

Washington Apple Health (Medicaid)

Dental-Related Services Program Billing Guide

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What has changed?

| Subject | Change | Reason for Change |
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| All | Added “alternate living facility” or “ALF” to all references of “nursing facility.” Removed the words “dental” and “oral” from all references to “prophylaxis.” Updated “seat” date to say “delivery (placement)” date. | Consistency and reflects revisions to Chapter 182-535 WAC |
| <u>Definitions</u> | Updated the following definitions: behavior management; flowable composite; fluoride varnish, rinse, foam or gel; limited visual oral assessment; partials or partial dentures; periodontal maintenance; simple extraction; and surgical extraction. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1050 |
| | Added the following definitions: alternate living facility (ALF), incipient caries, rampant caries, edentulous, and prophylaxis. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1050 |
| | Deleted the following definitions: asymptomatic, coronal polishing, major bone grafts, minor bone grafts, six months, symptomatic, wisdom teeth, and xerostomia. | Terms not used in the billing guide or Chapter 182-535 WAC |
| | Added the definition of “by-report.” | Clarification |
| | Removed the WAC reference from the definitions of “base metal,” “high noble metal,” and “noble metal.” | Term used in the billing guide, but no longer defined in WAC 182-535-1050 |
| <u>Who is eligible to become an agency-contracted provider?</u> | Added information about anesthesia providers. | Reflects information in and revisions to WAC 182-535-1070 |
| <u>When does the agency pay for covered dental-related services?</u> | Removed the word “prior” in regards to meeting authorization requirements. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1079 |
| <u>What services performed in a hospital or ambulatory service center (ASC) are covered?</u> | Added information about the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) | Clarification |

Dental-Related Services

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| <u>Which services are covered for medical care services (formerly general assistance (GA)) clients?</u> | Added the word “diagnose” to the description of when dental services are covered for medical care services clients. Added the words “or infection” to describe when palliative treatment and pulpal debridement are covered for medical care services clients. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1066 |
| <u>Covered procedure codes for MCS clients</u> | Added prior authorization and expedited prior authorization information to CDT codes D7140 and D7210. | Clarification |
| <u>Prophylaxis</u> | Updated the limit for prophylaxis to clients residing in an ALF or nursing facility to every six months. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1082 |
| <u>Topical fluoride treatment</u> | Updated the frequency for providing topical fluoride treatment to clients age 6 and younger, clients ages 7 through 18, clients ages 7 through 20 receiving orthodontic treatment, and clients residing in alternate living facilities and nursing facilities. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1082 |
| | Added silver diamine fluoride as a service not included in billing for CDT code D1208. | Clarification |
| <u>Sealants</u> | Added a “blue box” note that says that glass ionomer cement is not considered a sealant. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1082 |
| <u>Space maintenance</u> | Added that space maintainer removal is included in the initial payment for the space maintainer. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1082 |
| <u>Amalgam and resin restorations for primary and permanent teeth</u> | Added indirect and direct pulp capping as being considered part of the restoration. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1084 |
| <u>Limitations for all restorations</u> | Added that the agency 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. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1084 |
| <u>Additional limitations for restorations on primary teeth</u> | Removed glass ionomer restorations on primary teeth. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1084 |
| <u>Crowns – single restorations only</u> | Added that x-rays submitted with PA must be current within the past 12 months. | Clarification |

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| <u>Other restorative services</u> | Added that x-ray justification is required for all crowns for primary anterior teeth. | Clarification |
| | Combined information regarding core buildup on permanent anterior and posterior teeth. It no longer indicates “anterior” or “posterior.” | Aligns with WAC 182-535-1084 and removes duplicate information |
| | Combined information regarding cast post and core or prefabricated post and core. It no longer indicates “anterior” or “posterior.” | Aligns with WAC 182-535-1084 and removes duplicate information |
| <u>Other restorative services coverage table</u> | Added coverage information for silver diamine fluoride. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1084 |
| | Added CDT code D1354 to the coverage table. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1084 |
| <u>Apexification/apicoectomy</u> | Added information to CDT codes D2950, D2952, and D2954 regarding the CDT codes that can be billed in conjunction with these services. | Clarification |
| | Removed prior authorization as a requirement for coverage. Updated terminology. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1086 |
| <u>Nonsurgical periodontal services</u> | Added that periodontal charting must be done within the past 12 months of the PA request. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1088 |
| | Combined information regarding full mouth scaling in the presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation due to previous age restrictions. The requirements are now the same for ages 13 and older. | Policy change |
| <u>Complete dentures</u> | Removed prior authorization as a requirement for coverage of a replacement complete denture or overdenture. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1090 |
| | Added a hyperlink to the <i>EPA procedure code list</i> to the coverage table for complete dentures. | Clarification |
| | Added that the <i>Denture Agreement of Acceptance</i> form, HCA 13-809, must be complete and failure to submit it upon request could result in recoupment of the agency’s payment. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1090 |

