and
  - d. the diagnostic casts (D0470), and
  - e. a completed Handicapping Labio-Lingual Deviation (HLD) Index California Modification Score Sheet Form, DC016 (09/18).

2. No treatment will be authorized and no payment will be allowed after the month of the patient's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization for cleft palate and facial growth management cases shall be submitted:
  - a. cleft palate cases require documentation from a credentialed specialist, on their professional letterhead, if the cleft palate is not visible on the diagnostic casts, or
  - b. facial growth management cases require documentation from a credentialed specialist, on their professional letterhead, of the craniofacial anomaly.
4. A benefit:
  - a. for handicapping malocclusion, cleft palate and facial growth management cases.
  - b. for patients under the age of 21.
  - c. for permanent dentition (unless the patient has a cleft palate or craniofacial anomaly).
  - d. once per patient per phase of treatment.
5. All appliances (such as bands, arch wires, headgear and palatal expanders) are included in the fee for this procedure. No additional charge to the patient is permitted.
6. This procedure includes the replacement, repair and removal of brackets, bands and arch wires by the original provider.
7. 2D oral/facial photographic images (D0350) are included in the fee for this procedure and are not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D8090  
COMPREHENSIVE ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT OF THE ADULT DENTITION**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D8210  
REMOVABLE APPLIANCE THERAPY**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Photographs are required for prior authorization.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization -shall justify the medical necessity for the appliance and the presence of a harmful oral habit such as thumb sucking and/or tongue thrusting.
4. A benefit:
  - a. for patients ages 6 through 12.
  - b. once per patient.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. for orthodontic appliances, tooth guidance appliances, minor tooth movement, or activating wires.
  - b. for space maintainers in the upper or lower anterior region.
6. This procedure includes all adjustments to the appliance.



**PROCEDURE D8220  
FIXED APPLIANCE THERAPY**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization –submit current periapical radiographs of the maxillary anterior teeth.
3. Written documentation for prior authorization –shall justify the medical necessity for the appliance and the presence of a harmful oral habit such as thumb sucking and/or tongue thrusting.
4. A benefit:
  - a. for patients ages 6 through 12.
  - b. once per patient.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. for orthodontic appliances, tooth guidance appliances, minor tooth movement, or activating wires.
  - b. for space maintainers in the upper or lower anterior region.
6. This procedure includes all adjustments to the appliance.

**PROCEDURE D8660  
PRE-ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT EXAMINATION TO MONITOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

1. This procedure is for the observation of the patient’s oral and/or facial growth for craniofacial anomalies prior to starting orthodontic treatment for facial growth management cases.
2. Prior authorization is required. The following shall be submitted together for authorization:
  - a. comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the adolescent dentition (D8080), and
  - b. pre-orthodontic treatment examination to monitor growth and development (D8660) indicating the quantity of treatment visits required up to a maximum of six during the patient’s lifetime, and
  - c. periodic orthodontic treatment visit(s) (D8670), and
  - d. orthodontic retention (D8680), and
  - e. a completed Handicapping Labio-Lingual Deviation (HLD) Index California Modification Score Sheet Form, DC016 (09/18).
3. Written documentation for prior authorization- shall include a letter from a credentialed specialist, on their professional letterhead, confirming a craniofacial anomaly.
4. A benefit:
  - a. prior to comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the adolescent dentition (D8080) for the initial treatment phase for facial growth management cases regardless of how many dentition phases are required.
  - b. once every three months.
  - c. for patients under the age of 21.
  - d. for a maximum of six.
5. 2D oral/facial photographic images (D0350) are included in the fee for this procedure and are not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D8670  
PERIODIC ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT VISIT**

1. Prior authorization is required. Refer to Orthodontic General Policies for specific authorization requirements.
2. The start of payments for this procedure shall be the next calendar month following the date of service for comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the adolescent dentition (D8080).
3. A benefit:
  - a. for patients under the age of 21.
  - b. for permanent dentition (unless the patient is age 13 or older with primary teeth still present or has a cleft palate or craniofacial anomaly).
  - c. once per calendar quarter.
4. The maximum quantity of monthly treatment visits for the following phases are:
  - a. Malocclusion- up to a maximum of 8 quarterly visits. (4 additional quarterly visits shall be authorized when documentation and photographs justify the medical necessity), or
  - b. Cleft Palate:
    - i) Primary dentition - up to a maximum of 4 quarterly visits. (2 additional quarterly visits shall be authorized when documentation and photographs justify the medical necessity).
    - ii) Mixed dentition - up to a maximum of 5 quarterly visits. (3 additional quarterly visits shall be authorized when documentation and photographs justify the medical necessity).
    - iii) Permanent dentition- up to a maximum of 10 quarterly visits. (5 additional quarterly visits shall be authorized when documentation and photographs justify the medical necessity), or
  - c. Facial Growth Management:
    - i) Primary dentition- up to a maximum of 4 quarterly visits. (2 additional quarterly visits shall be authorized when documentation and photographs justify the medical necessity).
    - ii) Mixed dentition- up to a maximum of 5 quarterly visits. (3 additional quarterly visits shall be authorized when documentation and photographs justify the medical necessity).
    - iii) Permanent dentition- up to a maximum of 8 quarterly visits. (4 additional quarterly visits shall be authorized when documentation and photographs justify the medical necessity).

