### 2016 CDT changes and processing policy updates

On January 1, 2016, Delta Dental of Oregon (DDOR) will implement the new codes that the ADA has outlined in CDT-16. The chart below shows how the DDOR standard contract will cover these new CDT-16 codes.

Please refer to the group limitations of each patient’s plan in Benefit Tracker for specific benefit information as some plans may handle the codes differently than the DDOR standard contract.

Also, some codes are being deleted with CDT-16. DDOR will no longer accept deleted codes after March 31, 2016. CDT-2016 code books can be purchased through the American Dental Association at ada.org.

Delta Dental of Oregon will also adopt a new processing policy for procedure code D4341. Beginning with dates of service 1/1/2016 and after, we will not allow more than two quadrants of root planing and scaling on the same date of service.

Due to time involved and the need for local anesthesia, it is uncommon to do all four quadrants on the same date of service. We do realize it may be necessary in certain circumstances to perform four quadrants of SRP due to a medical condition (e.g. patient taking a blood thinner) or some other extenuating circumstance.

If that is the case, we ask that you please forward complete chart notes, including the general or intravenous record, the medical condition and length of the appointment with your claim. In these cases, the claim will be reviewed.

### Questions?

Please contact the Delta Dental of Oregon Dental Customer Service department toll-free at 877-277-7280 or email us at dental@modahealth.com.

### New CDT codes covered under DDOR Standard Commercial plans.

No other new codes will be covered by Standard plans.

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| 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 | • Allow up to two teeth soft tissue grafts per quadrant.  
• Benefits for GTR and or bone grafts, in conjunction with soft tissue grafts in the same surgical area are denied.  
• Fees for frenulectomy D7960 or frenuplasty D7963 are disallowed when performed in conjunction with soft tissue grafts.  
• Same frequency limits as prosthetics should be applied—allow once in a 7-year period. |
| D4285  | Non-autogenous connective tissue graft (including recipient surgical site and donor material) each additional contiguous tooth, implant, or edentulous tooth position in same graft site. | • Allow up to two teeth soft tissue grafts per quadrant.  
• Benefits for GTR and or bone grafts, in conjunction with soft tissue grafts in the same surgical area are denied.  
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• Fees for frenulectomy D7960 or frenuplasty D7963 are disallowed when performed in conjunction with soft tissue grafts.  
• Same frequency limits as prosthetics should be applied—allow once in a 7-year period. |
| D5221  | Immediate maxillary partial denture — resin base (including any conventional clasps, rests and teeth) | Same frequency limits as prosthetics should be applied — allow once in a 7-year period. |
| D5222  | Immediate mandibular partial denture — resin base (including any conventional clasps, rests and teeth) | Same frequency limits as prosthetics should be applied — allow once in a 7-year period. |
| D5223  | Immediate maxillary partial denture — cast metal framework with resin denture bases (including any conventional clasps, rests and teeth) | Same frequency limits as prosthetics should be applied — allow once in a 7-year period. |
| D5224  | Immediate mandibular partial denture — cast metal framework with resin denture bases (including any conventional clasps, rests and teeth) | Same frequency limits as prosthetics should be applied — allow once in a 7-year period. |
| D7881  | Occlusal orthotic device adjustment | Benefits for occlusal orthotic device adjustments are denied unless covered by group/individual contract.  
• When covered by contract all adjustments within six months are disallowed.  
• Allow one per year following six months from initial placement. |
| D9223  | Deep sedation/general anesthesia — each 15-minute increment | Deep sedation/general anesthesia is a benefit when submitted in conjunction with a covered surgical service(s). |
| D9243  | Intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia — each 15-minute increment | Intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia is a benefit when submitted in conjunction with a covered surgical service(s). |
| D9943  | Occlusal guard adjustment | Benefits for occlusal guard adjustments are denied unless covered by group/individual contract.  
• When covered by contract all adjustments within six months are disallowed.  
• Allow one per year following six months from initial placement. |

**Deleted codes — DDOR will no longer accept the following codes after March 31, 2016**

- D0260
- D0421
- D2970
- D9220
- D9221
- D9241
- D9242
- D9931
Medicaid quality metric initiatives

To help improve dental care in Oregon, we’re asking for your support on an Oregon Health Authority (OHA) initiative. OHA is using quality health metrics to show how well Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) are doing at providing care. Two of the 17 outcome and quality measures used to make that determination in 2015 is dental, physical, and mental assessments for children in DHS custody and the application of dental sealants. To learn more about these incentive measures, visit the OHA’s analytics web page.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, approximately 35 percent of children and teens enter foster care with significant dental and oral health problems. We are committed to providing our Medicaid children/adolescents the care they need because the lack of dental care can have a significant impact on learning, communication, nutrition, and other activities necessary for normal growth and development.

With your help we can accomplish this by screening children/adolescents (age 1-17) in DHS custody within 60 days of being in DHS care and billing the appropriate codes to monitor their health. DDS will reimburse the service with the qualifying CDT codes (clinical oral evaluations), D0120, D0140, D0145, D0150, D0160, D0170, D0180, D0190 and D0191. It is important to note that this assessment must be completed within 60 days regardless of assessments occurring prior to entering DHS care.

Dental sealants are a proven and cost-effective method to prevent dental caries. As such, the OHA has chosen to focus this quality metric on children receiving sealants on their first and second molars. The metric will measure the children in two groups; children ages 6-9 and 10-14 years of age. OHA will measure us from our claims submissions for any OHP child who receives at least one sealant placed in 2015.

As you know, this work takes a coordinated care approach. You may receive a call from our OHP dental coordinators to help facilitate the process for specific cases. If you have any questions about care coordination, dental assessments or the application of sealants, call our OHP dental coordinator toll-free at 800-342-0526.

Questions?

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