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| <u>Resin partial dentures</u> | Added information to clarify that missing teeth must be on the upper arch or lower arch to qualify for a maxillary partial denture or mandibular partial denture. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1090 |
| | Added that remaining teeth must be “functional” to qualify for a partial denture. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1090 |
| | Removed 5-year limitation on the replacement of cast metal framework partial dentures. | Outdated and reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1090. |
| | Added information about completing the <i>Partial Denture Agreement of Acceptance</i> form, HCA 13-965. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1090 |
| <u>Other requirements/limitations</u> | Removed 5-year limitation on the replacement of cast metal framework partial dentures. | Outdates and reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1090. |
| <u>Other removable prosthetic services</u> | Removed tissue conditioning as a covered service. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1090 |
| <u>Prior authorization for removable prosthodontic and prosthodontic-related procedures</u> | Added information about the <i>Partial Denture Agreement of Acceptance</i> form, HCA 13-965. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1090 |
| <u>Extractions</u> | Removed the word “prior” in regards to meeting authorization requirements. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1094 |
| | Added information to give prior authorization requirements for simple extractions and surgical extractions. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1094 |
| | Added prior authorization and expedited prior authorization information to CDT codes D7140 and D7210. | Clarification |
| <u>Other surgical procedures</u> | Added surgical excision of soft tissue lesions to the list of procedures covered without prior authorization | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1094 |
| <u>Surgical incision</u> | Removed the prior authorization requirement for the removal of foreign body from mucosa, skin, or subcutaneous alveolar tissue. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1094 |

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| <u>Anesthesia</u> | Added the specific CDT codes to be used for anesthesia to the <i>Anesthesia Prior Authorization</i> table. | Clarification |
| | Added “per client per provider” to the limitation on administration of nitrous oxide. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1098 |
| <u>Behavior management</u> | Added “including, but not limited to” in regards to medical conditions that may qualify a client age 21 and older for general anesthesia. | Clarification |
| | Added language that clarifies that that agency does not cover behavior management if it is provided by a dental provider or staff member delivering the dental treatment. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1098 |
| <u>What dental-related services are not covered?</u> | Added “and not listed above” to the age limitations on CDT code D9920. | Clarification |
| | Added the settings in which the agency reimburses behavior management. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1098 |
| <u>Removable prosthodontics</u> | Added “under the dental program” to clarify that the listed services may be covered under other programs. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1100 |
| <u>Fixed prosthodontics</u> | Removed replacements of dentures and partial dentures with limitations from the list of noncovered services. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1100 |
| <u>Fixed prosthodontics</u> | Removed “occlusal orthotic splint or device, bruxing or grinding splint or device, temporomandibular joint splint or device, or sleep apnea splint or device” from the list of noncovered services for all ages. This information pertains clients age 21 and older. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1100 |
| <u>Oral and maxillofacial services</u> | Updated language to reference WAC 182-535-1094 instead of the billing guides. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1100 |
| <u>Adjunctive general services</u> | Updated “nightguards” with “sleep apnea devices or splints” under noncovered services for all age clients. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1100 |
| <u>Adjunctive general services</u> | Updated “occlusal guards” to include “occlusal orthotic splints or devices, bruxing or grinding splints or devices, or temporomandibular joint splints or devices” under noncovered services for clients age 21 and older. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1100 |

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| <u>When does the agency deny a prior authorization request?</u> | Updated “Washington Apple Health program” to say “state agency program.” | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1220 |
| <u>How do I obtain written PA?</u> | Added “current (within the past 12 months)” to the requirements of clinical information being sent to request prior authorization. | Reflects revisions to WAC 182-535-1220 |
| <u>EPA procedure code list</u> | Added “documentation of findings when unable to take x-rays due to young age” to the medical documentation required for using the EPA number for CDT code D2930. | Clarification |
| | Replaced the page number reference with the EPA numbers for extractions that must be billed in conjunction with the EPA numbers for complete dentures (CDT codes D5110 and D5120). | Clarification |