**PROCEDURE D8680  
ORTHODONTIC RETENTION (REMOVAL OF APPLIANCES, CONSTRUCTION AND PLACEMENT OF RETAINER(S))**

1. Prior authorization is required. Refer to Orthodontic General Policies for specific authorization requirements.
2. Photographs are required only if this procedure is to be performed by an orthodontist other than the original treating orthodontist.
3. This procedure shall be paid only following the completion of periodic orthodontic treatment visit(s) (D8670) which is considered to be the active phase of orthodontic treatment.
4. Requires an arch code.
5. A benefit:
  - a. for patients under the age of 21.
  - b. for permanent dentition (unless the patient is age 13 or older with primary teeth still present or has a cleft palate or craniofacial anomaly).

- c. once per arch for each authorized phase of orthodontic treatment.
6. Not a benefit until the active phase of orthodontic treatment (D8670) is completed. If fewer than the authorized number of periodic orthodontic treatment visit(s) (D8670) are necessary because the active phase of treatment has been completed early, then this shall be documented on the claim for orthodontic retention (D8680).
7. The removal of appliances, construction and placement of retainers, all observations and necessary adjustments are included in the fee for this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D8681  
REMOVABLE ORTHODONTIC RETAINER ADJUSTMENT**

This procedure is included in the fee for orthodontic retention (D8680) and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D8690  
ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT (ALTERNATIVE BILLING TO A CONTRACT FEE)**

This procedure is not a benefit.

~~**PROCEDURE D8691  
REPAIR OF ORTHODONTIC APPLIANCE**~~

- ~~1. This procedure does not require prior authorization except for transfer patients, which shall include photographs.~~
- ~~2. Written documentation for payment shall indicate the type of orthodontic appliance and a description of the repair.~~
- ~~3. Requires an arch code.~~
- ~~4. A benefit:
  - ~~a. for patients under the age of 21.~~
  - ~~b. once per appliance.~~~~
- ~~5. Not a benefit to the original provider for the replacement and/or repair of brackets, bands, or arch wires.~~

~~**PROCEDURE D8692  
REPLACEMENT OF LOST OR BROKEN RETAINER**~~

- ~~1. This procedure does not require prior authorization except for transfer patients which shall include photographs.~~
- ~~2. Written documentation for payment indicate how the retainer was lost or why it is no longer serviceable.~~
- ~~3. Requires an arch code.~~
- ~~4. A benefit:
  - ~~a. for patients under the age of 21.~~
  - ~~b. once per arch.~~
  - ~~c. only within 24 months following the date of service of orthodontic retention (D8680).~~~~

**PROCEDURE D8693**  
**RE-CEMENT OR RE-BOND FIXED RETAINER**

1. ~~This procedure does not require prior authorization.~~
2. ~~Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.~~
3. ~~Requires an arch code.~~
4. ~~A benefit:~~
  - a. ~~for patients under the age of 21.~~
  - ~~b. once per provider.~~
5. ~~Additional requests beyond the stated frequency limitations shall be considered for payment when the medical necessity is documented and identifies an unusual condition (such as displacement due to a sticky food item).~~

**PROCEDURE D8694**  
**REPAIR OF FIXED RETAINERS, INCLUDES REATTACHMENT**

1. ~~This procedure does not require prior authorization except for transfer patients which shall include photographs.~~
2. ~~Written documentation for payment – indicate the type of orthodontic appliance and a description of the repair.~~
3. ~~Requires an arch code.~~
4. ~~A benefit:~~
  - a. ~~for patients under the age of 21.~~
  - b. ~~once per appliance.~~
5. ~~Not a benefit to the original provider for the replacement and/or repair of brackets, bands, or arch wires.~~

**PROCEDURE D8695**  
**REMOVAL OF FIXED ORTHODONTIC APPLIANCES FOR REASONS OTHER THAN COMPLETION OF TREATMENT**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Written documentation for payment- shall include a letter from the treating physician, dentist or radiologist, on their professional letterhead, stating the reason why the appliances needed to be temporarily removed shall be submitted.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. for patients under the age of 21.
  - b. if the patient's fixed orthodontic appliances have to be temporarily removed and then replaced due to a medical necessity.

