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DENTAL HYGIENISTS POLICY CLARIFICATION

The dental bulletin dated August 18, 2004 defined the relationship of a dental hygienist practicing in a public health setting without supervision.

Further clarification of the policy is as follows:

- A duly registered and currently licensed dental hygienist who has been in practice at least three years and who is practicing in a public health setting may provide fluoride treatments, teeth cleaning, and sealants, if appropriate to children who are eligible for medical assistance, pursuant to chapter 208, RSMo, without the supervision of a dentist. This provision shall expire on August 28, 2006.
- The public health settings have been defined as:
 1. Department of Health and Senior Services;
 2. A county health department;
 3. A city health department operating under a city charter;
 4. A combined city/county health department; or
 5. A non-profit community health center qualified as exempt from a federal taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the *Internal Revenue Code* including a community health center that receives funding authorized by sections 329, 330, and 340 of the "United States Public Health Services Act."
- For the purposes of this bulletin, the term practicing is defined as employed by or contracted to provide services on behalf of the public health entities listed above.

DENTAL BULLETIN CORRECTIONS

In the dental bulletin Volume 26, Number 14, dated September 28, 2005, procedure code D4220 was included in Attachment B by error. D4220 is not a valid procedure code and cannot be billed as a support code.

Procedure code D7261 (Primary closure of sinus perforation) was inadvertently omitted from Attachment A. This procedure may be billed for adults if the service is related to a trauma or for treatment of a medical condition without which the health of the individual would be adversely affected.

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MC+ Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MC+ Fee-for-Service
- Medicaid Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MC+ Managed Care

Questions regarding MC+ Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MC+ Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the red MC+ card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-635-8908 and using Option One.

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