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## DENTAL BULLETIN

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#### **ORAL EVALUATION CODES**

The MO HealthNet Division reminds dental providers that the Comprehensive Oral Evaluation Code (D0150) must be limited to once per provider for a new patient or when an established patient who has not been seen within two (2) years for a Periodic Oral exam presents, or when an established patient presents with a significant health change that can be documented in the patient's record.

The Periodic Oral Evaluation Code (D0120) must be used for all other general office visits for the established patient.

The Limited Oral Evaluation Code (D0140) must be used when the patient presents with a specific problem or dental emergency, to include a visual exam of the mouth by the dental provider.

The Oral Evaluation of a patient under three (3) years of age (D0145) can be used each time the under three patient presents for a dental visit.

#### **AMALGAMS**

Effective November 1, 2008, an amalgam (D2140, D2150, D2160 and D2161) which is placed after a sealant (D1351) on the same tooth, same surface, by the same provider, within one (1) year of the sealant will not be reimbursed by MO HealthNet.

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**MO HealthNet Managed Care:** The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

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

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**573-751-2896**