**PROCEDURE D8696**  
**REPAIR OF ORTHODONTIC APPLIANCE- MAXILLARY**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization except for transfer patients, which shall include photographs.
2. Written documentation for payment – indicate the type of orthodontic appliance and a description of the repair.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. for patients under the age of 21.
  - b. once per appliance.
5. Not a benefit to the original provider for the replacement and/or repair of brackets, bands, or arch wires.

**PROCEDURE D8697**  
**REPAIR OF ORTHODONTIC APPLIANCE- MANDIBULAR**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization except for transfer patients, which shall include photographs.
2. Written documentation for payment – indicate the type of orthodontic appliance and a description of the repair.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. for patients under the age of 21.
  - b. once per appliance.
5. Not a benefit to the original provider for the replacement and/or repair of brackets, bands, or arch wires.

**PROCEDURE D8698**  
**RE-CEMENT OR RE-BOND FIXED RETAINER- MAXILLARY**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. for patients under the age of 21.
  - b. once per provider.
5. Additional requests beyond the stated frequency limitations shall be considered for payment when the medical necessity is documented and identifies an unusual condition (such as displacement due to a sticky food item).

**PROCEDURE D8699**  
**RE-CEMENT OR RE-BOND FIXED RETAINER- MANDIBULAR**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. for patients under the age of 21.
  - b. once per provider.
5. Additional requests beyond the stated frequency limitations shall be considered for payment when the medical necessity is documented and identifies an unusual condition (such as displacement due to a sticky food item).

**PROCEDURE D8701**  
**REPAIR OF FIXED RETAINERS, INCLUDES REATTACHMENT- MAXILLARY**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization except for transfer patients which shall include photographs.
2. Written documentation for payment – indicate the type of orthodontic appliance and a description of the repair.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. for patients under the age of 21.
  - b. once per appliance.
5. Not a benefit to the original provider for the replacement and/or repair of brackets, bands, or arch wires.

**PROCEDURE D8702**  
**REPAIR OF FIXED RETAINERS, INCLUDES REATTACHMENT- MANDIBULAR**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization except for transfer patients which shall include photographs.
2. Written documentation for payment – indicate the type of orthodontic appliance and a description of the repair.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. for patients under the age of 21.
  - b. once per appliance.
5. Not a benefit to the original provider for the replacement and/or repair of brackets, bands, or arch wires.

**PROCEDURE D8703**

**REPLACEMENT OF LOST OR BROKEN RETAINER- MAXILLARY**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization except for transfer patients which shall include photographs.
2. Written documentation for payment – indicate how the retainer was lost or why it is no longer serviceable.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. for patients under the age of 21.
  - b. once per arch.
  - c. only within 24 months following the date of service of orthodontic retention (D8680).

**PROCEDURE D8704**

**REPLACEMENT OF LOST OR BROKEN RETAINER- MANDIBULAR**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization except for transfer patients which shall include photographs.
2. Written documentation for payment – indicate how the retainer was lost or why it is no longer serviceable.
3. Requires an arch code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. for patients under the age of 21.
  - b. once per arch.
  - c. only within 24 months following the date of service of orthodontic retention (D8680).

**PROCEDURE D8999**

**UNSPECIFIED ORTHODONTIC PROCEDURE, BY REPORT**

1. Prior authorization is required for non-emergency procedures.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization or payment- submit radiographs if applicable for the type of procedure.
3. Photographs for prior authorization or payment- submit photographs if applicable for the type of procedure.
4. Written documentation for prior authorization or payment – describe the specific conditions addressed by the procedure, the rationale demonstrating the medical necessity, any pertinent history and the proposed or actual treatment.
5. A benefit for patients under the age of 21.
6. Not a benefit to the original provider for the adjustment, repair, replacement or removal of brackets, bands or arch wires.
7. Procedure D8999 shall be used:
  - a. for a procedure which is not adequately described by a CDT code, or
  - b. for a procedure that has a CDT code that is not a benefit but the patient has an exceptional medical condition to justify the medical necessity. Documentation shall include the medical condition and the specific CDT code associated with the treatment.

