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Dental Program

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CDT Codes D4341 and D4342 will no longer require prior authorization.

- D4341 is periodontal scaling and root planing for four or more teeth per quadrant.
- D4342 is periodontal scaling and root planing for one to three teeth per quadrant.
- These will not require prior authorization for dates of service beginning August 1, 2019.

To make sure your claims will be paid, check for the following:

- For D4341, each quadrant *must* have three (3) teeth each with at least one (1) five (5)-millimeter pocket and signs of sub-gingival calculus on x-ray, or four (4) teeth each with at least one (1) five (5)-millimeter pocket.
- For D4342, at least one (1) tooth in a quadrant with one (1) five (5)-millimeter pocket *must* be present.

 MO HealthNet (MHD) will only reimburse each quadrant one (1) time every two (2) years.

You must keep adequate documentation in the patient's medical record. This includes periodontal charting and/or x-rays. If MHD or MHD's authorized agent asks to see the documentation, you must provide it.

MHD will monitor use of these codes to ensure they are used correctly.

Managed Care enrolled providers should contact their Managed Care Organization for questions about their requirements for these codes.

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The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- 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 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