



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

November 2, 2018

Dentists, Denturists, Dental Hygienists, and Oral Surgeon Providers

Effective Immediately

Claims for Restored Adult Dental Services Can Now Be Processed

The Department restored the adult dental services effective October 1st, 2018. The covered dental services mirror the services that were covered prior to the March 2018 reduction, (such as coverage for dentures and crowns). These changes have been updated on the Department’s fee schedules and Dental and Denturist Program Provider Manual.

Upon the restoration of the Medicaid adult dental benefit the Department needed to update coding in the claims processing system to adjudicate dental claims. The Department’s claims processing system update is now finalized. **Providers can begin submitting claims for the restored adult dental services that were effective beginning October 1, 2018.**

The Department wants to highlight how it incorporated both the July 1, 2018 reimbursement restoration and the October 1, 2018 adult dental benefit restoration on the same fee schedule. Providers can distinguish the change as follows:

- On the fee schedule under Max Age (and on the cover sheet) you will notice a 999*, this indicates the benefit is open to members though age 20 **ONLY** from July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018.
- Effective October 1, 2018, the benefit will then be open for members of all ages.
- Service limits apply (meaning the limits as noted on the fee schedule and manual, such as, “Full dentures, ten years old or older, may be replaced when the treating dentist documents the need for replacement.”).

Proc	Mod	Description	Effective	Method	Fees	PA	Min Age	Max age
D2929	-	PREFAB PORC/CERAM CROWN PRI	7/1/2018	FEE SCHED	\$202.68	-	000	020
D2930	-	PREFAB STNLSS STEEL CRWN PRI	7/1/2018	FEE SCHED	\$135.12	-	000	999*
D2931	-	PREFAB STNLSS STEEL CROWN PE	7/1/2018	FEE SCHED	\$202.68	-	000	999*
D2932	-	PREFABRICATED RESIN CROWN	7/1/2018	FEE SCHED	\$162.14	-	000	999*
D2933	-	PREFAB STAINLESS STEEL CROWN	7/1/2018	FEE SCHED	\$152.01	-	000	999*

The Department will also begin mass adjusting dental claims with dates of service July 1, 2018 through August 1, 2018 to pay the increased rate. The mass adjustment of claims will begin early December 2018. To assure timely reimbursement, please **do not** submit your own adjustments for these claims. The adjustment process will take several months to complete and providers will not need to do anything in order to be paid at the increased rate.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact:

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or telephone (406) 444-3182.

The proposed rules, fee schedules, and updated dental manual are posted on the DPHHS's provider website: <https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov/>.

For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email MTPRHelpdesk@conduent.com.

Visit the Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Information website at <https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov>.