## Adjunctive General Policies (D9000-D9999)

### Anesthesia (D9210-D9248)

- a) Deep sedation/general anesthesia (D9222 and D9223) is defined as a controlled state of unconsciousness, accompanied by a partial or complete loss of protective reflexes, including the loss of the ability to independently maintain an airway and respond purposefully to physical stimulation or verbal command, produced by a pharmacologic or non-pharmacologic method or combination thereof.
- b) Intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia (D9239 and D9243) is a medically controlled state of depressed consciousness while maintaining the patient's airway, protective reflexes and the ability to respond to stimulation or verbal commands. It includes intravenous (IV) administration of sedative and/or analgesic agent(s) and appropriate monitoring.
- c) Non-intravenous conscious sedation (D9248) is a medically controlled state of depressed consciousness while maintaining the patient's airway, protective reflexes and the ability to respond to stimulation or verbal commands. It includes administration of sedative and/or analgesic agent(s) by a route other than IV (oral, patch, intramuscular or subcutaneous) and appropriate monitoring.
- d) Behavior modification and local anesthesia shall be attempted first before any type of sedation is considered. If this fails or is not possible due to the patient's medical condition, then sedation shall be considered. If sedation is indicated, then the least profound procedure shall be attempted first. The least profound procedure is inhalation of nitrous oxide/analgesia, anxiolysis (D9230) or non-intravenous conscious sedation (D9248), the next profound procedure is intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia (D9239 and D9243) and the most profound is deep sedation/general anesthesia (D9222 and D9223).
- e) If the provider provides clear medical/dental documentation of **both** i) and ii) below then the patient shall be considered for prior authorization for deep sedation/general anesthesia (D9222 and D9223) or intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia (D9239 and D9243). If the provider documents any **one** of iii) through vi) then the patient shall be considered for prior authorization for deep sedation/general anesthesia (D9222 and D9223) or intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia (D9239 and D9243).
  - i) Use of local anesthesia to control pain failed or was not feasible based on the medical needs of the patient. Written documentation from the referring/treating provider shall include a copy of the patient record indicating such a failure or why it was not feasible based on the medical needs of the patient.
  - ii) Use of inhalation of nitrous oxide/analgesia, anxiolysis (D9230) or non-intravenous conscious sedation (D9248) failed or was not feasible based on the medical needs of the patient. Written documentation from the referring/treating provider shall include a copy of the patient record indicating such a failure or why it was not feasible based on the medical needs of the patient.
  - iii) Use of effective communicative techniques and the ability for immobilization of the patient (patient is dangerous to self or staff) failed or was not feasible based on the medical needs of the patient. Written documentation from the referring/treating provider shall include a copy of the patient record indicating such a failure



- or why it was not feasible based on the medical needs of the patient.
- iv) Patient requires extensive dental restorative or surgical treatment that cannot be rendered under local anesthesia or conscious sedation. Radiographs (and photographs, if applicable) shall be submitted demonstrating such proposed treatment and shall be included on the same Treatment Authorization Request (TAR).
  - v) Patient has acute situational anxiety due to immature cognitive functioning. Written documentation from the referring/treating provider shall include a copy of the patient record indicating such a condition.
  - vi) Patient is uncooperative due to certain physical or mental compromising conditions. Patient is either a Registered Consumer from the Department of Developmental Services or written documentation from the patient's physician (on their professional letterhead) indicates such a condition.
  - f) Patients with certain medical conditions such as, but not limited to: moderate to severe asthma, reactive airway disease, congestive heart failure, cardiac arrhythmias and significant bleeding disorders (continuous anticoagulant therapy such as Coumadin therapy) shall be treated in a hospital setting or a licensed facility capable of responding to a serious medical crisis.
  - g) The administration of deep sedation/general anesthesia (D9222 and D9223), inhalation of nitrous oxide/analgesia, anxiolysis (D9230), intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia (D9239 and D9243) and therapeutic parenteral drug (D9610) is a benefit in conjunction with payable associated procedures. Prior authorization or payment shall be denied if all associated procedures by the same provider are denied.
  - h) Only one anesthesia procedure is payable per date of service regardless of the methods of administration or drugs used. When one or more anesthesia procedures are performed only the most profound procedure will be allowed. The following anesthesia procedures are listed in order from most profound to least profound:
    - i) Procedure D9222/D9223 (Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia),
    - ii) Procedure D9239/D9243 (Intravenous Moderate (Conscious) Sedation/Analgesia),
    - iii) Procedure D9248 (Non-Intravenous Conscious Sedation),
    - iv) Procedure D9230 (Inhalation Of Nitrous Oxide/Analgesia, Anxiolysis).
  - i) Providers who administer general anesthesia (D9222 and D9223) and/or intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia (D9239 and D9243) shall have valid anesthesia permits with the Dental Board of California.
  - j) Evaluation for anesthesia procedures is included in the fees for anesthesia and oral evaluation procedures.
  - k) The cost of analgesic and anesthetic agents and supplies are included in the fee for the analgesic/anesthetic procedure.
  - l) Anesthesia time for general anesthesia and intravenous conscious sedation is defined as the period between the beginning of the administration of the anesthetic agent and the time that the anesthetist is no longer in personal attendance.
  - m) Sedation is a benefit in conjunction with the surgical removal of wires, bands, splints and arch bars.

