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PALLIATIVE CARE POLICY REVISION

Effective November 1, 2011, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) will require a tooth number and a narrative stating the treatment provided when billing for Palliative (emergency) treatment of dental pain (D9110). This narrative must be retained in the patient record and made available to the MHD or its agent upon request. Palliative treatment is not allowed on the same date of service as any other dental service on the same tooth.

REMOVAL OF PROCEDURE CODES D2410-D2664 AND D9951

The MHD in cooperation with the Dental Advisory Committee has reviewed procedure codes D2410 through D2664 (gold foil restoration and inlay/onlay restorations) and D9951 (occlusal adjustments). From this review, the MHD has determined D2410 through D2664 and D9951 will no longer be reimbursable procedure codes effective November 1, 2011.

OCCLUSAL GUARD (D9940)

The MHD in cooperation with the Dental Advisory Committee has reviewed utilization and expenditures for procedure code D9940 (Occlusal Guard). As a result of this review, the MHD has determined that a report detailing the condition must accompany the claim when billing for D9940 effective November 1, 2011. Documentation must indicate the occlusal guard will minimize the effects of bruxism or other occlusal factors. Occlusal guards are reimbursed for participants under the age of 21.

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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 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

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573-751-2896**

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