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**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

Yes  No If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** The agency is amending several sections of Chapters 182-535 WAC, Dental-related services, and 182-535A WAC, Orthodontic services. Amendments are being made to: add, remove, or update definitions; add covered services; clarify or change coverage limits; remove or update some prior authorization requirements; and clarify processes described in WAC. The revisions also include housekeeping changes.

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**PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

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Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:

Proposed/Adopted	WAC Subsection	Reason
<b>Original WAC # 182-535-1084(7)(c) Dental-related services – Covered – Restorative services</b>		
Proposed	Cannot be performed with interim therapeutic restoration on the same tooth.	In the interest of aligning Medicaid reimbursement with the practice guidelines currently under consideration, and removing barriers to safe, highly effective, and low-cost care, the stakeholders recommend amending WAC 182-535-1084(7).  Recommended language: (c) Cannot be <del>performed</del> <i>billed</i> with interim therapeutic restoration on the same tooth.
Adopted	Cannot be performed <u>and billed</u> with interim therapeutic restoration on the same tooth.	
<b>Original WAC # 182-535A-0010 Orthodontic services - Definitions</b>		
Proposed	<b>"Adolescent dentition"</b> means teeth that are present after the loss of primary teeth and prior to the cessation of	The definition of "Adolescent dentition" should read "means teeth that are present after the normal loss of primary teeth <i>or pulling of primary teeth</i> and prior to the cessation of growth that

	growth that affects orthodontic treatment.	affects orthodontic treatment." The stakeholders recommend adding "or pulling of primary teeth" because some children and adolescents experience the growth of new teeth while the primary teeth are still present and have not been lost. Some children have their primary teeth pulled for various reasons. These factors should not limit access to orthodontia.
Adopted	<b>"Adolescent dentition"</b> means teeth that are present after the <del>normal</del> loss of primary teeth and prior to the cessation of growth that affects orthodontic treatment.	
<b>Original WAC # 182-535A-0040(5)(e) Orthodontic treatment and orthodontic-related services – Covered, noncovered, and limitation to coverage</b>		
Proposed	N/A	The stakeholders believe that the language indicates that the orthodontist may need to incur the costs for retainers lost by the patient at any point after treatment has finished. Lab fees are typically \$50-150 for these appliances and loss is frequent. Most providers provide initial retention but ask for payment for subsequent appliances when active treatment is over. The stakeholders suspect that the change in rule will mean "one and done" since the agency is essentially barring providers from charging for this service. No provider can afford to continuously pay for a patient's replacement retainers. At the very minimum, the stakeholders suggest the agency reword the statement to indicate that this replacement will only be within the 24 or 30 months of approved treatment time.
Adopted	(e) <u>Replacement retainers after the first replacement retainer and within six months of debanding.</u>	
<b>Original WAC # 182-535A-0060(5)(b) Orthodontic treatment and orthodontic-related services – Payment</b>		
Proposed	(b) The agency's initial payment includes replacement of brackets and lost or broken orthodontic appliances, appliance removal, initial and replacement retainer fees, and final records (photos, a panoramic X ray, a cephalometric film, and final trimmed study models).	The stakeholders believe that the language indicates that the orthodontist may need to incur the costs for retainers lost by the patient at any point after treatment has finished. Lab fees are typically \$50-150 for these appliances and loss is frequent. Most providers provide initial retention but ask for payment for subsequent appliances when active treatment is over. The stakeholders suspect that the change in rule will mean "one and done" since the agency is essentially barring providers from charging for this service. No provider can afford to continuously pay for a patient's replacement retainers. At the very minimum, the stakeholders suggest the agency reword the statement to indicate that this replacement will only be within the 24 or 30 months of approved treatment time.
Adopted	(b) <u>The agency's initial payment includes:</u> <u>(i) replacement of brackets and lost or broken orthodontic appliances;</u> <u>(ii) appliance removal;</u>	

	<p>(iii) <u>The initial and the first replacement retainer fees within the first six months after debanding;</u> and</p> <p>(iv) <u>The final records (photos, a panoramic X ray, a cephalometric film, and final trimmed study models).</u></p>	
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**Original WAC # 182-535A-0060(6)(b) Orthodontic treatment and orthodontic-related services – Payment**

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Adopted	<p>(b) <u>The agency's initial payment includes:</u></p> <p><u>(i) <del>replacement</del>The replacement of brackets and lost or broken orthodontic appliances;</u></p> <p><u>(ii) <del>appliance</del>Appliance removal;</u></p> <p><u>(iii) The initial and the first replacement retainer fees within the first six months after debanding;</u> and</p> <p><u>(iv) The final records (photos, a panoramic X ray, a cephalometric film, and final trimmed study models).</u></p>	

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.  
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**The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:**

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**Title:** HCA Rules Coordinator

**Signature:**



**WAC 182-535-1050 Dental-related services—Definitions.** The following definitions and abbreviations and those found in chapter 182-500 WAC apply to this chapter. The medicaid agency also uses dental definitions found in the American Dental Association's Current Dental Terminology (CDT) and the American Medical Association's Physician's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT). Where there is any discrepancy between the CDT or CPT and this section, this section prevails. (CPT is a trademark of the American Medical Association.)

**"Access to baby and child dentistry (ABCD)"** is a program to increase access to dental services (~~(in targeted areas)~~) for medicaid eligible infants, toddlers, and preschoolers (~~(up to)~~) through (~~(the)~~) age (~~(of)~~) five. See WAC (~~(182-535-1300)~~) 182-535-1245 for specific information.

**"Alternate living facility"** is defined in WAC 182-513-1100.

**"American Dental Association (ADA)"** is a national organization for dental professionals and dental societies.

**"Anterior"** refers to teeth (maxillary and mandibular incisors and canines) and tissue in the front of the mouth. Permanent maxillary anterior teeth include teeth six, seven, eight, nine, ten, and eleven. Permanent mandibular anterior teeth include teeth twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, and twenty-seven. Primary maxillary anterior teeth include teeth C, D, E, F, G, and H. Primary mandibular anterior teeth include teeth M, N, O, P, Q, and R.

~~(**"Asymptomatic"** means having or producing no symptoms.)~~

~~**"Base metal"** means dental alloy containing little or no precious metals.)~~

**"Behavior management"** means using (~~(the assistance of)~~) one additional (~~(dental)~~) professional staff, who is employed by the dental provider or clinic and who is not delivering dental treatment to the client, to manage the (~~(behavior of a client)~~) client's behavior to facilitate (~~(the delivery of)~~) dental treatment delivery.

**"By-report"** (~~(-)~~) means a method of reimbursement in which the department determines the amount it will pay for a service when the rate for that service is not included in the agency's published fee schedules. Upon request the provider must submit a "report" (~~(which)~~) that describes the nature, extent, time, effort and/or equipment necessary to deliver the service.

**"Caries"** means carious lesions or tooth decay through the enamel or decay (~~(of)~~) on the root surface.

• "Incipient caries" means the beginning stages of caries or decay, or subsurface demineralization.

• "Rampant caries" means a sudden onset of widespread caries that affects most of the teeth and penetrates quickly to the dental pulp.

**"Comprehensive oral evaluation"** means a thorough evaluation and documentation of a client's dental and medical history to include extra-oral and intra-oral hard and soft tissues, dental caries, missing or unerupted teeth, restorations, occlusal relationships, periodontal conditions (including periodontal charting), hard and soft tissue anomalies, and oral cancer screening.

**"Conscious sedation"** (~~(is)~~) means a drug-induced depression of consciousness during which a client responds purposefully to verbal commands, either alone or accompanied by light tactile stimulation. No

interventions are required to maintain a patent airway, spontaneous ventilation is adequate, and cardiovascular function is maintained.

**"Core buildup"** (~~((refers to))~~) means the building up of clinical crowns, including pins.

**"Coronal"** (~~((is))~~) means the portion of a tooth that is covered by enamel.

~~((**"Coronal polishing"** is a mechanical procedure limited to the removal of plaque and stain from exposed tooth surfaces.))~~

**"Crown"** means a restoration covering or replacing (~~((part of))~~) the whole clinical crown of a tooth.

**"Current dental terminology (CDT)"** (~~((is))~~) means a systematic listing of descriptive terms and identifying codes for reporting dental services and procedures performed by dental practitioners. CDT is published by the Council on Dental Benefit Programs of the American Dental Association (ADA).

**"Current procedural terminology (CPT)"** (~~((is))~~) means a systematic listing of descriptive terms and identifying codes for reporting medical services, procedures, and interventions performed by physicians and other practitioners who provide physician-related services. CPT is copyrighted and published annually by the American Medical Association (AMA).

**"Decay"** (~~((is))~~) means a term for caries or carious lesions and means decomposition of tooth structure.

**"Deep sedation"** (~~((is))~~) means a drug-induced depression of consciousness during which a client cannot be easily aroused, ventilatory function may be impaired, but the client responds to repeated or painful stimulation.

**"Dental general anesthesia"** see **"general anesthesia."**

**"Dentures"** means an artificial replacement for natural teeth and adjacent tissues, and includes complete dentures, immediate dentures, overdentures, and partial dentures.

**"Denturist"** means a person licensed under chapter 18.30 RCW to make, construct, alter, reproduce, or repair a denture.

**"Edentulous"** means lacking teeth.

**"Endodontic"** means the etiology, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases and injuries of the pulp and associated periradicular conditions.

**"EPSDT"** means the agency's early and periodic screening, (~~((diagnosis))~~) diagnostic, and treatment program for clients age twenty (~~((years of age))~~) and younger as described in chapter 182-534 WAC.

**"Extraction"** see **"simple extraction"** and **"surgical extraction."**

**"Flowable composite"** (~~((is))~~) means a diluted low-viscosity-filled resin-based composite dental restorative material that is used in cervical restorations and small, low stress bearing occlusal restorations.

**"Fluoride varnish, rinse, foam or gel"** (~~((is))~~) means a substance containing dental fluoride which is applied to teeth, not including silver diamine fluoride.

**"General anesthesia"** (~~((is))~~) means a drug-induced loss of consciousness during which a client is not arousable even by painful stimulation. The ability to independently maintain ventilatory function is often impaired. Clients may require assistance in maintaining a patent airway, and positive pressure ventilation may be required because of depressed spontaneous ventilation or drug-induced depression of neuromuscular function. Cardiovascular function may be impaired.

~~((**"High noble metal"** is a dental alloy containing at least sixty percent pure gold.))~~

"Interim therapeutic restoration (ITR)" means the placement of an adhesive restorative material following caries debridement by hand or other method for the management of early childhood caries. It is not considered a definitive restoration.

"**Limited oral evaluation**" ((is)) means an evaluation limited to a specific oral health condition or problem. Typically a client receiving this type of evaluation has a dental emergency, such as trauma or acute infection.

"**Limited visual oral assessment**" ((is)) means an assessment by a dentist or dental hygienist ~~((to determine the need for fluoride treatment and/or when triage services are provided in settings other than dental offices or dental clinics))~~ provided in a setting other than a dental office or dental clinic to identify signs of disease and the potential need for referral for diagnosis.

~~((**"Major bone grafts"** is a transplant of solid bone tissue(s).))~~

"**Medically necessary**" see WAC 182-500-0070.

~~((**"Minor bone grafts"** is a transplant of nonsolid bone tissue(s), such as powdered bone, buttons, or plugs.~~

~~"**Noble metal**" is a dental alloy containing at least twenty five percent but less than sixty percent pure gold.))~~

"**Oral evaluation**" see "**comprehensive oral evaluation.**"

"**Oral hygiene instruction**" means instruction for home oral hygiene care, such as tooth brushing techniques or flossing.