## Adjunctive Service Procedures (D9000-D9999)

### **PROCEDURE D9110 PALLIATIVE (EMERGENCY) TREATMENT OF DENTAL PAIN - MINOR PROCEDURE**

1. This procedure cannot be prior authorized.
2. Written documentation for payment -shall include the tooth/area, condition and specific treatment performed.
3. A benefit once per date of service per provider regardless of the number of teeth and/or areas treated.

### **PROCEDURE D9120 FIXED PARTIAL DENTURE SECTIONING**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Radiographs for payment- submit pre-operative radiographs.
3. Requires a tooth code for the retained tooth.
4. A benefit when at least one of the abutment teeth is to be retained.

### **PROCEDURE D9130 TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT DYSFUNCTION- NON-INVASIVE PHYSICAL THERAPIES**

This procedure is only payable as Unspecified TMD Therapy, By Report (D7899).

### **PROCEDURE D9210 LOCAL ANESTHESIA NOT IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPERATIVE OR SURGICAL PROCEDURES**

1. This procedure cannot be prior authorized.
2. Written documentation for payment -shall include the medical necessity for the local anesthetic injection.
3. A benefit:
  - a. once per date of service per provider.
  - b. only for use in order to perform a differential diagnosis or as a therapeutic injection to eliminate or control a disease or abnormal state.
4. Not a benefit when any other treatment is performed on the same date of service, except when radiographs/photographs are needed of the affected area to diagnose and document the emergency condition.

### **PROCEDURE D9211 REGIONAL BLOCK ANESTHESIA**

This procedure is included in the fee for other procedures and is not payable separately.

### **PROCEDURE D9212 TRIGEMINAL DIVISION BLOCK ANESTHESIA**

This procedure is included in the fee for other procedures and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D9215  
LOCAL ANESTHESIA IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPERATIVE OR SURGICAL PROCEDURES**

This procedure is included in the fee for other procedures and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D9219  
EVALUATION FOR MODERATE SEDATION, DEEP SEDATION OR GENERAL ANESTHESIA**

Evaluation for anesthesia procedures is included in the fees for anesthesia and oral evaluation procedures and is not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D9222  
DEEP SEDATION/GENERAL ANESTHESIA – FIRST 15 MINUTES**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Written documentation for authorization—see the criteria under Adjunctive General Policies e).
3. An anesthesia record that indicates the anesthetic agent(s) and the anesthesia time shall be submitted for payment.
4. The quantity, in 15 minute increments, that was necessary to complete the treatment shall be indicated on the claim.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. on the same date of service as analgesia, anxiolysis, inhalation of nitrous oxide (D9230), intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia (D9239 and D9243) or non-intravenous conscious sedation (D9248).
  - b. when all associated procedures on the same date of service by the same provider are denied.

**PROCEDURE D9223  
DEEP SEDATION/GENERAL ANESTHESIA – EACH SUBSEQUENT 15 MINUTE INCREMENT**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Written documentation for authorization—see the criteria under Adjunctive General Policies e).
3. An anesthesia record that indicates the anesthetic agent(s) and the anesthesia time shall be submitted for payment.
4. The quantity, in 15 minute increments, that was necessary to complete the treatment shall be indicated on the claim.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. on the same date of service as analgesia, anxiolysis, inhalation of nitrous oxide (D9230), intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia (D9239 and D9243) or non-intravenous conscious sedation (D9248).
  - b. when all associated procedures on the same date of service by the same provider are denied.

**PROCEDURE D9230  
INHALATION OF NITROUS OXIDE /ANALGESIA, ANXIOLYSIS**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Written documentation for payment for patients age 13 or older- shall indicate the physical, behavioral, developmental or emotional condition that prohibits the patient from responding to the

provider's attempts to perform treatment. Extensive dental treatment shall also be documented for consideration for payment.

3. A benefit:
  - a. for uncooperative patients under the age of 13, or
  - b. for patients age 13 or older when documentation specifically identifies the physical, behavioral, developmental or emotional condition that prohibits the patient from responding to the provider's attempts to perform treatment. Extensive dental treatment shall also be documented for consideration for payment.
4. Not a benefit:
  - a. on the same date of service as deep sedation/general anesthesia (D9222 and D9223), intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia (D9239 and D9243) or non-intravenous conscious sedation (D9248).
  - b. when all associated procedures on the same date of service by the same provider are denied.