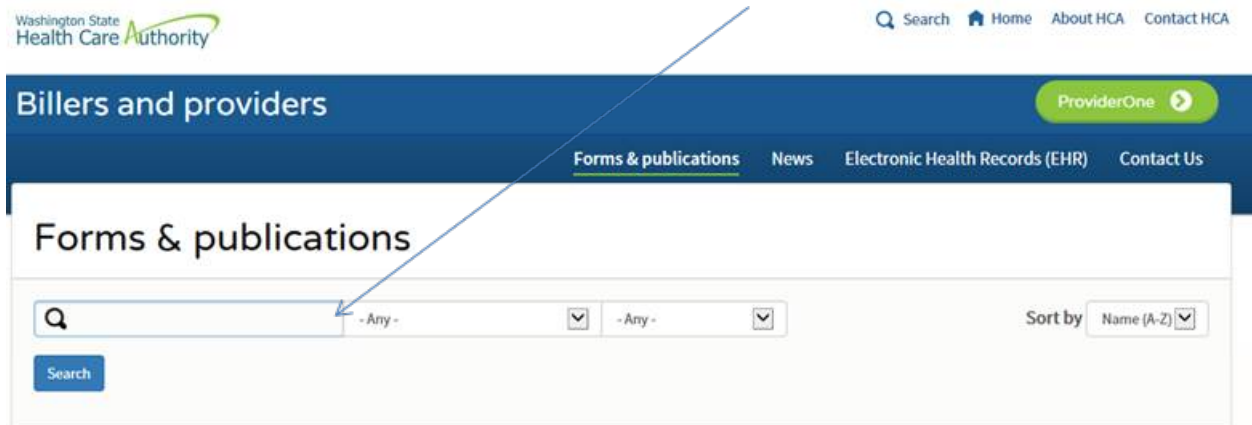
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To access provider documents, go to the agency’s [provider billing guides and fee schedules](#) web page.

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Definitions

This section defines terms and abbreviations, including acronyms, used in this billing guide. Refer to [Chapter 182-500 WAC](#) for a complete list of definitions for Washington Apple Health. The agency also used dental definitions found in the current American Dental Association's Current Dental Terminology (CDT®) and the current American Medical Association's Physician's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®). **Where there is any discrepancy between this section and the current CDT or CPT, this section prevails.**

Adjunctive – A secondary treatment in addition to the primary therapy.

Alternate Living Facility (ALF) – Refer to [WAC 182-513-1100](#).

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) – Any distinct entity certified by Medicare as an ASC that operates exclusively for the purpose of providing surgical services to patients not requiring hospitalization.

American Dental Association (ADA) – The ADA is a national organization for dental professionals and dental societies. ([WAC 182-535-1050](#))

Anterior – The maxillary and mandibular incisors and canines and tissue in the front of the mouth:

- Permanent maxillary anterior teeth include teeth 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11
- Permanent mandibular anterior teeth include teeth 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27
- 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 ([WAC 182-535-1050](#))

Base metal – Dental alloy containing little or no precious metals.

Behavior management – Using one additional professional staff, who is employed by the dental provider or clinic and who is not delivering dental treatment to the client, to manage the client's behavior to facilitate the dental treatment delivery. ([WAC 182-535-1050](#))

Border areas – See [WAC 182-501-0175](#).

By-report – A method of reimbursement in where agency 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" that describes the nature, extent, time, effort and/or equipment necessary to deliver the service. ([WAC 182-535-1050](#))

Caries – Carious lesions or tooth decay through the enamel or decay on the root surface. ([WAC 182-535-1050](#))

- **Incipient caries** - The beginning stages of caries or decay, or subsurface demineralization.
- **Rampant caries** - A sudden onset of widespread caries that affects most of the teeth and penetrates quickly to the dental pulp.