~~((**"Oral prophylaxis"** is the dental procedure of scaling and polishing which includes removal of calculus, plaque, and stains from teeth.))~~

"**Partials**" or "**partial dentures**" ((are)) mean a removable prosthetic appliance that replaces missing teeth ~~((in one))~~ on either arch.

"**Periodic oral evaluation**" ((is)) means an evaluation performed on a patient of record to determine any changes in the client's dental or medical status since a previous comprehensive or periodic evaluation.

"**Periodontal maintenance**" ((is)) means a procedure performed for clients who have previously been treated for periodontal disease with surgical or nonsurgical treatment. It includes the removal of supragingival and subgingival microorganisms, calculus, and deposits with hand and mechanical instrumentation, an evaluation of periodontal conditions, and a complete periodontal charting as appropriate.

"**Periodontal scaling and root planing**" ((is)) means a procedure to remove plaque, calculus, microorganisms, and rough cementum and dentin from tooth surfaces. This includes hand and mechanical instrumentation, an evaluation of periodontal conditions, and a complete periodontal charting as appropriate.

"**Posterior**" ~~((refers to))~~ means the teeth (maxillary and mandibular premolars and molars) and tissue towards the back of the mouth. Permanent maxillary posterior teeth include teeth one, two, three, four, five, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen. Permanent mandibular posterior teeth include teeth seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one, and thirty-two. Primary maxillary posterior teeth include teeth A, B, I, and J. Primary mandibular posterior teeth include teeth K, L, S, and T.

"**Prophylaxis**" means the dental procedure of scaling and polishing which includes removal of calculus, plaque, and stains from teeth.

"**Proximal**" ((is)) means the surface of the tooth near or next to the adjacent tooth.

**"Radiograph (X ray)"** ((is)) means an image or picture produced on a radiation sensitive film emulsion or digital sensor by exposure to ionizing radiation.

**"Reline"** means to resurface the tissue side of a denture with new base material or soft tissue conditioner in order to achieve a more accurate fit.

**"Root canal"** ((is)) means the chamber within the root of the tooth that contains the pulp.

**"Root canal therapy"** ((is)) means the treatment of the pulp and associated periradicular conditions.

**"Root planing"** ((is)) means a procedure to remove plaque, calculus, microorganisms, and rough cementum and dentin from tooth surfaces. This includes hand and mechanical instrumentation.

**"Scaling"** ((is)) means a procedure to remove plaque, calculus, and stain deposits from tooth surfaces.

**"Sealant"** ((is)) means a dental material applied to teeth to prevent dental caries.

**"Simple extraction"** ((is the routine removal of a tooth.

~~"Six months" is equal to one hundred eighty days))~~ means the extraction of an erupted or exposed tooth to include the removal of tooth structure, minor smoothing of socket bone, and closure, as necessary.

**"Standard of care"** means what reasonable and prudent practitioners would do in the same or similar circumstances.

**"Surgical extraction"** ((is the removal of a tooth by cutting of the gingiva and bone)) means the extraction of an erupted or impacted tooth requiring removal of bone and/or sectioning of the tooth, and including elevation of mucoperiosteal flap if indicated. This includes ((soft tissue extractions, partial boney extractions, and complete boney extractions.

~~"Symptomatic" means having symptoms (e.g., pain, swelling, and infection))~~ related cutting of gingiva and bone, removal of tooth structure, minor smoothing of socket bone, and closure.

**"Temporomandibular joint dysfunction (TMJ/TMD)"** ((is)) means an abnormal functioning of the temporomandibular joint or other areas secondary to the dysfunction.

**"Therapeutic pulpotomy"** ((is)) means the surgical removal of a portion of the pulp (inner soft tissue of a tooth), to retain the healthy remaining pulp.

**"Usual and customary"** means the fee that the provider usually charges nonmedicaid customers for the same service or item. This is the maximum amount that the provider may bill the agency.

~~(( "Wisdom teeth" are the third molars, teeth one, sixteen, seventeen, and thirty two.~~

~~"Xerostomia" is a dryness of the mouth due to decreased saliva.))~~

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-08-032, filed 3/25/14, effective 4/30/14)

**WAC 182-535-1060 Dental-related services—Client eligibility.**

(1) Refer to WAC 182-501-0060 to see which ((Washington)) apple health programs include dental-related services in their benefit package.



(2) Managed care clients are eligible under (~~Washington~~) apple health fee-for-service for covered dental-related services not covered by their managed care organization (MCO) (~~plan~~), subject to the provisions of this chapter and other applicable agency rules.

(3) See WAC 182-507-0115 for rules for clients eligible under (~~an~~) the alien emergency medical program.

(4) Exception to rule procedures as described in WAC (~~182-501-0169~~) 182-501-0160 are not available for services that are excluded from a client's benefit package.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-08-032, filed 3/25/14, effective 4/30/14)

**WAC 182-535-1066 Dental-related services—Medical care services clients (formerly general assistance (GA)).** (1) The medicaid agency covers the following dental-related services for a medical care services client (~~as listed in~~) under WAC 182-501-0060 when the services are provided by a dentist to assess, diagnose, and treat pain, infection, or trauma of the mouth, jaw, or teeth, including treatment of postsurgical complications, such as dry socket:

(a) Limited oral evaluation;

(b) Periapical or bitewing radiographs (X rays) that are medically necessary to diagnose only the client's chief complaint;

(c) Palliative treatment to relieve dental pain or infection;

(d) Pulpal debridement to relieve dental pain or infection; and

(e) Tooth extraction.

(2) Tooth extractions require prior authorization when:

(a) The extraction of a tooth or teeth results in the client becoming edentulous in the maxillary arch or mandibular arch; or

(b) A full mouth extraction is necessary because of radiation therapy for cancer of the head and neck.

(3) Each dental-related procedure described under this section is subject to the coverage limitations listed in this chapter.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-08-032, filed 3/25/14, effective 4/30/14)

**WAC 182-535-1070 Dental-related services—Provider information.**

(1) The following providers are eligible to enroll with the medicaid agency to furnish and bill for dental-related services provided to eligible clients:

(a) Persons currently licensed by the state of Washington to:

(i) Practice dentistry or specialties of dentistry.

(ii) Practice as dental hygienists.

(iii) Practice as denturists.

(iv) Practice anesthesia by:

(A) Providing conscious sedation with parenteral or multiple oral agents, deep sedation, or general anesthesia as an anesthesiologist or dental anesthesiologist;

(B) Providing conscious sedation with parenteral or multiple oral agents, deep sedation, or general anesthesia as a (~~certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) under WAC 246-817-180~~) qualified professional under chapter 246-817 WAC; or

(C) Providing conscious sedation with parenteral or multiple oral agents as a dentist, when the dentist has a conscious sedation permit issued by the department of health (DOH) that is current at the time the billed service(s) is provided; or

(D) Providing deep sedation or general anesthesia as a dentist when the dentist has a general anesthesia permit issued by DOH that is current at the time the billed service(s) is provided.

(v) Practice medicine and osteopathy for:

(A) Oral surgery procedures; or

(B) Providing fluoride varnish under EPSDT.

(b) Facilities that are:

(i) Hospitals currently licensed by the DOH;

(ii) Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs);

(iii) Medicare-certified ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs);

(iv) Medicare-certified rural health clinics (RHCs); or

(v) Community health centers.

(c) Participating local health jurisdictions.

(d) Bordering city or out-of-state providers of dental-related services who are qualified in their states to provide these services.

(2) Subject to the restrictions and limitations in this section and other applicable WAC, the agency pays licensed providers participating in the agency's dental program for only those services that are within their scope of practice.

(3) For the dental specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery, the agency requires a dentist to meet the following requirements in order to be reimbursed for oral and maxillofacial surgery:

(a) The provider's professional organization guidelines;

(b) The department of health (DOH) requirements in chapter 246-817 WAC; and

(c) Any applicable DOH medical, dental, and nursing anesthesia regulations.

(4) See WAC 182-502-0020 for provider documentation and record retention requirements. The agency requires additional dental documentation under specific sections in this chapter and as required by DOH under chapter 246-817 WAC.

(5) See WAC 182-502-0100 and 182-502-0150 for provider billing and payment requirements. Enrolled dental providers who do not meet the conditions in subsection (3) of this section must bill all claims using only the CDT codes for services that are identified in WAC and the agency's published billing instructions and provider notices. The agency does not reimburse for billed CPT codes when the dental provider does not meet the requirements in subsection (3)(a) of this section.

(6) See WAC 182-502-0160 for regulations concerning charges billed to clients.

(7) See WAC 182-502-0230 for provider payment reviews and dispute rights.

(8) See chapter 182-502A WAC for provider audits and the audit appeal process.

**WAC 182-535-1079 Dental-related services—General.** (1) Clients described in WAC 182-535-1060 are eligible to receive the dental-related services described in this chapter, subject to coverage limitations, restrictions, and client age requirements identified for a specific service. The medicaid agency pays for dental-related services and procedures provided to eligible clients when the services and procedures:

- (a) Are part of the client's dental benefit package;
- (b) Are within the scope of an eligible client's Washington apple health program;
- (c) Are medically necessary;
- (d) Meet the agency's (~~prior~~) authorization requirements, if any;
- (e) Are documented in the client's dental record in accordance with chapter 182-502 WAC and meet the department of health's requirements in WAC 246-817-305 and 246-817-310;
- (f) Are within accepted dental or medical practice standards;
- (g) Are consistent with a diagnosis of a dental disease or dental condition;
- (h) Are reasonable in amount and duration of care, treatment, or service; and
- (i) Are listed as covered in the agency's rules and published billing instructions and fee schedules.

(2) For orthodontic services, see chapter 182-535A WAC.

(3) The agency requires site-of-service prior authorization, in addition to prior authorization of the procedure, if applicable, for nonemergency dental-related services performed in a hospital or an ambulatory surgery center when:

- (a) A client is not a client of the developmental disabilities administration of the department of social and health services (DSHS) according to WAC 182-535-1099;
- (b) A client is age nine or older;
- (c) The service is not listed as exempt from the site-of-service authorization requirement in the agency's current published dental-related services fee schedule or billing instructions; and
- (d) The service is not listed as exempt from the prior authorization requirement for deep sedation or general anesthesia (see WAC 182-535-1098 (1)(c)(v)).

(4) To be eligible for payment, dental-related services performed in a hospital or an ambulatory surgery center must be listed in the agency's current published outpatient fee schedule or ambulatory surgery center fee schedule. The claim must be billed with the correct procedure code for the site-of-service.

(5) Under the early and periodic screening (~~and~~) diagnostic, and treatment (EPSDT) program, clients age twenty and younger may be eligible for dental-related services listed as noncovered. The standard for coverage for EPSDT is found in chapter 182-534 WAC.

(6) The agency evaluates a request for dental-related services that are:

- (a) In excess of the dental program's limitations or restrictions, according to WAC 182-501-0169; and
- (b) Listed as noncovered, according to WAC 182-501-0160.

**WAC 182-535-1082 Dental-related services—Covered—Preventive services.** Clients described in WAC 182-535-1060 are eligible for the dental-related preventive services listed in this section, subject to coverage limitations and client-age requirements identified for a specific service.

(1) ~~((Dental))~~ **Prophylaxis.** The medicaid agency covers prophylaxis as follows. Prophylaxis:

(a) Includes scaling and polishing procedures to remove coronal plaque, calculus, and stains when performed on primary or permanent dentition.