**PROCEDURE D9239  
INTRAVENOUS MODERATE (CONSCIOUS) SEDATION/ANALGESIA- FIRST 15 MINUTES**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Written documentation for authorization—see the criteria under Adjunctive General Policies e).
3. An anesthesia record that indicates the anesthetic agent(s) and the anesthesia time shall be submitted for payment.
4. The quantity, in 15 minute increments, that was necessary to complete the treatment shall be indicated on the claim.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. on the same date of service as analgesia, anxiolysis, inhalation of nitrous oxide (D9230), deep sedation/general anesthesia (D9222 and D9223) or non-intravenous conscious sedation (D9248).
  - b. when all associated procedures on the same date of service by the same provider are denied.

**PROCEDURE D9243  
INTRAVENOUS MODERATE (CONSCIOUS) SEDATION/ANALGESIA - EACH SUBSEQUENT 15 MINUTE INCREMENT**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Written documentation for authorization—see the criteria under Adjunctive General Policies e).
3. An anesthesia record that indicates the anesthetic agent(s) and the anesthesia time shall be submitted for payment.
4. The quantity, in 15 minute increments, that was necessary to complete the treatment shall be indicated on the claim.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. on the same date of service as analgesia, anxiolysis, inhalation of nitrous oxide (D9230), deep sedation/general anesthesia (D9222 and D9223) or non-intravenous conscious sedation (D9248).
  - b. when all associated procedures on the same date of service by the same provider are denied.

**PROCEDURE D9248  
NON-INTRAVENOUS CONSCIOUS SEDATION**

1. This procedure does not require prior authorization.
2. Written documentation for payment for patients of all ages- shall indicate the specific anesthetic agent administered and the method of administration.
3. Written documentation for payment for patients age 13 or older- shall indicate the physical, behavioral, developmental or emotional condition that prohibits the patient from responding to the provider's attempts to perform treatment.
4. A benefit:
  - a. for uncooperative patients under the age of 13, or
  - b. for patients age 13 or older when documentation specifically identifies the physical, behavioral, developmental or emotional condition that prohibits the patient from responding to the provider's attempts to perform treatment.
  - c. for oral, patch, intramuscular or subcutaneous routes of administration.
  - d. once per date of service.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. on the same date of service as deep sedation/general anesthesia (D9222 and D9223), analgesia, anxiolysis, inhalation of nitrous oxide (D9230) or intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia (D9239 and D9243).
  - b. when all associated procedures on the same date of service by the same provider are denied.

**PROCEDURE D9310  
CONSULTATION- DIAGNOSTIC SERVICE PROVIDED BY DENTIST OR PHYSICIAN OTHER THAN  
REQUESTING DENTIST OR PHYSICIAN**

This procedure shall only be billed as diagnostic procedures D0120, D0140, D0150, or D0160.

**PROCEDURE D9311  
CONSULTATION WITH A MEDICAL HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9410  
HOUSE/EXTENDED CARE FACILITY CALL**

1. Written documentation for payment - shall include the name, phone number, and address of the facility. When requesting treatment for a patient who cannot leave their private residence due to a medical condition, the patient's physician shall submit a letter on their professional letterhead with the following information documented:
  - a. the patient's specific medical condition, and
  - b. the reason why the patient cannot leave their private residence, and
  - c. the length of time the patient will be homebound.
2. A benefit:
  - a. once per patient per date of service.
  - b. only in conjunction with procedures that are payable.

3. When this procedure is submitted for payment without associated procedures, the medical necessity for the visit shall be documented and justified.

**PROCEDURE D9420  
HOSPITAL OR AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER CALL**

1. The operative report for payment – shall include the total time in the operating room or ambulatory surgical center.
2. A benefit for each hour or fraction thereof as documented on the operative report.
3. Not a benefit:
  - a. for an assistant surgeon.
  - b. for time spent compiling the patient history, writing reports or for post-operative or follow up visits.
4. Pre-operative examinations, processing, transportation and set up fees are included in the fee for D9420 and are not payable separately.

**PROCEDURE D9430  
OFFICE VISIT FOR OBSERVATION (DURING REGULARLY SCHEDULED HOURS) – NO OTHER SERVICES PERFORMED**

1. This procedure cannot be prior authorized.
2. A benefit once per date of service per provider.
3. Not a benefit for visits to patients residing in a house/extended care facility.

**PROCEDURE D9440  
OFFICE VISIT – AFTER REGULARLY SCHEDULED HOURS**

1. This procedure cannot be prior authorized.
2. Written documentation for payment – shall include justification of the emergency (chief complaint) and be specific to an area or tooth. The time and day of the week shall also be documented.
3. A benefit:
  - a. once per date of service per provider.
  - b. only with treatment that is a benefit.
4. This procedure is to compensate providers for travel time back to the office for emergencies outside of regular office hours.

