

June 25, 2009

# Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

## Dental, Denturist, Oral Surgeon, Dental Hygienist

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### Rate Increase

Effective July 1, 2009, dental, denturists, oral surgeon, and dental hygienist provider reimbursement rates have increased. The increase will raise the conversion factor from \$31.27 to \$32.75. Reimbursement for “by report” procedure codes will continue to be at 85 percent.

Please note that some codes have been significantly adjusted within the dental fee schedule according to a revision of the Relative Values for Dentists research group. The unit value has changed which changes the calculated fee. Those codes are D1206, D2799, D4211, D7282, D7910 and D7970.

Montana Medicaid recognizes a new practice standard to improve access and services to children age 0-5. Continuing Dental Education was provided by the Montana Dental Association to certify those dentists interested in obtaining the specialty training to be an ABC dentist. Those dentists who have updated their provider file with Medicaid/ACS will be reimbursed for codes D0145, D0425, D1310 and D1330 when providing services to babies and children.

The new fee schedule, which includes age ranges, limits and prior authorization requirements per procedure code, is posted at [www.mtmedicaid.org](http://www.mtmedicaid.org).

### Reminder: Dental Claim Forms

Providers submitting claims on paper are now required to use the ADA dental claim form with a copyright date of 2006 or later. This will standardize claim information so the Department can utilize ACS' optical character recognition system to process dental claims. This requirement is intended to increase paper claim processing efficiency.

The Department encourages providers who bill on paper to consider changing to an electronic method of claims submission. Please visit the “Electronic Billing” section of [www.mtmedicaid.org](http://www.mtmedicaid.org) for details and contact Provider Relations if you need further assistance.

### Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Jan Paulsen, Dental Program Officer, at (406) 444-3182 or [jpaulsen@mt.gov](mailto:jpaulsen@mt.gov) or contact Provider Relations:

**Provider Relations toll-free in- and out-of-state: 1-800-624-3958**

**Helena: (406) 442-1837**

**E-mail: [MTPRHelpdesk@ACS-inc.com](mailto:MTPRHelpdesk@ACS-inc.com)**

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**<http://www.mtmedicaid.org>**