(b) Is limited to once every:

(i) Six months for clients age eighteen and younger;

(ii) Twelve months for clients age nineteen and older; or

(iii) ~~((Four))~~ Six months for a client residing in ~~((a))~~ an alternate living facility or nursing facility.

(c) Is reimbursed ~~((only))~~ according to (b) of this subsection when the service is performed:

(i) At least six months after periodontal scaling and root planing, or periodontal maintenance services, for clients from age thirteen through eighteen;

(ii) At least twelve months after periodontal scaling and root planing, periodontal maintenance services, for clients age nineteen and older; or

(iii) At least six months after periodontal scaling and root planing, or periodontal maintenance services for clients who reside in ~~((a))~~ an alternate living facility or nursing facility.

(d) Is not reimbursed separately when performed on the same date of service as periodontal scaling and root planing, periodontal maintenance, gingivectomy, ~~((or))~~ gingivoplasty, or scaling in the presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation.

(e) Is covered for clients of the developmental disabilities administration of the department of social and health services (DSHS) according to (a), (c), and (d) of this subsection and WAC 182-535-1099.

(2) **Topical fluoride treatment.** The agency covers the following per client, per provider or clinic:

(a) Fluoride rinse, foam or gel, fluoride varnish, including disposable trays, for clients age six and younger, ~~((every four months))~~ three times within a twelve-month period with a minimum of one hundred ten days between applications.

(b) Fluoride rinse, foam or gel, fluoride varnish, including disposable trays, for clients from age seven through eighteen, ~~((every six months))~~ two times within a twelve-month period with a minimum of one hundred seventy days between applications.

(c) Fluoride rinse, foam or gel, fluoride varnish, including disposable trays, every ~~((four months))~~ three times within a twelve-month period during orthodontic treatment with a minimum of one hundred ten days between applications.

(d) Fluoride rinse, foam or gel, fluoride varnish, including disposable trays, for clients age nineteen and older, once within a twelve-month period.

(e) Fluoride rinse, foam or gel, fluoride varnish, including disposable trays, for clients who reside in alternate living facilities (~~(as defined in WAC 182-513-1301)~~) or nursing facilities, every (~~four months~~) two times within a twelve-month period with a minimum of one hundred seventy days between applications.

(f) Additional topical fluoride applications only on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized.

(g) Topical fluoride treatment for clients of the developmental disabilities administration of DSHS according to WAC 182-535-1099.

(3) **Oral hygiene instruction.** Includes instruction for home care such as tooth brushing technique, flossing, and use of oral hygiene aids. Oral hygiene instruction is included as part of the global fee for prophylaxis for clients age nine and older. The agency covers individualized oral hygiene instruction(~~(, per client, as follows)~~) for clients age eight and younger when all of the following criteria are met:

(a) (~~For clients age eight and younger. For clients age nine and older, oral hygiene instruction is included as part of the global fee for oral prophylaxis.~~

~~(b) Once~~) Only once per client every six months within a twelve-month period.

~~((e))~~ (b) Only when not performed on the same date of service as prophylaxis or within six months from a prophylaxis by the same provider or clinic.

~~((d))~~ (c) Only when provided by a licensed dentist or a licensed dental hygienist and the instruction is provided in a setting other than a dental office or clinic.

(4) **Tobacco cessation counseling for the control and prevention of oral disease.** The agency covers tobacco cessation counseling for pregnant women only. See WAC 182-531-1720.

(5) **Sealants.** The agency covers:

(a) Sealants for clients age twenty and younger and clients any age of the developmental disabilities administration of DSHS.

(b) Sealants, other than glass ionomer cement, only when used on a mechanically or chemically prepared enamel surface.

(c) Sealants once per tooth:

(i) In a three-year period for clients age twenty and younger; and

(ii) In a two-year period for clients any age of the developmental disabilities administration of DSHS according to WAC 182-535-1099.

(d) Sealants only when used on the occlusal surfaces of:

(i) Permanent teeth two, three, fourteen, fifteen, eighteen, nineteen, thirty, and thirty-one; and

(ii) Primary teeth A, B, I, J, K, L, S, and T.

(e) Sealants on noncarious teeth or teeth with incipient caries.

(f) Sealants only when placed on a tooth with no preexisting occlusal restoration, or any occlusal restoration placed on the same day.

(g) Sealants are included in the agency's payment for occlusal restoration placed on the same day.

(h) Additional sealants not described in this subsection on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized.

(6) **Space maintenance.** The agency covers:

(a) One fixed unilateral space maintainer per quadrant or one fixed bilateral space maintainer per arch, including recementation, for missing primary molars A, B, I, J, K, L, S, and T, when:

(i) Evidence of pending permanent tooth eruption exists; and

(ii) The service is not provided during approved orthodontic treatment.

(b) Replacement space maintainers on a case-by-case basis when ((~~prior~~)) authorized.

(c) The removal of fixed space maintainers when removed by a different provider.

(i) Space maintainer removal is allowed once per appliance.

(ii) Reimbursement for space maintainer removal is included in the payment to the original provider that placed the space maintainer.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 16-18-033, filed 8/26/16, effective 9/26/16)

**WAC 182-535-1084 Dental-related services—Covered—Restorative services.** Clients described in WAC 182-535-1060 are eligible for the dental-related restorative services listed in this section, subject to coverage limitations, restrictions, and client age requirements identified for a specific service.

(1) **Amalgam and resin restorations for primary and permanent teeth.** The medicaid agency considers:

(a) Tooth preparation, acid etching, all adhesives (including bonding agents), liners and bases, indirect and direct pulp capping, polishing, and curing as part of the restoration.

(b) Occlusal adjustment of either the restored tooth or the opposing tooth or teeth as part of the restoration.

(c) Restorations placed within six months of a crown preparation by the same provider or clinic to be included in the payment for the crown.

(2) **Limitations for all restorations.** The agency:

(a) Considers multiple restoration involving the proximal and occlusal surfaces of the same tooth as a multisurface restoration, and limits reimbursement to a single multisurface restoration.

(b) Considers multiple restorative resins, flowable composite resins, or resin-based composites for the occlusal, buccal, lingual, mesial, and distal fissures and grooves on the same tooth as a one-surface restoration.

(c) Considers multiple restorations of fissures and grooves of the occlusal surface of the same tooth as a one-surface restoration.

(d) Considers resin-based composite restorations of teeth where the decay does not penetrate the ((~~dentoenamel~~)) dentinoenamel junction (DEJ) to be sealants. (See WAC 182-535-1082((~~+4~~)) for sealant coverage.)

(e) Reimburses proximal restorations that do not involve the incisal angle on anterior teeth as a two-surface restoration.

(f) Covers only one buccal and one lingual surface per tooth. The agency reimburses buccal or lingual restorations, regardless of size or extension, as a one-surface restoration.

(g) Does not cover preventive restorative resin or flowable composite resin on the interproximal surfaces (mesial or distal) when performed on posterior teeth or the incisal surface of anterior teeth.

(h) Does not pay for replacement restorations within a two-year period unless the restoration is cracked or broken or has an additional adjoining carious surface. The agency pays for the replacement re-

storation as one multisurface restoration. The client's record must include X rays or documentation supporting the medical necessity for the replacement restoration.

(3) **Additional limitations ((en)) for restorations on primary teeth.** The agency covers:

(a) A maximum of two surfaces for a primary first molar. (See subsection (6) of this section for a primary first molar that requires a restoration with three or more surfaces.) The agency does not pay for additional restorations on the same tooth.

(b) A maximum of three surfaces for a primary second molar. (See subsection (6) of this section for a primary posterior tooth that requires a restoration with four or more surfaces.) The agency does not pay for additional restorations on the same tooth.

(c) A maximum of three surfaces for a primary anterior tooth. (See subsection (6) of this section for a primary anterior tooth that requires a restoration with four or more surfaces.) The agency does not pay for additional restorations on the same tooth after three surfaces.

~~((d) Glass ionomer restorations for primary teeth, only for clients age five and younger. The agency pays for these restorations as a one surface, resin based composite restoration.))~~

(4) **Additional limitations ((en)) for restorations on permanent teeth.** The agency covers:

(a) Two occlusal restorations for the upper molars on teeth one, two, three, fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen if, the restorations are anatomically separated by sound tooth structure.

(b) A maximum of five surfaces per tooth for permanent posterior teeth, except for upper molars. The agency allows a maximum of six surfaces per tooth for teeth one, two, three, fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen.

(c) A maximum of six surfaces per tooth for resin-based composite restorations for permanent anterior teeth.

(5) **Crowns.** The agency:

(a) Covers the following indirect crowns once every five years, per tooth, for permanent anterior teeth for clients age fifteen through twenty when the crowns meet prior authorization criteria in WAC 182-535-1220 and the provider follows the prior authorization requirements in (c) of this subsection:

(i) Porcelain/ceramic crowns to include all porcelains, glasses, glass-ceramic, and porcelain fused to metal crowns; and

(ii) Resin crowns and resin metal crowns to include any resin-based composite, fiber, or ceramic reinforced polymer compound.

(b) Considers the following to be included in the payment for a crown:

(i) Tooth and soft tissue preparation;

(ii) Amalgam and resin-based composite restoration, or any other restorative material placed within six months of the crown preparation. Exception: The agency covers a one-surface restoration on an endodontically treated tooth, or a core buildup or cast post and core;

(iii) Temporaries, including but not limited to, temporary restoration, temporary crown, provisional crown, temporary prefabricated stainless steel crown, ion crown, or acrylic crown;

(iv) Packing cord placement and removal;

(v) Diagnostic or final impressions;

(vi) Crown seating (placement), including cementing and insulating bases;

- (vii) Occlusal adjustment of crown or opposing tooth or teeth;  
and
- (viii) Local anesthesia.
- (c) Requires the provider to submit the following with each prior authorization request:
  - (i) Radiographs to assess all remaining teeth;
  - (ii) Documentation and identification of all missing teeth;
  - (iii) Caries diagnosis and treatment plan for all remaining teeth, including a caries control plan for clients with rampant caries;
  - (iv) Pre- and post-endodontic treatment radiographs for requests on endodontically treated teeth; and
  - (v) Documentation supporting a five-year prognosis that the client will retain the tooth or crown if the tooth is crowned.
- (d) Requires a provider to bill for a crown only after delivery and seating of the crown, not at the impression date.
- (6) **Other restorative services.** The agency covers the following restorative services:
  - (a) All recementations of permanent indirect crowns.
  - (b) Prefabricated stainless steel crowns, including stainless steel crowns with resin window, resin-based composite crowns (direct), prefabricated esthetic coated stainless steel crowns, and prefabricated resin crowns for primary anterior teeth once every three years only for clients age twenty and younger as follows:
    - (i) For age twelve and younger without prior authorization if the tooth requires a four or more surface restoration; and
    - (ii) For age thirteen through twenty with prior authorization.
  - (c) Prefabricated stainless steel crowns, including stainless steel crowns with resin window, resin-based composite crowns (direct), prefabricated esthetic coated stainless steel crowns, and prefabricated resin crowns, for primary posterior teeth once every three years without prior authorization if:
    - (i) Decay involves three or more surfaces for a primary first molar;
    - (ii) Decay involves four or more surfaces for a primary second molar; or
    - (iii) The tooth had a pulpotomy.
  - (d) Prefabricated stainless steel crowns, including stainless steel crowns with resin window, and prefabricated resin crowns, for permanent posterior teeth excluding one, sixteen, seventeen, and thirty-two once every three years, for clients age twenty and younger, without prior authorization.
  - (e) Prefabricated stainless steel crowns for clients of the developmental disabilities administration of the department of social and health services (DSHS) without prior authorization according to WAC 182-535-1099.
  - (f) Core buildup, including pins, only on permanent teeth, only for clients age twenty and younger, and only allowed in conjunction with crowns and when prior authorized. For indirect crowns, prior authorization must be obtained from the agency at the same time as the crown. Providers must submit pre- and post-endodontic treatment radiographs to the agency with the authorization request for endodontically treated teeth.
  - (g) Cast post and core or prefabricated post and core, only on permanent teeth, only for clients age twenty and younger, and only when in conjunction with a crown and when prior authorized.