**PROCEDURE D9450  
CASE PRESENTATION, DETAILED AND EXTENSIVE TREATMENT PLANNING**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9610  
THERAPEUTIC PARENTERAL DRUG, SINGLE ADMINISTRATION**

1. Written documentation for payment – shall include the specific drug name and classification.
2. A benefit for up to a maximum of four injections per date of service.

3. Not a benefit:
  - a. for the administration of an analgesic or sedative when used in conjunction with deep sedation/general anesthesia (D9222 and D9223), inhalation of nitrous oxide/analgesia, anxiolysis (D9230), intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia (D9239 and D9243) or non-intravenous conscious sedation (D9248).
  - b. when all associated procedures on the same date of service by the same provider are denied.

**PROCEDURE D9612  
THERAPEUTIC PARENTERAL DRUG, TWO OR MORE ADMINISTRATIONS, DIFFERENT MEDICATIONS**

This procedure can only be billed as therapeutic parenteral drug, single administration (D9610).

**PROCEDURE D9613  
INFILTRATION OF SUSTAINED RELEASE THERAPEUTIC DRUG- SINGLE OR MULTIPLE SITES**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9630  
DRUGS OR MEDICAMENTS DISPENSED IN THE OFFICE FOR HOME USE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9910  
APPLICATION OF DESENSITIZING MEDICAMENT**

1. This procedure cannot be prior authorized.
2. Written documentation for payment -shall include the tooth/teeth and the specific treatment performed.
3. A benefit:
  - a. once per date of service per provider regardless of the number of teeth and/or areas treated.
  - b. for permanent teeth only.
4. Not a benefit: when any other treatment is performed on the same date of service, except when radiographs/photographs are needed of the affected area to diagnose and document the emergency condition.
5. This procedure is considered to be an emergency treatment only.

**PROCEDURE D9911  
APPLICATION OF DESENSITIZING RESIN FOR CERVICAL AND/OR ROOT SURFACE, PER TOOTH**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9920  
BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT, BY REPORT**

1. Written documentation for payment shall include documentation that the patient is a special needs patient that requires additional time for a dental visit. Special needs patients are defined as those patients who have a physical, behavioral, developmental or emotional condition that prohibits them from adequately responding to a provider's attempts to perform a dental visit. Documentation shall

include the patient's medical diagnosis of such a condition and the reason for the need of additional time for a dental visit.

2. A benefit:
  - a. for four visits in a 12 month period to compensate the provider for additional time needed for providing services to special needs patients.
  - b. only in conjunction with procedures that are payable.

**PROCEDURE D9930  
TREATMENT OF COMPLICATIONS (POST-SURGICAL) – UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES, BY REPORT**

1. This procedure cannot be prior authorized.
2. Written documentation for payment – shall include the tooth, condition and specific treatment performed.
3. Requires a tooth code.
4. A benefit:
  - a. once per date of service per provider.
  - b. for the treatment of a dry socket or excessive bleeding within 30 days of the date of service of an extraction.
  - c. for the removal of bony fragments within 30 days of the date of service of an extraction.
5. Not a benefit:
  - a. for the removal of bony fragments on the same date of service as an extraction.
  - b. for routine post-operative visits.

**PROCEDURE D9932  
CLEANING AND INSPECTION OF A REMOVABLE COMPLETE DENTURE, MAXILLARY**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9933  
CLEANING AND INSPECTION OF A REMOVABLE COMPLETE DENTURE, MANDIBULAR**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9934  
CLEANING AND INSPECTION OF A REMOVABLE PARTIAL DENTURE, MAXILLARY**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9935  
CLEANING AND INSPECTION OF A REMOVABLE PARTIAL DENTURE, MANDIBULAR**

This procedure is not a benefit.



**PROCEDURE D9943  
OCCLUSAL GUARD ADJUSTMENT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9941  
FABRICATION OF ATHLETIC MOUTHGUARD**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9942  
REPAIR AND/OR RELINE OF OCCLUSAL GUARD**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9944  
OCCLUSAL GUARD- HARD APPLIANCE, FULL ARCH**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9945  
OCCLUSAL GUARD- SOFT APPLIANCE, FULL ARCH**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9946  
OCCLUSAL GUARD- HARD APPLIANCE, PARTIAL ARCH**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9950  
OCCLUSION ANALYSIS – MOUNTED CASE**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Written documentation for prior authorization – shall describe the specific symptoms with a detailed history and diagnosis.
3. A benefit:
  - a. once in a 12 month period.
  - b. for patients age 13 or older.
  - c. for diagnosed TMJ dysfunction only.
  - d. for permanent dentition.
4. Not a benefit for bruxism only.
5. The fee for this procedure includes face bow, interocclusal record tracings, diagnostic wax up and diagnostic casts.

