



# MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

**April 21, 2020**

**Dental, IHS/Tribal 638, FQHC, and RHC Providers**

**Effective Retroactively to March 27, 2020**

## Dental Telemedicine Notice

This provider notice provides information on tele-dentistry codes that will be opened for billing purposes during the current COVID-19 health emergency. All Montana Medicaid covered services delivered via telemedicine/telehealth are reimbursable so long as such services are medically necessary and clinically appropriate for delivery via telemedicine/telehealth. The following links provides further information on the Medicaid Coverage and Reimbursement Policy for Telemedicine/Telehealth.

- [Telemedicine Medicaid Coverage and Reimbursement Policy for Telemedicine/Telehealth](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions on Telemedicine / Telehealth](#)

The American Dental Association (ADA) provided interim guidance for coding and billing during the COVID-19 health emergency. The ADA COVID-19 Coding and Billing Interim Guidance can be viewed at the following link.

- [COVID-19 Coding and Billing Interim Guidance](#)

Per this guidance the Department is temporarily activating the following codes.

Available tele-dentistry codes and reimbursement rates are:

- **D0170:** Re-evaluation-limited, problem focused (established patient; not postoperative visit)
  - \$30.68
- **D0171:** Re-evaluation-postoperative office visit
  - \$23.06
- **D9992:** Dental case management- care coordination
  - \$34.09
- **D9995:** tele-dentistry- synchronous; real-time encounter; reported in addition to other procedures (e.g., diagnostic) delivered to the patient on the date of service.
  - \$26.65
- **D9996:** tele-dentistry- asynchronous; information stored and forwarded to dentist for subsequent review; Reported in addition to other procedures (e.g., diagnostic) delivered to the patient on the date of service.
  - \$26.65

Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics are reimbursed their individual Prospective Payment System rate for tele-dentistry.

IHS and Tribal 638 are reimbursed their All-Inclusive rate for tele-dentistry.

**The teledentistry codes do not apply toward the annual adult dental limit.**

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