(7) Silver diamine fluoride. The agency covers silver diamine fluoride per application as follows:

- (a) When used for stopping the progression of caries only;
- (b) May be provided two times per client in a twelve-month period; and
- (c) Cannot be performed and billed with interim therapeutic restoration on the same tooth.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-08-032, filed 3/25/14, effective 4/30/14)

**WAC 182-535-1086 Dental-related services—Covered—Endodontic services.** Clients described in WAC 182-535-1060 are eligible to receive the dental-related endodontic services listed in this section, subject to coverage limitations, restrictions, and client age requirements identified for a specific service.

(1) **Pulp capping.** The medicaid agency considers pulp capping to be included in the payment for the restoration.

(2) **Pulpotomy.** The agency covers:

(a) Therapeutic pulpotomy on primary teeth only for clients age twenty (~~(years of age)~~) and younger.

(b) Pulpal debridement on permanent teeth only, excluding teeth one, sixteen, seventeen, and thirty-two. The agency does not pay for pulpal debridement when performed with palliative treatment of dental pain or when performed on the same day as endodontic treatment.

(3) **Endodontic treatment on primary teeth.** The agency covers endodontic treatment with resorbable material for primary teeth, if the entire root is present at treatment.

(4) **Endodontic treatment on permanent teeth.** The agency:

(a) Covers endodontic treatment for permanent anterior teeth for all clients.

(b) Covers endodontic treatment for permanent bicuspid and molar teeth, excluding teeth one, sixteen, seventeen, and thirty-two for clients age twenty (~~(years of age)~~) and younger.

(c) Considers the following included in endodontic treatment:

- (i) Pulpotomy when part of root canal therapy;
- (ii) All procedures necessary to complete treatment; and
- (iii) All intra-operative and final evaluation radiographs (X rays) for the endodontic procedure.

(d) Pays separately for the following services that are related to the endodontic treatment:

- (i) Initial diagnostic evaluation;
- (ii) Initial diagnostic radiographs; and
- (iii) Post treatment evaluation radiographs if taken at least three months after treatment.

(5) **Endodontic retreatment on permanent anterior teeth.** The agency:

(a) Covers endodontic retreatment for clients age twenty (~~(years of age)~~) and younger when prior authorized.

(b) Covers endodontic retreatment of permanent anterior teeth for clients twenty-one years of age and older when prior authorized.

(c) Considers endodontic retreatment to include:

- (i) The removal of post(s), pin(s), old root canal filling material, and all procedures necessary to prepare the canals;
  - (ii) Placement of new filling material; and
  - (iii) Retreatment for permanent anterior, bicuspid, and molar teeth, excluding teeth one, sixteen, seventeen, and thirty-two.
- (d) Pays separately for the following services that are related to the endodontic retreatment:
- (i) Initial diagnostic evaluation;
  - (ii) Initial diagnostic radiographs; and
  - (iii) Post treatment evaluation radiographs if taken at least three months after treatment.
- (e) Does not pay for endodontic retreatment when provided by the original treating provider or clinic unless prior authorized by the agency.
- (6) **Apexification/apicoectomy.** The agency covers:
- (a) Apexification for apical closures for anterior permanent teeth only (~~on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized~~). Apexification is limited to the initial visit and three interim treatment visits per tooth and is limited to clients age twenty (~~years of age~~) and younger (~~per tooth~~).
  - (b) Apicoectomy and a retrograde fill for anterior teeth only for clients age twenty (~~years of age~~) and younger.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 16-18-033, filed 8/26/16, effective 9/26/16)

**WAC 182-535-1088 Dental-related services—Covered—Periodontic services.** Clients described in WAC 182-535-1060 are eligible to receive the dental-related periodontic services listed in this section, subject to coverage limitations, restrictions, and client-age requirements identified for a specified service.

(1) **Surgical periodontal services.** The medicaid agency covers the following surgical periodontal services, including all postoperative care:

(a) Gingivectomy/gingivoplasty (does not include distal wedge procedures on erupting molars) only on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized and only for clients age twenty and younger; and

(b) Gingivectomy/gingivoplasty (does not include distal wedge procedures on erupting molars) for clients of the developmental disabilities administration of the department of social and health services (DSHS) according to WAC 182-535-1099.

(2) **Nonsurgical periodontal services.** The agency:

(a) Covers periodontal scaling and root planing for clients age thirteen through eighteen, once per quadrant per client, in a two-year period on a case-by-case basis, when prior authorized, and only when:

(i) The client has radiographic evidence of periodontal disease and subgingival calculus;

(ii) The client's record includes supporting documentation for the medical necessity, including complete periodontal charting done within the past twelve months from the date of the prior authorization request and a definitive diagnosis of periodontal disease;

(iii) The client's clinical condition meets current published periodontal guidelines; and

(iv) Performed at least two years from the date of completion of periodontal scaling and root planing or surgical periodontal treatment, or at least twelve calendar months from the completion of periodontal maintenance.

(b) Covers periodontal scaling and root planing once per quadrant per client in a two-year period for clients age nineteen and older. Criteria in (a)(i) through (iv) of this subsection must be met.

(c) Considers ultrasonic scaling, gross scaling, or gross debridement to be included in the procedure and not a substitution for periodontal scaling and root planing.

(d) Covers periodontal scaling and root planing only when the services are not performed on the same date of service as prophylaxis, periodontal maintenance, gingivectomy, or gingivoplasty.

(e) Covers periodontal scaling and root planing for clients of the developmental disabilities administration of DSHS according to WAC 182-535-1099.

(f) Covers periodontal scaling and root planing, one time per quadrant in a twelve-month period for clients residing in ((a)) an alternate living facility or nursing facility.

(3) **Other periodontal services.** The agency:

(a) Covers periodontal maintenance for clients age thirteen through eighteen once per client in a twelve-month period on a case-by-case basis, when prior authorized, and only when:

(i) The client has radiographic evidence of periodontal disease;

(ii) The client's record includes supporting documentation for the medical necessity, including complete periodontal charting done within the past twelve months with location of the gingival margin and clinical attachment loss and a definitive diagnosis of periodontal disease;

(iii) The client's clinical condition meets current published periodontal guidelines; and

(iv) The client has had periodontal scaling and root planing but not within twelve months of the date of completion of periodontal scaling and root planing, or surgical periodontal treatment.

(b) Covers periodontal maintenance once per client in a twelve month period for clients age nineteen and older. Criteria in (a)(i) through (iv) of this subsection must be met.

(c) Covers periodontal maintenance only if performed at least twelve calendar months after receiving prophylaxis, periodontal scaling and root planing, gingivectomy, or gingivoplasty.

(d) Covers periodontal maintenance for clients of the developmental disabilities administration of DSHS according to WAC 182-535-1099.

(e) Covers periodontal maintenance for clients residing in ((a)) an alternate living facility or nursing facility:

(i) Periodontal maintenance (four quadrants) substitutes for an eligible periodontal scaling or root planing once every six months.

(ii) Periodontal maintenance allowed six months after scaling or root planing.

(f) Covers full-mouth scaling in the presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation and only:

(i) For clients age nineteen and older once in a twelve-month period after an oral evaluation; and

(ii) For clients age thirteen through eighteen once in a twelve-month period after an oral evaluation and when prior authorized.

**WAC 182-535-1090 Dental-related services—Covered—Prosthodontics (removable).** Clients described in WAC 182-535-1060 are eligible to receive the prosthodontics (removable) and related services, subject to the coverage limitations, restrictions, and client-age requirements identified for a specific service.

(1) **Prosthodontics.** The medicaid agency requires prior authorization for ~~((all))~~ removable prosthodontic and prosthodontic-related procedures, except as otherwise noted in this section. Prior authorization requests must meet the criteria in WAC 182-535-1220. In addition, the agency requires the dental provider to submit:

(a) Appropriate and diagnostic radiographs of all remaining teeth.

(b) A dental record which identifies:

(i) All missing teeth for both arches;

(ii) Teeth that are to be extracted; and

(iii) Dental and periodontal services completed on all remaining teeth.

(2) **Complete dentures.** The agency covers complete dentures, including overdentures, when prior authorized, except as otherwise noted in this section.

The agency considers three-month post-delivery care (e.g., adjustments, soft relines, and repairs) from the delivery (placement) date of the complete denture as part of the complete denture procedure and does not pay separately for this care.

(a) The agency covers complete dentures only as follows:

(i) One initial maxillary complete denture and one initial mandibular complete denture per client ~~((, per the client's lifetime))~~.

(ii) Replacement of a partial denture with a complete denture only when the replacement occurs three or more years after the ~~((seat))~~ delivery (placement) date of the last resin partial denture.

(iii) One replacement maxillary complete denture and one replacement mandibular complete denture per client, per client's lifetime. The replacement must occur at least five years after the delivery (placement) date of the initial complete denture or overdenture. The replacement does not require prior authorization.

(b) ~~((The agency covers replacement of a complete denture or overdenture only if prior authorized, and only when the replacement occurs at least five years after the seat date of the initial complete denture or overdenture.))~~ The agency reviews requests for replacement that exceed the limits in this subsection (2) under WAC 182-501-0050(7).

(c) The provider must obtain a current signed Denture Agreement of Acceptance (HCA 13-809) form from the client at the conclusion of the final denture try-in and at the time of delivery for an agency-authorized complete denture. If the client abandons the complete denture after signing the agreement of acceptance, the agency will deny subsequent requests for the same type of dental prosthesis if the request occurs prior to the dates specified in this section. A copy of the signed agreement must be kept in the provider's files and be available upon request by the agency. Failure to submit the completed, signed Denture Agreement of Acceptance form when requested may result in recoupment of the agency's payment.

(3) **Resin partial dentures.** The agency covers resin partial dentures only as follows:

(a) For anterior and posterior teeth only when the following criteria are met:

(i) The remaining teeth in the arch must be free of periodontal disease and have a reasonable prognosis.

(ii) The client has established caries control.

(iii) The client has one or more missing anterior teeth or four or more missing posterior teeth (excluding teeth one, two, fifteen, and sixteen((7))) on the upper arch to qualify for a maxillary partial denture. Pontics on an existing fixed bridge do not count as missing teeth. The agency does not consider closed spaces of missing teeth to qualify as a missing tooth.

(iv) The client has one or more missing anterior teeth or four or more missing posterior teeth (excluding teeth seventeen, eighteen, thirty-one, and thirty-two) on the lower arch to qualify for a mandibular partial denture. Pontics on an existing fixed bridge do not count as missing teeth. The agency does not consider closed spaces of missing teeth to qualify as a missing tooth.

~~((iv))~~ (v) There is a minimum of four functional, stable teeth remaining per arch.

~~((v))~~ (vi) There is a three-year prognosis for retention of the remaining teeth.

(b) Prior authorization is required.

