



Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Notice

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Update

Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Rural Health Clinic (RHC), and Urban Indian Organization (UIO) Providers

Dental Hygienist and Dental Hygienist with Limited Access Permit Updated

A billable dental encounter includes services performed by a dental hygienist under the general or direct supervision of a licensed dentist and by a dental hygienist with a limited access permit (LAP). LAP hygienists must be in compliance with [MCA 37-4-405](#).

Enrollment

- LAP hygienists must enroll in Montana Healthcare Programs
- Enrollment will be completed using the rendering only provider application when employed by a federally qualified health center (FQHC) or rural health clinic (RHC).

Billing Guidance

- Non-LAP hygienists and LAP hygienists working under the direct or general supervision of a dentist bill for services under the treating dentist's national provider identifier (NPI).
- LAP dental hygienists working under public health supervision (without prior authorization or presence of a licensed dentist) and providing dental hygiene preventive services in a designated public setting, bill for services under the LAP dental hygienist's NPI.
- Allowable codes are identified on the dental hygienist fee schedule and posted on the [Dental page](#) of the Provider Information website. The code must also be allowed on the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) procedure fee schedule posted on the [Hospital Outpatient page](#) of the Provider Information website.
- Only one dental encounter per member per day is eligible for reimbursement.
- Services are reimbursed at the facility specific Prospective Payment System (PPS) rate.

Fluoride varnish application only encounters are included in the provider's PPS rate. This service is considered incidental to the preventive screening or dental visit and is not billable as a stand-alone visit.

Contact and Website Information

If you have questions, please contact:

- FQHC/RHC Program Officer, (406) 444-7018
- IHS/Tribal 638/UIO Program Officer, (406) 444-1292

For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email [Montana Provider Relations Helpdesk](#).

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Visit the [Contact Us page](#) on the Provider Information website for additional DPHHS contact numbers.