Comprehensive oral evaluation – 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. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Conscious sedation – 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. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Core build-up– Refers to building up of clinical crowns, including pins. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Coronal – The portion of a tooth that is covered by enamel. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Crown – A restoration covering or replacing part or the whole clinical crown of a tooth. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Current Dental Terminology (CDT®) – A systematic listing of descriptive terms and identifying codes for reporting dental services and procedures performed by dental practitioners. CDT is by the Council on Dental Benefit Programs of the American Dental Association (ADA). (WAC 182-535-1050)

Decay – A term for carious lesions in a tooth and means decomposition of the tooth structure. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Deep sedation – 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. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Dentures – An artificial replacement for natural teeth and adjacent tissues, and includes complete dentures, immediate dentures, overdentures, and partial dentures. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Denturist – A person licensed under Chapter [18.30 RCW](#) to make, construct, alter, reproduce, or repair a denture. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) – The administration within the Department of Social and Health Services responsible for administering and overseeing services and programs for clients with developmental disabilities. Formerly known as the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

Endodontic – The etiology, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of diseases and injuries of the pulp and associated periradicular conditions. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Edentulous – Lacking teeth. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Extraction – See “simple extraction” and “surgical extraction.”

Flowable composite – A diluted low-viscosity-filled resin-based composite dental restorative material that is used in cervical restorations and small, low stress bearing occlusal restorations. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Fluoride varnish, rinse, foam, or gel – A substance containing dental fluoride which is applied to teeth, not including silver diamine fluoride. (WAC 182-535-1050)

General anesthesia – 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. (WAC 182-535-1050)

High noble metal – A dental alloy containing at least 60% pure gold.

Immediate denture – A prosthesis constructed for placement immediately after removal of remaining natural teeth on the day of extractions.

Limited oral evaluation – 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. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Limited visual oral assessment – An assessment by a dentist or dental hygienist provided in settings other than dental offices or dental clinics to identify signs of disease and the potential need for referral for diagnosis. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Noble metal – A dental alloy containing at least 25% but less than 60% pure gold.

Nursing facility – An institution that furnishes (in single or multiple facilities) food, shelter, and some treatment or services to four or more persons unrelated to the proprietor.

Oral hygiene instruction – Instruction for home oral hygiene care, such as tooth brushing techniques or flossing. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Partials or partial dentures – A removable prosthetic appliance that replaces missing teeth on either arch. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Periodic oral evaluation – 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. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Periodontal maintenance – 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 micro-organisms, calculus, and deposits with hand and mechanical instrumentation, an evaluation of periodontal conditions, and a complete periodontal charting as appropriate. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Permanent – The permanent or adult teeth in the dental arch.

Posterior – The teeth (maxillary and mandibular premolars and molars) and tissue towards the back of the mouth:

- Permanent maxillary posterior teeth include teeth 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16
- Permanent mandibular posterior teeth include teeth 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32
- Primary maxillary posterior teeth include teeth A, B, I, and J
- Primary mandibular posterior teeth include teeth K, L, S, and T
(WAC 182-535-1050)

Primary – The first set of teeth.

Prophylaxis – The dental procedure of scaling and polishing that includes removal of calculus, plaque, and stains from teeth.
(WAC 182-535-1050)

Proximal – The surface of the tooth near or next to the adjacent tooth.

Radiograph (x-ray) – An image or picture produced on a radiation sensitive film emulsion or digital sensor by exposure to ionizing radiation.
(WAC 182-535-1050)

Reline – To resurface the tissue side of a denture with new base material or soft tissue conditioner in order to achieve a more accurate fit. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Root canal – The chamber within the root of the tooth that contains the pulp.

Root canal therapy – The treatment of the pulp and associated periradicular conditions.

Root planing – A procedure to remove plaque, calculus, micro-organisms, rough cementum, and dentin from tooth surfaces.

This includes use of hand and mechanical instrumentation. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Scaling – A procedure to remove plaque, calculus, and stain deposits from tooth surfaces. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Sealant – A dental material applied to teeth to prevent dental caries.
(WAC 182-535-1050)

Simple extraction – The extraction of an erupted or exposed tooth to include the removal of tooth structure, minor smoothing of socket bone, and closure, as necessary.
(WAC 182-535-1050)

Standard of care – What reasonable and prudent practitioners would do in the same or similar circumstances.
(WAC 182-535-1050)

Supernumerary teeth – Extra erupted or unerupted teeth that resemble teeth of normal shape designated by the number series 51 through 82 and AS through TS.

Surgical extraction – The extraction of an erupted or impacted tooth requiring the removal of bone and/or sectioning of tooth, and including elevation of mucoperiosteal flap if indicated. This includes related cutting of gingiva and bone, removal of tooth structure, minor smoothing of socket bone, and closure. (WAC 182-535-1050)

Temporomandibular joint dysfunction (TMJ/TMD) – An abnormal functioning of the temporomandibular joint or other areas secondary to the dysfunction.
(WAC 182-535-1050)

Therapeutic pulpotomy – The surgical removal of a portion of the pulp (inner soft tissue of a tooth), to retain the healthy remaining pulp. (WAC 182-535-1050)

About the Program

What is the purpose of the Dental-Related Services program?