(c) The agency considers three-month post-delivery care (e.g., adjustments, soft relines, and repairs) from the delivery (placement) date of the resin partial denture as part of the resin partial denture procedure and does not pay separately for this care.

(d) Replacement of a resin-based partial denture with a new resin partial denture or a complete denture if it occurs at least three years after the ~~((seat))~~ delivery (placement) date of the resin-based partial denture. The replacement partial or complete denture must be prior authorized and meet agency coverage criteria in (a) of this subsection.

(e) ~~The agency ((does not cover replacement of a cast metal framework partial denture, with any type of denture, within five years of the seat date of the cast metal partial denture.))~~ reviews requests for replacement that exceed the limits in this subsection (3) under WAC 182-501-0050(7).

(f) The provider must obtain a signed Partial Denture Agreement of Acceptance (HCA 13-809) form from the client at the time of delivery for an agency-authorized partial denture. A copy of the signed agreement must be kept in the provider's files and be available upon request by the agency. Failure to submit the completed, signed Partial Denture Agreement of Acceptance form when requested may result in recoupment of the agency's payment.

(4) **Provider requirements.**

(a) The agency requires a provider to bill for a removable partial or complete denture only after the delivery of the prosthesis, not at the impression date. Refer to subsection (5)(e) of this section for what the agency may pay if the removable partial or complete denture is not delivered and inserted.

(b) The agency requires a provider to submit the following with a prior authorization request for a removable resin partial or complete denture for a client residing in an alternate living facility ~~((ALF))~~ as defined in WAC 182-513-1301 or in a) or nursing facility ~~((as defined in WAC 182-500-0075))~~:

(i) The client's medical diagnosis or prognosis;  
(ii) The attending physician's request for prosthetic services;  
(iii) The attending dentist's or denturist's statement documenting medical necessity;

(iv) A written and signed consent for treatment from the client's legal guardian when a guardian has been appointed; and

(v) A completed copy of the Denture/Partial Appliance Request for Skilled Nursing Facility Client (HCA 13-788) form available from the agency's published billing instructions which can be downloaded from the agency's web site.

(c) The agency limits removable partial dentures to resin-based partial dentures for all clients residing in one of the facilities listed in (b) of this subsection.

(d) The agency requires a provider to deliver services and procedures that are of acceptable quality to the agency. The agency may recoup payment for services that are determined to be below the standard of care or of an unacceptable product quality.

(5) **Other services for removable prosthodontics.** The agency covers:

(a) Adjustments to complete and partial dentures three months after the date of delivery.

(b) Repairs:

(i) To complete dentures, once in a twelve-month period, per arch. The cost of repairs cannot exceed the cost of the replacement denture. The agency covers additional repairs on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized.

(ii) To partial dentures, once in a twelve-month period, per arch. The cost of the repairs cannot exceed the cost of the replacement partial denture. The agency covers additional repairs on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized.

(c) A laboratory reline or rebase to a complete or partial denture, once in a three-year period when performed at least six months after the delivery (placement) date. The agency does not pay for a denture reline and a rebase in the same three-year period. An additional reline or rebase may be covered for complete or partial dentures on a case-by-case basis when prior authorized.

~~(d) ((Up to two tissue conditionings, only for clients age twenty and younger, and only when performed within three months after the delivery (placement) date.~~

~~(e))~~ Laboratory fees, subject to the following:

(i) The agency does not pay separately for laboratory or professional fees for complete and partial dentures; and

(ii) The agency may pay part of billed laboratory fees when the provider obtains prior authorization, and the client:

(A) Is not eligible at the time of delivery of the partial or complete denture;

(B) Moves from the state;

(C) Cannot be located;

(D) Does not participate in completing the partial or complete denture; or

(E) Dies.

(iii) A provider must submit copies of laboratory prescriptions and receipts or invoices for each claim when billing for laboratory fees.

**WAC 182-535-1094 Dental-related services—Covered—Oral and maxillofacial surgery services.** Clients described in WAC 182-535-1060 are eligible to receive the oral and maxillofacial surgery services listed in this section, subject to the coverage limitations, restrictions, and client-age requirements identified for a specific service.

(1) **Oral and maxillofacial surgery services.** The medicaid agency:

(a) Requires enrolled providers who do not meet the conditions in WAC 182-535-1070(3) to bill claims for services that are listed in this subsection using only the current dental terminology (CDT) codes.

(b) Requires enrolled providers (oral and maxillofacial surgeons) who meet the conditions in WAC 182-535-1070(3) to bill claims using current procedural terminology (CPT) codes unless the procedure is specifically listed in the agency's current published billing guide as a CDT covered code (e.g., extractions).

(c) Covers nonemergency oral surgery performed in a hospital or ambulatory surgery center only for:

(i) Clients age eight and younger;

(ii) Clients age nine through twenty only on a case-by-case basis and when the site-of-service is prior authorized by the agency; and

(iii) Clients any age of the developmental disabilities administration of the department of social and health services (DSHS).

(d) For site-of-service and oral surgery CPT codes that require prior authorization, the agency requires the dental provider to submit current records (within the past twelve months), including:

(i) Documentation used to determine medical appropriateness;

(ii) Cephalometric films;

(iii) Radiographs (X rays);

(iv) Photographs; and

(v) Written narrative/letter of medical necessity, including proposed billing codes.

(e) Requires the client's dental record to include supporting documentation for each type of extraction or any other surgical procedure billed to the agency. The documentation must include:

(i) Appropriate consent form signed by the client or the client's legal representative;

(ii) Appropriate radiographs;

(iii) Medical justification with diagnosis;

(iv) Client's blood pressure, when appropriate;

(v) A surgical narrative and complete description of each service performed beyond surgical extraction or beyond code definition;

(vi) A copy of the post-operative instructions; and

(vii) A copy of all pre- and post-operative prescriptions.

(f) Covers (~~routine~~) simple and surgical extractions. (~~Prior~~) Authorization is required (when the) for the following:

(i) Surgical extractions of four or more teeth per arch over a six-month period, resulting in the client becoming edentulous in the maxillary arch or mandibular arch; (~~or~~)

(ii) Simple extractions of four or more teeth per arch over a six-month period, resulting in the client becoming edentulous in the maxillary arch or mandibular arch; or

(iii) Tooth number is not able to be determined.

(g) Covers unusual, complicated surgical extractions with prior authorization.

(h) Covers tooth reimplantation/stabilization of accidentally evulsed or displaced teeth.

(i) Covers surgical extraction of unerupted teeth for clients (~~age twenty and younger~~).

(j) Covers debridement of a granuloma or cyst that is five millimeters or greater in diameter. The agency includes debridement of a granuloma or cyst that is less than five millimeters as part of the global fee for the extraction.

(k) Covers the following without prior authorization:

(i) Biopsy of soft oral tissue;

(ii) Brush biopsy; and

(iii) Surgical excision of soft tissue lesions.

(l) Requires providers to keep all biopsy reports or findings in the client's dental record.

(m) Covers the following with prior authorization (photos or radiographs, as appropriate, must be submitted to the agency with the prior authorization request):

(i) Alveoloplasty on a case-by-case basis.

(ii) (~~Surgical excision of soft tissue lesions only on a case-by-case basis.~~

~~(iii))~~) Only the following excisions of bone tissue in conjunction with placement of complete or partial dentures:

(A) Removal of lateral exostosis;

(B) Removal of torus palatinus or torus mandibularis; and

(C) Surgical reduction of osseous tuberosity.

~~((iv))~~) (iii) Surgical access of unerupted teeth for clients age twenty and younger.

(2) **Surgical incisions.** The agency covers the following surgical incision-related services:

(a) Uncomplicated intraoral and extraoral soft tissue incision and drainage of abscess. The agency does not cover this service when combined with an extraction or root canal treatment. Documentation supporting the medical necessity must be in the client's record.

(b) Removal of foreign body from mucosa, skin, or subcutaneous alveolar tissue (~~when prior authorized~~). Documentation supporting the medical necessity for the service must be in the client's record.

(c) Frenuloplasty/frenulectomy for clients age six and younger without prior authorization.

(d) Frenuloplasty/frenulectomy for clients age seven through twelve only on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized. Photos must be submitted to the agency with the prior authorization request. Documentation supporting the medical necessity for the service must be in the client's record.

(3) **Occlusal orthotic devices.** (Refer to WAC 182-535-1098 (4)(c) for occlusal guard coverage and limitations on coverage.) The agency covers:

(a) Occlusal orthotic devices for clients age twelve through twenty only on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized.

(b) An occlusal orthotic device only as a laboratory processed full arch appliance.



**WAC 182-535-1098 Dental-related services—Covered—Adjunctive general services.** Clients described in WAC 182-535-1060 are eligible to receive the adjunctive general services listed in this section, subject to coverage limitations, restrictions, and client-age requirements identified for a specific service.

(1) **Adjunctive general services.** The medicaid agency:

(a) Covers palliative (emergency) treatment, not to include pupal debridement (see WAC 182-535-1086 (2)(b)), for treatment of dental pain, limited to once per day, per client, as follows:

(i) The treatment must occur during limited evaluation appointments;

(ii) A comprehensive description of the diagnosis and services provided must be documented in the client's record; and

(iii) Appropriate radiographs must be in the client's record supporting the medical necessity of the treatment.

(b) Covers local anesthesia and regional blocks as part of the global fee for any procedure being provided to clients.

(c) Covers office-based deep sedation/general anesthesia services:

(i) For all eligible clients age eight and younger and clients any age of the developmental disabilities administration of the department of social and health services (DSHS). Documentation supporting the medical necessity of the anesthesia service must be in the client's record.

(ii) For clients age nine through twenty on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized, except for oral surgery services. For oral surgery services listed in WAC 182-535-1094 (1)(f) through (m) and clients with cleft palate diagnoses, deep sedation/general anesthesia services do not require prior authorization.

(iii) For clients age twenty-one and older when prior authorized. The agency considers these services for only those clients:

(A) With medical conditions such as tremors, seizures, or asthma;

(B) Whose ((files)) records contain documentation of tried and failed treatment under local anesthesia or other less costly sedation alternatives due to behavioral health conditions; or

(C) With other conditions for which general anesthesia is medically necessary, as defined in WAC 182-500-0070.

(d) Covers office-based intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia:

(i) For any dental service for clients age twenty and younger, and for clients any age of the developmental disabilities administration of DSHS. Documentation supporting the medical necessity of the service must be in the client's record.

(ii) For clients age twenty-one and older when prior authorized. The agency considers these services for only those clients:

(A) With medical conditions such as tremors, seizures, or asthma;

(B) Whose ((files)) records contain documentation of tried and failed treatment under local anesthesia, or other less costly sedation alternatives due to behavioral health conditions; or

(C) With other conditions for which general anesthesia or conscious sedation is medically necessary, as defined in WAC 182-500-0070.

(e) Covers office-based nonintravenous conscious sedation:

(i) For any dental service for clients age twenty and younger, and for clients any age of the developmental disabilities administration of DSHS. Documentation supporting the medical necessity of the service must be in the client's record.

(ii) For clients age twenty-one and older, only when prior authorized.

(f) Requires providers to bill anesthesia services using the current dental terminology (CDT) codes listed in the agency's current published billing instructions.

(g) Requires providers to have a current anesthesia permit on file with the agency.

(h) Covers administration of nitrous oxide((7)) once per day, per client per provider.

(i) Requires providers of oral or parenteral conscious sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia to meet:

(i) The prevailing standard of care;

(ii) The provider's professional organizational guidelines;

(iii) The requirements in chapter 246-817 WAC; and

(iv) Relevant department of health (DOH) medical, dental, or nursing anesthesia regulations.

