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Current Dental Terminology Version 4 (CDT-4) Reminder

CDT-4 Procedure Codes

On March 1, 2008, Denti-Cal implemented Current Dental Terminology Version 4 (CDT-4) procedure codes. Only CDT-4 version is being accepted.

CDT-4 Document Submission Requirements

Claims:

- ◆ Claims submitted with dates of service on or after March 1, 2008 must be submitted with CDT-4 procedure codes and are subject to the new criteria and submission requirements.
- ◆ CDT-4 procedure codes must include the "D" before the procedure number. CDT-4 procedure codes that do not include the "D" are considered invalid.
- ◆ Claims submitted with dates of service prior to March 1, 2008 must be submitted with local procedure codes and processed for payment with the local procedure codes and criteria.
- ◆ Do not submit claims with a mixture of local and CDT-4 procedure codes. They should be submitted on separate claim forms, based on date of service and the appropriate code set in effect. Claims submitted with mixed procedure codes will be denied.
- ◆ Claim Service Lines (CSL) denied with Adjudication Reason Code 261C must be resubmitted on a new claim form. Do not submit a Claim Inquiry Form (CIF). Adjudication Reason Code 261C reads as follows:

261C The billed procedure cannot be processed. Request for payment contains both local and CDT codes. Submit this procedure code on a new claim.

Treatment Authorization Requests (TARs):

- ◆ As of March 1, 2008, TARs must be submitted with CDT-4 procedure codes and are subject to the new criteria and submission requirements.
- ◆ CDT-4 procedure codes must include the "D" before the procedure number. CDT-4 procedure codes that do not include the "D" are considered invalid.
- ◆ Do not include dates of service on TARs. Dates of service should only be used on claims.

Notices of Authorization (NOAs):

- ◆ NOAs *issued* with local procedure codes prior to March 1, 2008 will be accepted and processed for payment using the local procedure codes and criteria.
- ◆ NOAs *issued* with local procedure codes on or after March 1, 2008 will be valid as long as the services are rendered during the authorization period.
- ◆ Do NOT change the local procedure codes to CDT-4 procedure codes! Doing so will result in denial of the claim.
- ◆ When a NOA has been denied due to changing the local codes to CDT-4 codes, submit a CIF and document the local codes in order to change the denied CDT-4 codes back to local codes.
- ◆ When the treatment plan changes or additional services become necessary, do not add the services to the authorized NOA. They will be denied. Submit a new claim or TAR for those services.



**Visit Denti-Cal and Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
Booths at Anaheim California Dental Association
(CDA) Scientific Session**

Be sure to visit the Denti-Cal booths at the CDA Scientific Session in Anaheim, Friday, May 2, 2008 through Sunday, May 4, 2008. Representatives from Denti-Cal will be on hand in Booths 739 and 741, Hall B, of the Anaheim Convention Center to provide information and answer questions.

Denti-Cal Seminars Scheduled for May 2008

D167/Advanced Seminar	May 15, 2008	Sacramento
D168/Basic Seminar/EDI *	May 16, 2008	Sacramento
D169/Workshop	May 21, 2008	Los Altos

** Delta Day*

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