The purpose of the Dental-Related Services program is to provide quality dental and dental-related services to eligible Washington Apple Health clients, subject to the limitations, restrictions, and age requirements identified in this billing guide.

Who is eligible to become an agency-contracted provider?

[\(WAC 182-535-1070\)](#)

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

- Persons currently licensed by the state of Washington to:
 - ✓ Practice dentistry or specialties of dentistry
 - ✓ Practice medicine and osteopathy for either of the following:
 - Oral surgery procedures
 - Providing fluoride varnish under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program
 - ✓ Practice as a dental hygienist
 - ✓ Practice as a denturist
 - ✓ Practice anesthesia by:
 - Providing conscious sedation with parenteral or multiple oral agents, deep sedation, or general anesthesia as an anesthesiologist, dental anesthesiologist, or qualified professional under Chapter 246-817 WAC;
 - Providing conscious sedation with parenteral or multiple oral agents as a dentist with a conscious sedation permit issued by the Department of Health (DOH) that is current at the time the billed service is provided; or

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- Providing deep sedation or general anesthesia as a dentist with a general anesthesia permit issued by DOH that is current at the time the billed service is provided.
- Facilities that are one of the following:
 - ✓ Hospitals currently licensed by DOH
 - ✓ Federally-qualified health centers (FQHCs)
 - ✓ Medicare-certified ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs)
 - ✓ Medicare-certified rural health clinics (RHCs)
 - ✓ Community health centers (CHC)
- Participating local health jurisdictions
- Border area providers of dental-related services who are qualified in their states to provide these services

Note: The agency pays licensed providers participating in the agency's Dental-Related Services program for only those services that are within their scope of practice. ([WAC 182-535-1070\(2\)](#))

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Client Eligibility

How can I verify a patient's eligibility?

Providers must verify that a patient has Washington Apple Health coverage for the date of service, and that the client's benefit package covers the applicable service. This helps prevent delivering a service the agency will not pay for.

Verifying eligibility is a two-step process:

Step 1. Verify the patient's eligibility for Washington Apple Health. For detailed instructions on verifying a patient's eligibility for Washington Apple Health, see the *Client Eligibility, Benefit Packages, and Coverage Limits* section in the agency's [ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide](#).

If the patient is eligible for Washington Apple Health, proceed to **Step 2**. If the patient is **not** eligible, see the note box below.

Step 2. Verify service coverage under the Washington Apple Health client's benefit package. To determine if the requested service is a covered benefit under the Washington Apple Health client's benefit package, see the agency's [Program Benefit Packages and Scope of Services](#) web page.

Note: Patients who are not Washington Apple Health clients may submit an application for health care coverage in one of the following ways:

1. By visiting the Washington Healthplanfinder's website at: www.wahealthplanfinder.org.
2. By calling the Customer Support Center toll-free at: 855-WAFINDER (855-923-4633) or 855-627-9604 (TTY).
3. By mailing the application to:
Washington Healthplanfinder
PO Box 946
Olympia, WA 98507

In-person application assistance is also available. To get information about in-person application assistance available in their area, people may visit www.wahealthplanfinder.org or call the Customer Support Center.

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Are clients enrolled in an agency-contracted managed care organization (MCO) eligible?

(WAC [182-535-1060](#)(2))

Yes. Dental-related services, including surgical services with a dental-related diagnosis, for eligible clients enrolled in an agency-contracted managed care organization (MCO) are covered under Washington Apple Health fee-for-service. Bill the agency directly for all dental-related services provided to eligible MCO clients.

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Coverage

When does the agency pay for covered dental-related services?

([WAC 182-535-1079](#) (1))

Subject to coverage limitations and client-age requirements identified for a specific service, the agency pays for dental-related services and procedures when the services are all of the following:

- Part of the client’s benefit package
- Within the scope of an eligible client's Washington Apple Health program
- Medically necessary
- Meet the agency’s authorization requirements, if any
- Documented in the client’s record per [Chapter 182-502 WAC](#) and meet the Department of Health’s requirements in [WAC 246-817-305](#) and [WAC 246-817-310](#)
- Within accepted dental or medical practice standards
- Consistent with a diagnosis of dental disease or dental condition
- Reasonable in amount and duration of care, treatment, or service
- Listed as covered in this billing guide

For orthodontic services, see [Chapter 182-535A WAC](#) and the agency’s [Orthodontic Services Billing Guide](#).