(j) Pays for dental anesthesia services according to WAC 182-535-1350.

(k) Covers professional consultation/diagnostic services as follows:

(i) A dentist or a physician other than the practitioner providing treatment must provide the services; and

(ii) A client must be referred by the agency for the services to be covered.

(2) **Professional visits.** The agency covers:

(a) Up to two house/extended care facility calls (visits) per facility, per provider. The agency limits payment to two facilities per day, per provider.

(b) One hospital visit, including emergency care, per day, per provider, per client, and not in combination with a surgical code unless the decision for surgery is a result of the visit.

(c) Emergency office visits after regularly scheduled hours. The agency limits payment to one emergency visit per day, per client, per provider.

(3) **Drugs and medicaments (pharmaceuticals).**

(a) The agency covers oral sedation medications only when prescribed and the prescription is filled at a pharmacy. The agency does not cover oral sedation medications that are dispensed in the provider's office for home use.

(b) The agency covers therapeutic parenteral drugs as follows:

(i) Includes antibiotics, steroids, anti-inflammatory drugs, or other therapeutic medications. This does not include sedative, anesthetic, or reversal agents.

(ii) Only one single-drug injection or one multiple-drug injection per date of service.

(c) For clients age twenty and younger, the agency covers other drugs and medicaments dispensed in the provider's office for home use. This includes, but is not limited to, oral antibiotics and oral analgesics. The agency does not cover the time spent writing prescriptions.

(4) **Miscellaneous services.** The agency covers:

(a) Behavior management provided (~~in dental offices or dental clinics.~~) by a dental provider or clinic. The agency does not cover assistance with managing a client's behavior provided by a dental provider or staff member delivering the client's dental treatment.

(i) Documentation supporting the need for behavior management must be in the client's record(~~. Behavior management is for the following clients~~) and including the following:

(A) A description of the behavior to be managed;

(B) The behavior management technique used; and

(C) The identity of the additional professional staff used to provide the behavior management.

(ii) Clients, who meet one of the following criteria and whose documented behavior requires the assistance of one additional professional staff employed by the dental provider or clinic to protect the client and the professional staff from injury while treatment is rendered, may receive behavior management:

~~((i))~~ (A) Clients age eight and younger;

~~((ii))~~ (B) Clients age nine through twenty, only on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized;

~~((iii))~~ (C) Clients any age of the developmental disabilities administration of DSHS;

~~((iv))~~ (D) Clients diagnosed with autism; (~~and~~

(E) Clients who reside in an alternate living facility (ALF) as defined in WAC 182-513-1301, or in a nursing facility as defined in WAC 182-500-0075.

(iii) Behavior management can be performed in the following settings:

(A) Clinics (including independent clinics, tribal health clinics, federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, and public health clinics);

(B) Offices;

(C) Homes (including private homes and group homes); and

(D) Facilities (including nursing facilities and alternate living facilities).

(b) Treatment of post-surgical complications (e.g., dry socket). Documentation supporting the medical necessity of the service must be in the client's record.

(c) Occlusal guards when medically necessary and prior authorized. (Refer to WAC 182-535-1094(3) for occlusal orthotic device coverage and coverage limitations.) The agency covers:

(i) An occlusal guard only for clients age twelve through twenty when the client has permanent dentition; and

(ii) An occlusal guard only as a laboratory processed full arch appliance.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 16-18-033, filed 8/26/16, effective 9/26/16)

**WAC 182-535-1099 Dental-related services for clients of the developmental disabilities administration of the department of social and health services.** Subject to coverage limitations and restrictions identified for a specific service, the medicaid agency pays for the additional dental-related services listed in this section that are

provided to clients of the developmental disabilities administration of the department of social and health services (DSHS), regardless of age.

(1) **Preventive services.** The agency covers:

(a) Periodic oral evaluations once every four months per client, per provider.

(b) ((Dental)) Prophylaxis once every four months.

(c) Periodontal maintenance once every six months (see subsection (3) of this section for limitations on periodontal scaling and root planing).

(d) Topical fluoride varnish, rinse, foam or gel, once every four months, per client, per provider or clinic.

(e) Sealants:

(i) Only when used on the occlusal surfaces of:

(A) Primary teeth A, B, I, J, K, L, S, and T; or

(B) Permanent teeth two, three, four, five, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, and thirty-one.

(ii) Once per tooth in a two-year period.

(2) **Other restorative services.** The agency covers:

(a) All recementations of permanent indirect crowns.

(b) Prefabricated stainless steel crowns, including stainless steel crowns with resin window, resin-based composite crowns (direct), prefabricated esthetic coated stainless steel crowns, and prefabricated resin crowns for primary anterior teeth once every two years only for clients age twenty and younger without prior authorization.

(c) Prefabricated stainless steel crowns, including stainless steel crowns with resin window, resin-based composite crowns (direct), prefabricated esthetic coated stainless steel crowns, and prefabricated resin crowns for primary posterior teeth once every two years for clients age twenty and younger without prior authorization if:

(i) Decay involves three or more surfaces for a primary first molar;

(ii) Decay involves four or more surfaces for a primary second molar; or

(iii) The tooth had a pulpotomy.

(d) Prefabricated stainless steel crowns, including stainless steel crowns with resin window, and prefabricated resin crowns for permanent posterior teeth excluding one, sixteen, seventeen, and thirty-two once every two years without prior authorization for any age.

(3) **Periodontic services.**

(a) **Surgical periodontal services.** The agency covers:

(i) Gingivectomy/gingivoplasty once every three years. Documentation supporting the medical necessity of the service must be in the client's record (e.g., drug induced gingival hyperplasia).

(ii) Gingivectomy/gingivoplasty with periodontal scaling and root planing or periodontal maintenance when the services are performed:

(A) In a hospital or ambulatory surgical center; or

(B) For clients under conscious sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia.

(b) **Nonsurgical periodontal services.** The agency covers:

(i) Periodontal scaling and root planing, one time per quadrant in a twelve-month period.

(ii) Periodontal maintenance (four quadrants) substitutes for an eligible periodontal scaling or root planing, twice in a twelve-month period.

(iii) Periodontal maintenance allowed six months after scaling or root planing.

(iv) Full-mouth or quadrant debridement allowed once in a twelve-month period.

(v) Full-mouth scaling in the presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation.

(4) **Adjunctive general services.** The agency covers:

(a) Oral parenteral conscious sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia for any dental services performed in a dental office or clinic. Documentation supporting the medical necessity must be in the client's record.

(b) Sedation services according to WAC 182-535-1098 (1)(c) and (e).

(5) **Nonemergency dental services.** The agency covers nonemergency dental services performed in a hospital or an ambulatory surgical center for services listed as covered in WAC 182-535-1082, 182-535-1084, 182-535-1086, 182-535-1088, and 182-535-1094. Documentation supporting the medical necessity of the service must be included in the client's record.

(6) **Miscellaneous services - Behavior management.** The agency covers behavior management (~~(provided in dental offices or dental clinics. Documentation supporting the medical necessity of the service must be included in the client's record)~~) according to WAC 182-535-1098.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 15-10-043, filed 4/29/15, effective 5/30/15)

**WAC 182-535-1100 Dental-related services—Not covered.** (1) The medicaid agency does not cover the following under the dental program:

(a) The dental-related services described in subsection (2) of this section unless the services are covered under the early periodic screening, (~~(diagnosis)~~) diagnostic, and treatment (EPSDT) program. When EPSDT applies, the agency evaluates a noncovered service, equipment, or supply according to the process in WAC 182-501-0165 to determine if it is medically necessary, safe, effective, and not experimental.

(b) Any service specifically excluded by statute.

(c) More costly services when less costly, equally effective services as determined by the agency are available.

(d) Services, procedures, treatment, devices, drugs, or application of associated services:

(i) That the agency or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) considers investigative or experimental on the date the services were provided.

(ii) That are not listed as covered in one or both of the following:

(A) Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

(B) The agency's current published documents.

(2) The agency does not cover dental-related services listed under the following categories of service (see subsection (1)(a) of this section for services provided under the EPSDT program):

(a) **Diagnostic services.** The agency does not cover:

- (i) Detailed and extensive oral evaluations or reevaluations.
- (ii) Posterior-anterior or lateral skull and facial bone survey films.
- (iii) Any temporomandibular joint films.
- (iv) Tomographic surveys/3-D imaging.
- (v) Comprehensive periodontal evaluations.
- (vi) Viral cultures, genetic testing, caries susceptibility tests, or adjunctive prediagnostic tests.
- (b) **Preventive services.** The agency does not cover:
  - (i) Nutritional counseling for control of dental disease.
  - (ii) Removable space maintainers of any type.
  - (iii) Sealants placed on a tooth with the same-day occlusal restoration, preexisting occlusal restoration, or a tooth with occlusal decay.
  - (iv) Custom fluoride trays of any type.
  - (v) Bleach trays.
- (c) **Restorative services.** The agency does not cover:
  - (i) Restorations for wear on any surface of any tooth without evidence of decay through the (~~dentoenamel~~) dentinoenamel junction (DEJ) or on the root surface.
  - (ii) Preventative restorations.
  - (iii) Labial veneer resin or porcelain laminate restorations.
  - (iv) Sedative fillings.
  - (v) Crowns and crown related services.
    - (A) Gold foil restorations.
    - (B) Metallic, resin-based composite, or porcelain/ceramic inlay/onlay restorations.
    - (C) Crowns for cosmetic purposes (e.g., peg laterals and tetracycline staining).
    - (D) Permanent indirect crowns for posterior teeth.
    - (E) Permanent indirect crowns on permanent anterior teeth for clients age fourteen (~~(years of age)~~) and younger.
    - (F) Temporary or provisional crowns (including ion crowns).
    - (G) Any type of coping.
    - (H) Crown repairs.
    - (I) Crowns on teeth one, sixteen, seventeen, and thirty-two.
  - (vi) Polishing or recontouring restorations or overhang removal for any type of restoration.
  - (vii) Any services other than extraction on supernumerary teeth.
- (d) **Endodontic services.** The agency does not cover:
  - (i) Indirect or direct pulp caps.
  - (ii) Any endodontic (~~(therapy)~~) treatment on primary teeth, except as described in WAC 182-535-1086(3)(~~(a)~~).
- (e) **Periodontic services.** The agency does not cover:
  - (i) Surgical periodontal services including, but not limited to:
    - (A) Gingival flap procedures.
    - (B) Clinical crown lengthening.
    - (C) Osseous surgery.
    - (D) Bone or soft tissue grafts.
    - (E) Biological material to aid in soft and osseous tissue regeneration.
    - (F) Guided tissue regeneration.
    - (G) Pedicle, free soft tissue, apical positioning, subepithelial connective tissue, soft tissue allograft, combined connective tissue and double pedicle, or any other soft tissue or osseous grafts.
    - (H) Distal or proximal wedge procedures.

(ii) Nonsurgical periodontal services including, but not limited to:

(A) Intracoronal or extracoronal provisional splinting.

(B) Full mouth or quadrant debridement (except for clients of the developmental disabilities administration).

(C) Localized delivery of chemotherapeutic agents.

(D) Any other type of surgical periodontal service.

(f) **Removable prosthodontics.** The agency does not cover:

(i) Removable unilateral partial dentures.

(ii) Any interim complete or partial dentures.

(iii) Flexible base partial dentures.

(iv) Any type of permanent soft reline (e.g., molloplast).

(v) Precision attachments.

