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SUPERVISION IN AN ACCREDITED DENTAL/DENTAL HYGIENE SCHOOL

Services and supplies rendered in an accredited dental school by dental students or dental hygiene students must be performed under the personal direction of instructors.

Personal direction of instructors means the dentist/dental hygienist has examined the participant, approved the planned procedure, and before the dismissal of the participant, evaluated the performance of the dental/dental hygiene student. The instructor *must* personally document, in the patient's record, their presence and participation in the service.

For a dental school to bill for services rendered by a student, the dental school must have a designated faculty member(s) enrolled as a MO HealthNet provider whose NPI number is used for billing. Dental students are not eligible to enroll individually as MO HealthNet providers.

DENTAL STUDENTS IN A TEACHING/CLINICAL SETTING OTHER THAN AN ACCREDITED DENTAL/DENTAL HYGIENE SCHOOL

To bill for services performed by a dental student in a setting other than a clinic within a dental school, the teaching dentist (who is also an enrolled MO HealthNet provider) must be physically present during the key portion of the service. The teaching dentist *must* personally document, in the patient's record, their presence and participation in the service.

The health center/clinic using adjunct faculty, (who is also a full or part-time practicing dentist licensed in Missouri, enrolled with MO HealthNet, and trained to supervise the dental student), may bill MO HealthNet for covered services using the adjunct faculty dentist's NPI. The adjunct faculty dentist *must* document in the patient's record their presence and participation in the service.

DENTAL STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

Dental students providing billable patient care services must be enrolled in an accredited dental school that has provided appropriate training in the clinical setting.

TEACHING DENTIST REQUIREMENTS

In a setting other than a clinic within a dental school, a teaching dentist may not supervise more than six (6) students at a time and must be immediately available to assist the dental student. The teaching dentist should have limited responsibilities at the time the service is being provided by the dental student.

Teaching instructors in a dental school must ensure the care provided was reasonable and necessary, review the care provided by the dental student during or immediately after each visit, and document approval of the treatment. The dental school has primary responsibility for patients treated by dental students.

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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.

Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896