What services performed in a hospital or ambulatory surgery center (ASC) are covered?

Dental providers

- The agency covers evaluation and management (E/M) codes (formerly hospital visits and consults) when an oral surgeon is called to the hospital or receives a client from the hospital for an emergency condition (i.e., infection, fracture, or trauma).

When billing for E/M codes in facility settings, oral surgeons must use CPT codes and follow CPT rules, including the use of modifiers. When billing for emergency hospital visits, oral surgeons must bill:

- ✓ On an electronic professional claim.
- ✓ Using the appropriate CPT code and modifiers, if appropriate.

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Dental-Related Services

- The agency requires prior authorization (PA) for CDT® dental services performed in a hospital or an ASC for clients age 9 and older (except for [clients of the Developmental Disabilities Administration \(DDA\)](#)).
- The place-of-service (POS) on the submitted claim form **must** match the setting where the service is performed. The agency may audit claims with an incorrect POS and payment may be recouped.

| Place of Service | Setting |
|------------------|---|
| 19 | Outpatient hospital clinic – off campus |
| 21 | Inpatient hospital |
| 22 | Outpatient hospital clinic – on campus |
| 24 | Ambulatory surgery center |

- The dentist providing the service must send in a request for authorization to perform the procedure in these settings. The request must:
 - ✓ Contain at least one procedure code.
 - ✓ List **all** applicable codes that require PA.

Note: Authorization for a client to be seen in a hospital or ASC setting does not automatically authorize any specific code that requires PA. If the specific code requires PA, also include the rationale for the code.

- ✓ Be submitted on the *General Information for Authorization* form, HCA 13-835. See [Where can I download agency forms?](#)
- ✓ Include a letter that clearly describes the medical necessity of performing the service in the requested setting.

Note: Any PA request submitted without the above information will be returned as incomplete.

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Dental-Related Services

- The agency requires providers to report dental services, including oral and maxillofacial surgeries, using CDT codes.

Exception: Oral surgeons may use CPT codes **listed in the agency’s [Physician-Related/Professional Services Fee Schedule](#)** only when the procedure performed is not listed as a covered CDT code in the agency’s [Dental Program Fee Schedule](#). CPT codes must be billed on an electronic professional claim.

- The agency pays dentists and oral surgeons for hospital visits using only the CPT codes listed in the oral surgery section of the [Physician-Related Services/Health Care Professional Services Billing Guide](#). In accordance with CPT guidelines, evaluation and management codes (visit codes) are not allowed on the same day as a surgery code (CPT® or CDT®) unless the decision to do the surgery was made that day and appropriate modifiers are used.
- The agency follows the [National Correct Coding Initiative \(NCCI\) policy](#). The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) created this policy to promote national correct coding methods. NCCI assists the agency to control improper coding that may lead to inappropriate payment. For more information about the agency’s policy to follow NCCI rules, see the *National correct coding initiative* section of the [Physician-Related Services/Health Care Professional Services Billing Guide](#).
- If requesting anesthesia time that is significantly greater than the normal anesthesia time for the procedure, include the medical justification for this in the documentation.

Facilities

- Hospitals and ASCs must use CDT codes for dental procedures. Hospitals and ASCs may bill with a CPT code **only** if there is no CDT code that covers the service performed.
- Coverage and payment is limited to those CDT and select CPT codes listed in the agency’s [Dental Program Fee Schedule](#).
- ASCs are paid only for the codes listed in the agency’s [Ambulatory Surgery Centers Billing Guide](#).
- The agency considers anesthesia to be included in the payment made to the facility. The agency does not pay separately, even if a facility bills CDT code D9223 or D9243.

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Site-of-service prior authorization

[\(WAC 182-535-1079\)](#) (3), (4)

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 ASC when all of the following are true:

- The client is not a [client of the DDA](#).
- The client is age 9 or older.
- The service is not listed as exempt from the site-of-service authorization requirement in this billing guide or the agency's [Dental-Related Services Fee Schedule](#).
- The service is not listed as exempt from the prior authorization requirement for deep sedation or general anesthesia (see [What adjunctive general services are covered?](#)).

