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TO: Eligible Medicaid Providers of Dental Services
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans
Officers, Directors, County Departments of Job and Family Services

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SUBJECT: Ohio Medicaid coverage of Current Dental Terminology 2021 procedure codes

The purpose of this Medicaid Advisory Letter is to provide notice to stakeholders of Ohio Medicaid coverage of certain new ADA Current Dental Terminology (CDT) 2021 procedure codes effective January 1, 2021.

Procedure code terminology is updated based on Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature (CDT) changes for 2021. The descriptors for a number of preventive and partial denture services have been revised. Procedure code terminology is updated based on changes to Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature (CDT) for 2021. The descriptors for covered services such as exams, prophylaxes and dentures have been revised. Examples of these updates are replacing “clasps” with “retentive/clasping materials...devices”, “laboratory” with “indirect”, “chairside” with “direct.”

Coverage effective January 1, 2021 include the following services:

- Two new frenectomy procedure codes, D7961 buccal/ labial and D7962 lingual, will replace a single non-specific procedure code (D7960) which will be deleted. The maximum fee for D7961 and D7962 is \$119.13
- A new procedure code for counseling for the control and prevention of adverse oral, behavioral, and systemic health effects associated with high-risk substance use (D1321) will be covered. The maximum fee for D1321 is \$15.00. The coverage limit is two times per 365 days without prior authorization.
- A new procedure code for prefabricated porcelain - ceramic crown – permanent tooth (D2928) will be covered. This new procedure code allows coverage of these crowns for both anterior and posterior permanent teeth as an equivalent to stainless steel crowns and at the same fees. The maximum fee for D2928 “prefab porcelain/ceramic crown - **posterior permanent tooth**” is \$110.92. The maximum fee for D2928 “prefab porcelain/ceramic crown - **anterior permanent tooth**” is \$153.00
- Coverage of new COVID-19 testing procedure (D0604, D0605) will be added. These test fall under the Clinical Laboratory Improvements Act (CLIA) and require a Certificate of Waiver from CMS prior to administering the tests. The maximum fee for D0604 is \$35.92. The maximum fee for D0605 is \$45.23.

The list of CDT procedure codes, maximum fees and effective dates of coverage has been added to

Appendix DD of 5160-1-60 “Medicaid payment” and is posted on the Fees Schedules and Rates page of the Ohio Medicaid web site, <http://medicaid.ohio.gov/providers/FeeScheduleAndRates.aspx> (or its successor).

Additional Information

Information about the services and programs of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) may be accessed through the main ODM web page, <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov>.

Questions pertaining to this letter should be directed to the Ohio Department of Medicaid:

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