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Reimbursement Frequency for Preventive Dental Services – Children and Adults in Special Eligibility Categories

The MO HealthNet Division (MHD) reimburses dental providers for preventive dental services for children ages 20 and under based on a frequency that promotes access to early detection and management of oral conditions. Preventive dental services can improve a child's oral health, general health and well-being, and school readiness.

Effective November 15, 2018, the MHD will reimburse dental providers for periodic oral examinations (D0120), fluoride treatments (D1206-D1208), prophylaxis (D1110-D1120), and bitewings (D0270-D0277) for children two (2) times per calendar year. Providers can bill these codes one (1) time for dates of service that occur between January and June, and one (1) time for dates of service that occur between July and December.

Effective November 15, 2018, the MHD will also reimburse dental providers for preventive dental services two (2) times per calendar year for participants who are in a category of assistance for pregnant women, the blind or are vendor nursing facility residents.

Reimbursement Frequency for Preventive Dental Services – Adults with Limited Dental Benefits

The MHD reimburses dental providers for limited preventive services for adults ages 21 and over with limited dental benefits. Dental providers are reimbursed for one (1) comprehensive oral evaluation (D0150) per provider. Additionally, one (1) limited oral evaluation-problem focused, one (1) prophylaxis treatment (D1110), and one (1) set of bitewings-2 films (D0272) and one (1) set of bitewings-4 films (D0274) are allowed two (2) times per calendar year.

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The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service

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 Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the MO HealthNet ID card.

**Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896**