To be eligible for payment, dental-related services performed in a hospital or an ASC must be listed in the agency's [Outpatient Fee Schedule](#) or [ASC Fee Schedule](#). The claim must be billed with the correct procedure code for the site-of-service.

What services are covered under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment program?

[\(WAC 182-535-1079\)](#) (5)

Under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) program, clients age 20 and younger may be eligible for the dental-related services listed as noncovered. The agency reviews requests for dental-related services for clients who are eligible for services under the EPSDT program when a referral for services is the result of an EPSDT exam, according to the provisions of [WAC 182-534-0100](#).

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Which services are covered for medical care services (formerly general assistance (GA)) clients?

[\(WAC 182-535-1066\)](#)

The agency covers the following dental-related services for a medical care services (MCS) client 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 post-surgical complications, (e.g., dry socket):

- Limited oral evaluation
- Periapical or bite-wing radiographs (x-rays) that are medically necessary to diagnose only the client's chief complaint
- Palliative treatment to relieve dental pain or infection
- Pulpal debridement to relieve dental pain or infection
- Tooth extraction. Tooth extractions require prior authorization (PA) when one of the following applies:
 - ✓ The extraction of a tooth or teeth results in the client becoming edentulous in the maxillary arch or mandibular arch.
 - ✓ A full mouth extraction is necessary because of radiation therapy for cancer of the head and neck.

Each dental-related procedure described under this section is subject to the coverage limitations listed in this billing guide.

The agency does not cover any dental-related services not listed in this section for MCS clients, including any type of removable dental prosthesis.

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Covered procedure codes for MCS clients

| Code | Description | PA? | Requirements/ Limitations | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-------|---|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| D0140 | limited oral evaluation – problem focused | N | | Fee Schedule |
| D0220 | intraoral – periapical first film | N | | |
| D0230 | intraoral – periapical each additional film | N | | |
| D0270 | bitewing – single film | N | | |
| D0272 | bitewings – two films | N | | |
| D0273 | bitewings – three films | N | | |
| D0274 | bitewings – four films | N | | |
| D3221 | pulpal debridement, permanent teeth | N | Tooth designation required, permanent teeth only | |
| D3310 | endodontic therapy, anterior tooth (excluding final restoration) | N | Tooth designation required | |
| D7111 | extraction, coronal remnants – deciduous tooth | N | Tooth designation required | |
| D7140 | extraction, erupted tooth or exposed root (elevation and/or forceps removal) | Y* See EPA | Tooth designation required *Prior authorization not required when extracting 3 or fewer teeth. | |
| D7210 | extraction, erupted tooth requiring removal of bone and/or sectioning of tooth, and including elevation of mucoperiosteal flap if indicated | Y* See EPA | Tooth designation required *Prior authorization not required when extracting 3 or fewer teeth. | |
| D7220 | removal of impacted tooth – soft tissue | N | Tooth designation required | |
| D7230 | removal of impacted tooth – partially bony | N | Tooth designation required | |
| D7240 | removal of impacted tooth – completely bony | N | Tooth designation required | |

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| Code | Description | PA? | Requirements/ Limitations | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-------|---|-----|--|------------------------------|
| D7250 | surgical removal of residual tooth roots (cutting procedure) | N | <p>Tooth designation required</p> <p>The fee for this service is included in the initial extraction fee when performed by the original treating dentist or clinic and may not be billed to the client.</p> | Fee Schedule |
| D9110 | palliative (emergency) treatment of dental pain – minor procedure | N | Tooth designation required | |

Are limitation extensions and exceptions to rule available?

[\(WAC 182-535-1079 \(5\)\)](#)

What is a limitation extension?

A limitation extension (LE) is an authorization of services beyond the designated benefit limit allowed in Washington Administration Code (WAC) and the agency’s Washington Apple Health billing guides.

Note: A request for a limitation extension must be appropriate to the client’s eligibility or program limitations. Not all eligibility groups cover all services.

The agency evaluates a request for dental-related services that are in excess of the Dental Program’s limitations or restrictions, according to [WAC 182-501-0169](#).

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How do I request an LE?

The agency requires a dental provider who is requesting an LE to submit sufficient, objective, clinical information to establish medical necessity.

Providers must submit the request in writing on a completed *General Information for Authorization* form, HCA 13-835. See [Where can I download agency forms?](#) See the agency's [ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide](#) for more information.

