



# MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

February 22, 2018

**Oral Surgeons, Dentists, Dental Hygienists, and Denturists**

**Effective March 1, 2018**

## Adult Benefit Changes

Effective March 1, 2018 adult dental services will be limited to preventive services, diagnostic services, and basic restorations. Adult members will continue to receive routine dental exams, cleanings, and basic restorations such as fillings. Coverage of high cost, extensive dental procedures, crowns, and dentures for the adult Medicaid population, age 21 and over, will no longer be covered. This benefit reduction includes those adults deemed categorically aged, blind, and disabled. Providers are encouraged to follow this link [Proposed Fee Schedule Page](#) to view their specific provider type fee schedules. Attention should be given to the “Min age” and “Max age” columns for dental benefits that no longer are available to adults.

Normally the Department considers the date a procedure is completed as the date of service. However, as members are transitioned into this new plan of benefits, the Department will allow a date other than the completion date as follows. Members currently under dental care for:

**Crowns** - the Department currently uses the date of placement as the date of service, but will allow providers to bill the date the crown was sent to the laboratory for final processing as the date of service. The provider must send the crown to the laboratory for final processing before March 1<sup>st</sup> to allow the member to complete their care and the provider to get reimbursed for that service.

**Dentures** - The date of impression (preliminary OR final) will be considered the date of service. The provider must get the member’s impression done before March 1<sup>st</sup> to allow the member to complete their care and the provider to get reimbursed for that service.

## Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact:

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