(vi) Replacement of replaceable parts for semi-precision or precision attachments.

(vii) Replacement of second or third molars for any removable prosthesis.

(viii) Immediate dentures.

(ix) Cast-metal framework partial dentures.

(x) Replacement of ~~((upper and lower prosthodontic no sooner than every five years for complete dentures and every three years for resin partial dentures.~~

~~(xi) More than one replacement of complete denture upper and lower arch per lifetime)) agency-purchased removable prosthodontics that have been lost, broken, stolen, sold, or destroyed as a result of the client's carelessness, negligence, recklessness, deliberate intent, or misuse as described in WAC 182-501-0050.~~

(g) **Implant services.** The agency does not cover:

(i) Any type of implant procedures, including, but not limited to, any tooth implant abutment (e.g., periosteal implants, eposteal implants, and transosteal implants), abutments or implant supported crowns, abutment supported retainers, and implant supported retainers.

(ii) Any maintenance or repairs to procedures listed in (g)(i) of this subsection.

(iii) The removal of any implant as described in (g)(i) of this subsection.

(h) **Fixed prosthodontics.** The agency does not cover any type of:

(i) Fixed partial denture pontic.

(ii) Fixed partial denture retainer.

(iii) Precision attachment, stress breaker, connector bar, coping, cast post, or any other type of fixed attachment or prosthesis.

~~((iv) Occlusal orthotic splint or device, bruxing or grinding splint or device, temporomandibular joint splint or device, or sleep apnea splint or device.))~~

(i) **Oral maxillofacial prosthetic services.** The agency does not cover any type of oral or facial prosthesis other than those listed in WAC 182-535-1092.

(j) **Oral and maxillofacial surgery.** The agency does not cover:

(i) Any oral surgery service not listed in WAC 182-535-1094.

~~(ii) ((Any oral surgery service that is not listed in the agency's list of covered current procedural terminology (CPT) codes published in the agency's current rules or billing instructions.~~

~~(iii))~~ Vestibuloplasty.

(k) **Adjunctive general services.** The agency does not cover:

(i) Anesthesia, including, but not limited to:

(A) Local anesthesia as a separate procedure.

(B) Regional block anesthesia as a separate procedure.

- (C) Trigeminal division block anesthesia as a separate procedure.
- (D) Medication for oral sedation, or therapeutic intramuscular
- (IM) drug injections, including antibiotic and injection of sedative.
- (E) Application of any type of desensitizing medicament or resin.
- (ii) Other general services including, but not limited to:
  - (A) Fabrication of an athletic mouthguard.
  - (B) (~~Nightguards.~~) Sleep apnea devices or splints.
  - (C) Occlusion analysis.
  - (D) Occlusal adjustment, tooth or restoration adjustment or smoothing, or odontoplasties.
  - (E) Enamel microabrasion.
  - (F) Dental supplies such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, and other take home items.
  - (G) Dentist's or dental hygienist's time writing or calling in prescriptions.
  - (H) Dentist's or dental hygienist's time consulting with clients on the phone.
  - (I) Educational supplies.
  - (J) Nonmedical equipment or supplies.
  - (K) Personal comfort items or services.
  - (L) Provider mileage or travel costs.
  - (M) Fees for no-show, canceled, or late arrival appointments.
  - (N) Service charges of any type, including fees to create or copy charts.
  - (O) Office supplies used in conjunction with an office visit.
  - (P) Teeth whitening services or bleaching, or materials used in whitening or bleaching.
  - (Q) Botox or (~~derma-fillers~~) dermal fillers.
- (3) The agency does not cover the following dental-related services for clients age twenty-one (~~years of age~~) and older:
  - (a) The following diagnostic services:
    - (i) Occlusal intraoral radiographs;
    - (ii) Diagnostic casts;
    - (iii) Sealants (for clients of the developmental disabilities administration, see WAC 182-535-1099);
    - (iv) Pulp vitality tests.
  - (b) The following restorative services:
    - (i) Prefabricated resin crowns;
    - (ii) Any type of core buildup, cast post and core, or prefabricated post and core.
  - (c) The following endodontic services:
    - (i) Endodontic treatment on permanent bicuspid or molar teeth;
    - (ii) Any apexification/recalcification procedures;
    - (iii) Any apicoectomy/periradicular surgical endodontic procedures including, but not limited to, retrograde fillings (except for anterior teeth), root amputation, reimplantation, and hemisections.
  - (d) The following adjunctive general services:
    - (i) Occlusal guards, occlusal orthotic splints or devices, bruxing or grinding splints or devices, or temporomandibular joint splints or devices; and
    - (ii) Analgesia or anxiolysis as a separate procedure except for administration of nitrous oxide.
- (4) The agency evaluates a request for any dental-related services listed as noncovered in this chapter under the provisions of WAC 182-501-0160.



AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 16-18-033, filed 8/26/16, effective 9/26/16)

**WAC 182-535-1220 Obtaining prior authorization for dental-related services.** (1) The medicaid agency uses the determination process for payment described in WAC 182-501-0165 for covered dental-related services that require prior authorization.

(2) The agency requires a dental provider who is requesting prior authorization to submit sufficient, current (within the past twelve months), objective clinical information to establish medical necessity. The request must be submitted in writing on the General Information for Authorization (HCA 13-835) form, available on the agency's web site.

(3) The agency may request additional information as follows:

(a) Additional radiographs (X rays) (refer to WAC 182-535-1080(2));

(b) Study models;

(c) Photographs; and

(d) Any other information as determined by the agency.

(4) The agency may require second opinions and/or consultations by a licensed independent doctor of dental surgery (DDS)/doctor of dental medicine (DMD) before authorizing any procedure.

(5) When the agency authorizes a dental-related service for a client, that authorization indicates only that the specific service is medically necessary; it is not a guarantee of payment. The authorization is valid for six to twelve months as indicated in the agency's authorization letter and only if the client is eligible for covered services on the date of service.

(6) The agency denies a request for a dental-related service when the requested service:

(a) Is covered by another state agency program;

(b) Is covered by an (~~agency or other~~) entity outside the agency; or

(c) Fails to meet the program criteria, limitations, or restrictions in this chapter.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 16-13-110, filed 6/20/16, effective 8/1/16)

**WAC 182-535-1245 Access to baby and child dentistry (ABCD) program.** The access to baby and child dentistry (ABCD) program is a program established to increase access to dental services for medicaid-eligible clients ages five and younger.

(1) Client eligibility for the ABCD program is as follows:

(a) Clients must be age five and younger. Once enrolled in the ABCD program, eligible clients are covered until their sixth birthday.

(b) Clients eligible under one of the following medical assistance programs are eligible for the ABCD program:

(i) Categorically needy program (CNP);

(ii) Limited casualty program-medically needy program (LCP-MNP);

(iii) Children's health program; or

(iv) State children's health insurance program (SCHIP).

(c) ABCD program services for eligible clients enrolled in a managed care organization (MCO) plan are paid through the fee-for-service payment system.

(2) Health care providers and community service programs identify and refer eligible clients to the ABCD program. If enrolled, the client and an adult family member may receive:

(a) Oral health education;

(b) "Anticipatory guidance" (expectations of the client and the client's family members, including the importance of keeping appointments); and

(c) Assistance with transportation, interpreter services, and other issues related to dental services.

(3) The medicaid agency pays enhanced fees only to ABCD-certified dentists and other agency-approved certified providers for furnishing ABCD program services. ABCD program services include, when appropriate:

(a) Family oral health education. An oral health education visit:

(i) Is limited to one visit per day per family, up to two visits per child in a twelve-month period, per provider or clinic; and

(ii) Must include documentation of all of the following in the client's record:

(A) "Lift the lip" training;

(B) Oral hygiene training;

(C) Risk assessment for early childhood caries;

(D) Dietary counseling;

(E) Discussion of fluoride supplements; and

(F) Documentation in the client's (~~file or the client's designated adult member's (family member or other responsible adult) file~~) record to record the activities provided and duration of the oral education visit.

(b) Comprehensive oral evaluations as defined in WAC 182-535-1050, once per client, per provider or clinic, as an initial examination. The agency covers an additional comprehensive oral evaluation if the client has not been treated by the same provider or clinic within the past five years;

(c) Periodic oral evaluations as defined in WAC 182-535-1050, once every six months. Six months must elapse between the comprehensive oral evaluation and the first periodic oral evaluation;

(d) Topical application of fluoride varnish;

(e) Amalgam, resin, and glass ionomer restorations on primary teeth, as specified in the agency's current published documents;

(f) Interim therapeutic restorations (ITRs) for primary teeth, only for clients age five and younger. The agency pays an enhanced rate for these restorations to ABCD-certified, ITR-trained dentists as follows:

(i) A one-surface, resin-based composite restoration with a maximum of five teeth per visit; and

(ii) Restorations on a tooth can be done every twelve months through age five, or until the client can be definitively treated for a restoration.

(g) Therapeutic pulpotomy;

~~((g))~~ (h) Prefabricated stainless steel crowns on primary teeth, as specified in the agency's current published documents;

~~((h))~~ (i) Resin-based composite crowns on anterior primary teeth; and

~~((i))~~ (j) Other dental-related services, as specified in the agency's current published documents.

(4) The client's ((file)) record must show documentation of the ABCD program services provided.

**WAC 182-535A-0010 Orthodontic services—Definitions.** The following definitions and those found in chapter 182-500 WAC apply to this chapter.

**"Adolescent dentition"** means teeth that are present after the loss of primary teeth and prior to the cessation of growth that affects orthodontic treatment.

**"Appliance placement"** means the application of orthodontic attachments to the teeth for the purpose of correcting dentofacial abnormalities.

**"Cleft"** means an opening or fissure involving the dentition and supporting structures, especially one occurring in utero. These can be:

- ((1)) (a) Cleft lip;
- ((2)) (b) Cleft palate (involving the roof of the mouth); or
- ((3)) (c) Facial clefts (e.g., macrostomia).

**"Comprehensive full orthodontic treatment"** means utilizing fixed orthodontic appliances for treatment of ~~((the permanent))~~ adolescent dentition leading to the improvement of a client's severe handicapping craniofacial dysfunction and/or dentofacial deformity, including anatomical and functional relationships.

**"Craniofacial anomalies"** means abnormalities of the head and face, either congenital or acquired, involving disruption of the dentition and supporting structures.

**"Craniofacial team"** means a cleft palate/maxillofacial team or an American Cleft Palate Association-certified craniofacial team. These teams are responsible for the management (review, evaluation, and approval) of patients with cleft palate craniofacial anomalies to provide integrated management, promote parent-professional partnership, and make appropriate referrals to implement and coordinate treatment plans.

**"Crossbite"** means an abnormal relationship of a tooth or teeth to the opposing tooth or teeth, in which normal buccolingual or labiolingual relations are reversed.

**"Dental dysplasia"** means an abnormality in the development of the teeth.

**"Ectopic eruption"** means a condition in which a tooth erupts in an abnormal position or is fifty percent blocked out of its normal alignment in the dental arch.

**"EPSDT"** means the agency's early and periodic screening, ~~((diagnosis))~~ diagnostic, and treatment program for clients twenty years of age and younger as described in chapter 182-534 WAC.

**"Hemifacial microsomia"** means a developmental condition involving the first and second brachial arch. This creates an abnormality of the upper and lower jaw, ear, and associated structures (half or part of the face ~~((appears))~~ is smaller ~~((sized))~~ in size).

