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TO: Eligible Medicaid Providers of Dental Services
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans
Other Interested Parties
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SUBJECT: Dental Program Enhancements Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5160-5-01

Rule 5160-5-01, "Dental services," sets forth Medicaid coverage and payment policies for dental services. It includes one appendix that lays out coverage of dental services by category.

Changes incorporated into appendix A include the following:

- Procedure code terminology is updated based on Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature (CDT) changes for 2020. The descriptors for a number of preventive and partial denture services have been revised.
- Coverage is updated for the application of silver diamide fluoride (SDF) to “per tooth” with a limit of up to four teeth reimbursed per date of service and a lifetime limit of four applications per tooth.
- Coverage is extended to include: more specific occlusal guard procedure codes at same maximum fees and limits as currently covered removal oral appliances and immediate complete dentures at the same maximum fee and limit as currently covered complete dentures. Relines of complete immediate dentures within the first six months of placement are included in the adjustment period of the dentures and are not separately reimbursed.
- The limit for partial and complete denture relines is changed from every four years to every 3 years based on medical necessity.
- Payment for in-office dental general anesthesia services and in-office intravenous sedation services is increased. Payment per date of service is limited to one unit of the first 15 minutes and up to four units of subsequent 15 minute increments.

These changes will enhance the dental services and treatment options while aligning the dental codes and rates for consistency.

The list of CDT procedure codes, maximum fees and effective dates of coverage is contained in Appendix DD of 5160-1-60 “Medicaid payment” and the list 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).

The effective date of this rule change is January 1, 2020.

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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