**PROCEDURE D9951  
OCCLUSAL ADJUSTMENT - LIMITED**

1. Submission of radiographs, photographs or written documentation demonstrating medical necessity is not required for payment.
2. Requires a quadrant code.
3. A benefit:
  - a. once in a 12 month period per quadrant per provider.
  - b. for patients age 13 or older.
  - c. for natural teeth only.
4. Not a benefit within 30 days following definitive restorative, endodontic, removable and fixed prosthodontic treatment in the same or opposing quadrant.

**PROCEDURE D9952  
OCCLUSAL ADJUSTMENT - COMPLETE**

1. Prior authorization is required.
2. Written documentation for prior authorization – submit interocclusal record tracings that demonstrate the medical necessity to eliminate destructive occlusal forces.
3. A benefit:
  - a. once in a 12 month period following occlusion analysis- mounted case (D9950).
  - b. for patients age 13 or older.
  - c. for diagnosed TMJ dysfunction only.
  - d. for permanent dentition.
4. Not a benefit in conjunction with an occlusal orthotic device (D7880).
5. Occlusion analysis-mounted case (D9950) must precede this procedure.

**PROCEDURE D9961  
DUPLICATE/COPY PATIENT'S RECORDS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9970  
ENAMEL MICROABRASION**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9971  
ODONTOPLASTY 1 – 2 TEETH; INCLUDES REMOVAL OF ENAMEL PROJECTIONS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9972  
EXTERNAL BLEACHING – PER ARCH- PERFORMED IN OFFICE**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9973  
EXTERNAL BLEACHING - PER TOOTH**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9974  
INTERNAL BLEACHING - PER TOOTH**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9975  
EXTERNAL BLEACHING FOR HOME APPLICATION, PER ARCH; INCLUDES MATERIALS AND  
FABRICATION OF CUSTOM TRAYS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9985  
SALES TAX**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9986  
MISSED APPOINTMENT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9987  
CANCELLED APPOINTMENT**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9990  
CERTIFIED TRANSLATION OR SIGN-LANGUAGE SERVICES- PER VISIT**

See [https://www.denti-cal.ca.gov/Dental\\_Providers/Denti-Cal/Dental\\_Case\\_Management\\_Program/](https://www.denti-cal.ca.gov/Dental_Providers/Denti-Cal/Dental_Case_Management_Program/) for further instructions.

**PROCEDURE D9991  
DENTAL CASE MANAGEMENT- ADDRESSING APPOINTMENT COMPLIANCE BARRIERS**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9992  
DENTAL CASE MANAGEMENT- CARE COORDINATION**

See [https://www.denti-cal.ca.gov/Dental\\_Providers/Denti-Cal/Dental\\_Case\\_Management\\_Program/](https://www.denti-cal.ca.gov/Dental_Providers/Denti-Cal/Dental_Case_Management_Program/) for further instructions.

**PROCEDURE D9993  
DENTAL CASE MANAGEMENT- MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9994  
DENTAL CASE MANAGEMENT- PATIENT EDUCATION TO IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH LITERACY**

This procedure is not a benefit.

**PROCEDURE D9995  
TELEDENTISTRY- SYNCHRONOUS; REAL-TIME ENCOUNTER**

1. Written documentation for payment shall include the number of minutes that the transmission occurred.
2. Payable once per date of service per patient, per provider up to a maximum of 90 minutes.

**PROCEDURE D9996  
TELEDENTISTRY- ASYNCHRONOUS; INFORMATION STORED AND FORWARDED TO DENTIST FOR SUBSEQUENT REVIEW**

Transmission costs associated with store and forward are not payable.

**PROCEDURE D9997  
DENTAL CASE MANAGEMENT- PATIENTS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS**

[See D9992 Dental Case Management- Care Coordination for further instructions.](#)

**PROCEDURE D9999  
UNSPECIFIED ADJUNCTIVE PROCEDURE, BY REPORT**

1. Prior authorization is required for non-emergency procedures.
2. Radiographs for prior authorization or payment – submit radiographs if applicable for the type of procedure.
3. Photographs for prior authorization or payment – submit photographs if applicable for the type of procedure.
4. Written documentation for prior authorization or payment – shall include a full description of the proposed or actual treatment and the medical necessity.
5. Procedure D9999 shall be used:
  - a. for a procedure which is not adequately described by a CDT code, or
  - b. for a procedure that has a CDT code that is not a benefit but the patient has an exceptional medical condition to justify the medical necessity. Documentation shall include the medical condition and the specific CDT code associated with the treatment.