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PANORAMIC FILM

Effective July 1, 2013, procedure code D0330 (panoramic film) will only be reimbursed for participants age 6 and older. If medically necessary for children ages 0-5, a panoramic film may be reimbursed if billed using procedure code D0999 and a narrative report describing the situation is attached to the claim.

D2740 (CROWN – PORCELAIN/CERAMIC SUBSTRATE)

Effective July 1, 2013, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) will allow reimbursement of procedure code D2740 (Crown – porcelain/ceramic substrate) on both anterior and posterior teeth. The reimbursement for the D2740 will be reduced to \$317.75 for all teeth to maintain budget neutrality.

CLARIFICATION FOR AMALGAMS AFTER SEALANTS

Dental sealants are a proven effective measure in preventing dental decay. MHD encourages the placement of sealants on first and second permanent molars for all eligible children when the MHD dental sealant criteria are met. To promote the use of sealants, MHD is lifting non-coverage of an occlusal restoration within one (1) year after the placement of a sealant, effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2013. The MHD coverage criteria for dental sealants are as follows:

- Pit and fissure sealants are covered for all Healthy Children and Youth (HCY) MO HealthNet eligible participants ages five through 20.
- Sealants may be applied only on healthy (without occlusal restorations) first and second permanent molars (tooth numbers 2, 3, 14, 15, 18, 19, 30 and 31).
- No payment is made for sealants applied to third molars. Sealants will not be a covered service if applied to primary teeth.
- Sealants may only be applied every three (3) years per provider, per participant, per tooth.

- Permanent first and second molars may be sealed as they erupt or, for older or newly approved MO HealthNet participants (ages five through 20) whose teeth have never been sealed, all eight (8) molars may be sealed in one (1) setting.

D7283 (PLACEMENT OF DEVICE TO FACILITATE ERUPTION OF IMPACTED TOOTH)

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2013, and only when the participant has been authorized to receive orthodontia services, MHD will cover procedure code D7283 (placement of device to facilitate eruption of impacted tooth) in addition to procedure code D7280 (surgical access of an unerupted tooth).

TOOTH NUMBERS

Many of the Current Dental Terminology (CDT) procedure codes are for services performed on an individual tooth. When billing for services performed on an individual tooth, the tooth number should be recorded in Section 27 of the ADA 2002, 2004 Dental Claim Form or in the appropriate field on an electronic claim form.

Provider Bulletins are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) (Formerly the Division of Medical Services) Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

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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 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