Reimbursement for Dental Services for Children Covered by Medicaid

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Disclaimers & Limitations

- Publicly available fee schedules from state Medicaid agencies
- NOT reflective of payments made in a managed care environment
- Variations in state Medicaid agency use and definition of CDT codes
- NOT reflective of state dental practice acts
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Are Your Kids Covered? (2nd edition - 2021)

Medicaid Coverage for the Essential Oral Health Benefits
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Oral health care is a vitally important service for children’s well-being, and coverage of dental insurance codes by both public and private insurers is key in ensuring access to comprehensive oral health care for children. This brief illustrates the importance and shows state coverage of key codes in improving access to oral health care as of 2020.
Who can use this resource?

- State-level policymakers, Medicaid administrators, and state dental directors
- Medicaid managed care entities and other private payers
- Dental and oral health organizations: Oral health coalitions, AAPD state and district pediatric dentistry chapters, and state and local dental associations
- Pediatric dentists, general dentists, and other dental specialists, dental teams, and dental professionals
- Parents, caregivers, and families
- Other advocates in children’s health and wellbeing
Data & Methods

- Located dental provider manuals and fee schedules
- Performed structured internet searches “[state] Medicaid dental provider manual”

- “Recognized and Reimbursed”: CDT code present in the fee schedule and has an associated non-zero fee
- “Recognized but not Reimbursed”: CDT code present in the fee schedule but has no monetary fee
  - Includes “individually considered” and “market price”
- “Not Recognized”: CDT code absent from the fee schedule
D0601- D0603: Caries Risk Assessment
dental caries risk assessment and documentation with findings of 1 (low), 2 (moderate), and 3 (high) risk
D1355: Application of a Caries Preventative Medicament per tooth

FOR PRIMARY PREVENTION OR REMINERALIZATION AS REPORTED PER TOOTH AND DOES NOT INCLUDE TOPICAL FLUORIDES
D1701-D1714 COVID-19: Vaccine Administration
D1781- D1783: Vaccine Administration - Human Papillomavirus

Reimbursement for Dental Practitioners to Administer the HPV Vaccine
D9997: Dental Case Management - Patients with Special Health Care Needs

Supports the modification of treatments with patients with physical, medical, developmental, or cognitive conditions.
Time Trends in State Coverage for Select Dental Services for Children
D0145: Oral Evaluation for a Patient under Three Years of Age and Counseling with a Primary Caregiver

2021

Recognized (Reimbursement Unknown): 42
Not Recognized (in 2021): 9

2023

Recognized and Reimbursed: 39
Recognized but Not Reimbursed: 3
Not Recognized: 9
D1310: Nutritional Counseling for Control of Dental Disease

2021

Recognized (Reimbursement Unknown): 3
Not Recognized (in 2021): 48

2023

Recognized and Reimbursed: 6
Recognized but Not Reimbursed: 9
Not Recognized: 36
D1320: Tobacco Counseling for the Control and Prevention of Oral Disease

Recognized (Reimbursement Unknown): 14
Not Recognized (in 2021): 37

Recognized and Reimbursed: 15
Recognized but Not Reimbursed: 8
Not Recognized: 28
D1354: Application of Caries Arresting Medicament - Per Tooth

2021

- Recognized (Reimbursement Unknown): 35
- Not Recognized (in 2021): 16

2023

- Recognized and Reimbursed: 38
- Recognized but Not Reimbursed: 3
- Not Recognized: 10
D9311: Behavior Management, by Report

2021

Recognized (Reimbursement Unknown): 3
Not Recognized (in 2021): 48

2023

Recognized and Reimbursed: 2
Recognized but Not Reimbursed: 11
Not Recognized: 38
D9920: Consultation with a Medical Health Professional

2021

- Recognized (Reimbursement Unknown): 29
- Not Recognized (in 2021): 22

2023

- Recognized and Reimbursed: 23
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- Not Recognized: 20
D9991: Addressing Appointment Compliance Barriers

2021

- Recognized (Reimbursement Unknown): 1
- Not Recognized (in 2021): 50

2023

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D9992: Care Coordination

2021

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2023

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D9993: Motivational Interviewing

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D9994: Patient Education to Improve Oral Health Literacy

2021

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2023

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[Two maps showing state-by-state recognition and reimbursement in 2021 and 2023]
D9995: Teledentistry - Synchronous

Recognized (Reimbursement Unknown): 18
Not Recognized (in 2021): 33

Recognized and Reimbursed: 12
Recognized but Not Reimbursed: 19
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D9996: Teledentistry - Asynchronous

2021

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- Not Recognized (in 2021): 39

2023

- Recognized and Reimbursed: 7
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## Summary Information of State Recognition and Reimbursement of Select Dental Services

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