**"Interceptive orthodontic treatment"** means procedures to lessen the severity or future effects of a malformation and to affect or eliminate the cause. Such treatment may occur in the primary or transitional dentition and may include such procedures as the redirection of ectopically erupting teeth, correction of isolated dental crossbite, or recovery of recent minor space loss where overall space is adequate.

**"Limited ((transitional)) orthodontic treatment"** means orthodontic treatment with a limited objective, not involving the entire dentition. It may be directed only at the existing problem, or at only one aspect of a larger problem in which a decision is made to defer or forego more comprehensive therapy.

**"Malocclusion"** means improper alignment of biting or chewing surfaces of upper and lower teeth or abnormal relationship of the upper and lower dental arches.

**"Maxillofacial"** means relating to the jaws and face.

**"Occlusion"** means the relation of the upper and lower teeth when in functional contact during jaw movement.

**"Orthodontics"** means treatment involving the use of any appliance, in or out of the mouth, removable or fixed, or any surgical procedure designed to redirect teeth and surrounding tissues.

**"Orthodontist"** means a dentist who specializes in orthodontics, who is a graduate of a postgraduate program in orthodontics that is accredited by the American Dental Association, and who meets the licensure requirements of the department of health.

**"Permanent dentition"** means those teeth that succeed the primary teeth and the additional molars that erupt.

**"Primary dentition"** means teeth that develop and erupt first in order of time and are normally shed and replaced by permanent teeth.

**"Transitional dentition"** means the final phase from primary to permanent dentition, in which most primary teeth have been lost or are in the process of exfoliating and the permanent successors are erupting.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-08-032, filed 3/25/14, effective 4/30/14)

**WAC 182-535A-0020 Orthodontic treatment and orthodontic services**

**—Client eligibility.** (1) Subject to the limitations of this chapter (~~and the age restrictions listed in this section~~), the medicaid agency covers medically necessary orthodontic treatment and orthodontic-related services for severe handicapping malocclusions, craniofacial anomalies, or cleft lip or palate, for eligible clients through age twenty. Refer to WAC 182-501-0060 to see which Washington apple health programs include orthodontic services in their benefit package. (~~Any orthodontic treatment plan that extends beyond the client's twenty first birthday will not be approved by the agency.~~)

(2) Eligible clients may receive the same orthodontic treatment and orthodontic-related services in recognized out-of-state bordering cities on the same basis as if provided in-state. See WAC 182-501-0175.

(3) Eligible clients may receive the same orthodontic treatment and orthodontic-related services for continued orthodontic treatment when originally rendered by a nonmedicaid or out-of-state provider as follows:

(a) The provider must submit the initial orthodontic case study and treatment plan records with the request for continued treatment.

(b) The agency evaluates the initial orthodontic case study and treatment plan to determine if the client met the agency's orthodontic criteria per WAC 182-535A-0040 (1) through (3).

(c) The agency determines continued treatment duration based on the client's current orthodontic conditions.

(d) The agency does not cover continued treatment if the client's initial condition did not meet the agency's criteria for the initial orthodontic treatment. The agency pays a deband and retainer fee if the client does not meet the initial orthodontic treatment criteria.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 16-10-064, filed 5/2/16, effective 6/2/16)

**WAC 182-535A-0040 Orthodontic treatment and orthodontic-related services—Covered, noncovered, and limitations to coverage.** (1) Subject to the limitations in this section and other applicable WAC, the medicaid agency covers orthodontic treatment and orthodontic-related services for a client who has one of the medical conditions listed in (a) and (b) of this subsection. Treatment and follow-up care must be performed only by an orthodontist or agency-recognized craniofacial team and do not require prior authorization.

(a) Cleft lip and palate, cleft palate, or cleft lip with alveolar process involvement.

(b) The following craniofacial anomalies including, but not limited to:

- (i) Hemifacial microsomia;
- (ii) Craniosynostosis syndromes;
- (iii) Cleidocranial dental dysplasia;
- (iv) Arthrogyrosis; ~~((e))~~
- (v) Marfan syndrome;
- (vi) Treacher Collins syndrome;
- (vii) Ectodermal dysplasia; or
- (viii) Achondroplasia.

(2) Subject to prior authorization requirements and the limitations in this section and other applicable WAC, the agency covers orthodontic treatment and orthodontic-related services for severe malocclusions with a Washington Modified Handicapping Labiolingual Deviation (HLD) Index Score of twenty-five or higher. The agency determines the final HLD Index Score based on documentation submitted by the provider.

(3) The agency may cover orthodontic treatment for dental malocclusions other than those listed in subsection (1) and (2) of this section on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized. The agency determines medical necessity based on documentation submitted by the provider.

(4) The agency does not cover the following orthodontic treatment or orthodontic-related services:

~~(a) ((Replacement of lost, or repair of broken, orthodontic appliances;~~

~~(b))~~ Orthodontic treatment for cosmetic purposes;

~~((c))~~ (b) Orthodontic treatment that is not medically necessary (as defined in WAC 182-500-0070);

~~((d) Out-of-state))~~ (c) Orthodontic treatment provided out-of-state, except as stated in WAC 182-501-0180 (see also WAC 182-501-0175 for medical care provided in bordering cities); ~~((e))~~

~~(e))~~ (d) Orthodontic treatment and orthodontic-related services that do not meet the requirements of this section or other applicable WAC; or

(e) Case studies that do not include a definitive orthodontic treatment plan.

(5) The agency covers the following orthodontic treatment and orthodontic-related services with prior authorization, subject to the following limitations (~~listed~~) (providers must bill for these services according to WAC 182-535A-0060):

(a) Panoramic radiographs (X rays) when medically necessary.

(b) Interceptive orthodontic treatment, when medically necessary.

(c) Limited (~~transitional~~) orthodontic treatment, when medically necessary. (~~The treatment must be completed within twelve months of the date of the original appliance placement (see subsection (8)(a) of this section for information on limitation extensions). The agency's payment includes final records, photos, panoramic X rays, cephalometric films, and final trimmed study models.~~)

(i) Approval for limited orthodontic treatment includes up to twelve months of treatment. (See subsection (7)(a) of this section for information on limitation extensions.)

(ii) The agency may approve a single impacted tooth for limited orthodontic treatment.

(d) Comprehensive full orthodontic treatment on adolescent dentition, when medically necessary. The treatment must be completed within thirty months (~~of~~) from the date of the original appliance placement (see subsection (~~(8)~~) (7)(a) of this section for information on limitation extensions). (~~The agency's payment includes final records, photos, panoramic X rays, cephalometric films, and final trimmed study models.~~)

(e) Replacement retainers after the first replacement retainer and within six months of debanding.

(f) Orthodontic appliance removal as a stand-alone service only when:

(i) The client's appliance was placed by a different provider or dental clinic; and

(ii) The provider has not furnished any other orthodontic treatment or orthodontic-related services to the client.

~~((f))~~ (g) Other medically necessary orthodontic treatment and orthodontic-related services as determined by the agency.

(6) (~~The treatment plan must indicate that the course of treatment will be completed prior to the client's twenty first birthday.~~

~~(7))~~ The treatment must meet industry standards and correct the medical issue. If treatment is discontinued prior to completion, or treatment objectives are not obtained, clear documentation must be kept in the client's (~~file~~) record explaining why treatment was discontinued or not completed or why treatment goals were not achieved.

~~((8))~~ (7) The agency evaluates a request for orthodontic treatment or orthodontic-related services:

(a) That are in excess of the limitations or restrictions listed in this section, according to WAC 182-501-0169; and

(b) That are listed as noncovered according to WAC 182-501-0160.

~~((9))~~ (8) The agency reviews requests for orthodontic treatment or orthodontic-related services for clients who are eligible for services under the EPSDT program according to the provisions of WAC 182-534-0100.

**WAC 182-535A-0060 Orthodontic treatment and orthodontic-related services—Payment.** (1) The medicaid agency pays providers for furnishing covered orthodontic treatment and orthodontic-related services described in WAC 182-535A-0040 according to this section and other applicable WAC.

(2) The agency considers that a provider who furnishes covered orthodontic treatment and orthodontic-related services to an eligible client (~~((has accepted))~~) accepts the agency's fees as published in the agency's fee schedules according to WAC 182-502-0010.

(3) The agency requires a provider to deliver services and procedures that are of acceptable quality to the agency. The agency may recoup payment for services that are determined to be below the standard of care or of an unacceptable product quality.

**(4) Interceptive orthodontic treatment.** The agency pays for interceptive orthodontic treatment (~~((as follows:~~

~~(a) The first three months of treatment starts the date the initial appliance is placed and includes active treatment for the first three months.~~

~~(b) Treatment must be completed within twelve months of the date of appliance placement))~~ on primary or transitional dentition in one payment that includes all professional fees, laboratory costs, and required follow-up.

~~((4))~~ **(5) Limited ((transitional)) orthodontic treatment.** The agency pays for limited ~~((transitional))~~ orthodontic treatment on transitional or adolescent dentition as follows:

(a) The first three months of treatment starts on the date the initial appliance is placed and includes active treatment for the first three months. The provider must bill the agency with the date of service that the initial appliance is placed.

(b) The agency's initial payment includes:

(i) The replacement of brackets and lost or broken orthodontic appliances;

(ii) Appliance removal;

(iii) The initial and the first replacement retainer fees within the first six months after debanding; and

(iv) The final records (photos, a panoramic X ray, a cephalometric film, and final trimmed study models).

(c) Continuing follow-up treatment must be billed after each three-month treatment interval during the treatment.

~~((c) Treatment must be completed within twelve months of the date of appliance placement.))~~ (d) Treatment provided after ~~((one year))~~ twelve months from the date the appliance is placed requires a limitation extension. See WAC 182-535A-0040(8).

~~((5))~~ **(6) Comprehensive full orthodontic treatment.** The agency pays for comprehensive full orthodontic treatment on adolescent dentition as follows:

(a) The first six months of treatment starts the date the initial appliance is placed and includes active treatment for the first six months. The provider must bill the agency with the date of service that the initial appliance is placed.

(b) The agency's initial payment includes:



(i) The replacement of brackets and lost or broken orthodontic appliances;

(ii) Appliance removal;

(iii) The initial and the first replacement retainer fees within six months after debanding; and

(iv) The final records (photos, a panoramic X ray, a cephalometric film, and final trimmed study models).

(c) Continuing follow-up treatment must be billed after each three-month treatment interval, with the first three-month interval beginning six months after the initial appliance placement.

~~((c) Treatment must be completed within thirty months of the date of appliance placement.))~~ (d) Treatment provided after thirty months from the date the appliance is placed requires a limitation extension. See WAC 182-535A-0040(8).

~~((6))~~ (7) Payment for orthodontic treatment and orthodontic-related services is based on the agency's published fee schedule.

~~((7))~~ (8) Orthodontic providers who are in agency-designated bordering cities must:

(a) Meet the licensure requirements of their state; and

(b) Meet the same criteria for payment as in-state providers, including the requirements to contract with the agency.

~~((8))~~ (9) If the client's eligibility for orthodontic treatment under WAC 182-535A-0020 ends before the conclusion of the orthodontic treatment, payment for any remaining treatment is the client's responsibility. The agency does not pay for these services.

~~((9))~~ (10) Any orthodontic treatment provided after the client's twenty-first birthday will not be paid for by the agency and will become the client's financial responsibility.

(11) The client is responsible for payment of any orthodontic service or treatment received during any period of medicaid ineligibility, even if the treatment was started when the client was eligible. The agency does not pay for these services.

~~((10))~~ (12) See WAC 182-502-0160 and 182-501-0200 for when a provider or a client is responsible to pay for a covered service.