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# Montana Health Care Programs Notice

## Dentist, Denturist, Dental Hygienist, Physician, and Mid-Level Practitioner

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**Effective Immediately**

### **Dental and Denturist Program Manual Updated**

Updates have been made to the *Covered Services* and *Limitations and Orthodontia Services and Requirements* chapters in the provider manual *Dental and Denturist Program* to include all notices and clarifications posted in 2009, 2010, and early 2011. They are summarized below. Refer to the replacement pages on the [Provider Information website](#) for more information.

#### **Covered Services and Limitations**

##### **Noncovered Services**

Porcelain/ceramic crowns, noble metal crowns, and bridges are **not** covered for clients 21 years of age or older. Splints/mouthguards are **not** a covered service **for clients 21 years of age or older**.

#### **Coverage of Specific Services**

**Preventive.** Physicians only will be reimbursed by Montana Medicaid for applying fluoride varnish (Code D1206) to children under age 21 at well-child appointments. Physicians are encouraged to make referrals when appropriate in an effort to help the child establish a dental home. Physicians should bill Code D1206 on a CMS-1500 claim form. If the child is determined high-risk for early childhood caries, up to 6 treatments per year will be allowed.

**Restoration, crowns.** Limits have been established for adults age 21 or older for porcelain fused to base metal crowns (Code D2751) with prior authorization, limited to two per person per calendar year, total. Second molars (2, 15, 18, and 31) will receive base metal crowns only (Code D2791).

#### **Orthodontia Services and Requirements**

##### **Orthodontia Fee Schedule**

Procedure codes used for orthodontia services have been assigned a fee for service and will no longer pay at 85% of the usual and customary fee submitted by the dental office. Prior authorization requirements have not changed.

Dental provider fee schedules may be accessed on the [Provider Information website](#). The web-based fee schedule contains current and historical pricing on all Medicaid covered dental codes as well as age and service limits. The fee schedule changes for orthodontia are effective January 1, 2011.

## Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, 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)**

Visit the Provider Information website:

<http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/>

For policy questions, contact Jan Paulsen, Dental Program Officer, at (406) 444-3182.