The agency may request additional information as follows:

- Additional x-rays (radiographs) (the agency returns x-rays only for approved requests and only if accompanied by self-addressed stamped envelope)
- Study model, if requested
- Photographs
- Any other information requested by the agency

Note: The agency may require second opinions and consultations before authorizing any procedure.

Removable Dental Prosthetics

For nursing facility clients, the LE request must also include a completed copy of the *Denture/Partial Appliance Request for Skilled Nursing Facility Client* form, HCA 13-788. See [Where can I download agency forms?](#)

What is an exception to rule?

An exception to rule (ETR) is when a client or the client's provider requests the agency to pay for a noncovered service. The agency reviews these requests according to [WAC 182-501-0160](#).

How do I request a noncovered service?

A noncovered service must be requested through ETR. To request a noncovered service, submit the request in writing on a completed *General Information for Authorization* form, HCA 13-835, and fax to the agency at: (866) 668-1214. See [Where can I download agency forms?](#)

Indicate in Box 30 on the form that you are requesting an ETR.

Be sure to provide all of the evidence required by [WAC 182-501-0160](#).

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What diagnostic services are covered?

[\(WAC 182-535-1080\)](#)

Subject to coverage limitations, restrictions, and client-age requirements identified for a specific service, the agency covers the following dental-related diagnostic services:

Oral health evaluations and assessments

The agency covers per client, per provider or clinic:

- **Periodic oral evaluations**, once every six months. Six months must elapse between the comprehensive oral evaluation and the first periodic oral evaluation. **Exception to limits**, see [Clients of the Developmental Disabilities Administration \(DDA\)](#), Preventive Services.
- **Limited oral evaluations**, only when the provider performing the limited oral evaluation is not providing routine scheduled dental services for the client on the same day. The limited oral evaluation:
 - ✓ Must evaluate the client for a:
 - Specific dental problem or oral health complaint,
 - Dental emergency, or
 - Referral for other treatment.
 - ✓ When performed by a dentist, is limited to the initial examination appointment. The agency does not cover any additional limited examination by a dentist for the same client until three months after a removable dental prosthesis has been delivered.
- **Comprehensive oral evaluations** as an initial examination that must include:
 - ✓ A complete dental and medical history and general health assessment.
 - ✓ A thorough evaluation of extra-oral and intra-oral hard and soft tissue.
 - ✓ The evaluation and recording of dental caries, missing or unerupted teeth, restoration, occlusal relationships, periodontal conditions (including periodontal charting), hard and soft tissue anomalies, and oral cancer screening.

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 or for established patients who have a documented significant change in health conditions ([see EPA](#)).

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Note: The agency does not pay separately for chart or record set-up. The fees for these services are included in the agency’s reimbursement for comprehensive oral evaluations.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|---|-----|------------------------------|
| D0120 | periodic oral evaluation – established patient* | N | Fee Schedule |
| D0140 | limited oral evaluation – problem focused* | N | |
| D0150 | comprehensive oral evaluation – new or established patient* | N | |

*Oral surgeons may bill E/M codes (CPT 99201-99215) on an electronic professional claim to represent these services instead of CDT codes.

Limited visual oral assessment (pre-diagnostic services)

The agency covers limited visual oral assessments or screening, per provider only when the assessment or screening is:

- Not performed in conjunction with other clinical oral evaluation services.
- Performed by a licensed dentist or dental hygienist to determine the need for sealants, fluoride treatment, or when triage services are provided in **settings other than dental offices or dental clinics** (e.g., alternate living facilities, etc.).
- A single screening or assessment covered per client, per visit.
- Allowed once every six months per client, per provider.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----|------------------------------|
| D0190 | screening of a patient | N | Fee Schedule |
| D0191 | assessment of a patient | N | |

Alcohol and substance misuse counseling

The agency covers alcohol and substance misuse counseling through screening, brief interventions, and referral to treatment (SBIRT) services when provided by, or under the supervision of, a certified physician or other certified licensed health care professional, such as a dentist or a dental hygienist, within the scope of their practice. See the agency’s [Physician-Related Services/Health Care Professional Services Billing Guide](#).

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X-rays (radiographs)

The agency uses the prevailing standard of care to determine the need for dental x-rays (radiographs).

The agency covers:

- X-rays, per client, per provider or clinic, that are of diagnostic quality, dated, and labeled with the client's name. The agency requires:
 - ✓ Original x-rays to be retained by the provider as part of the client's dental record.
 - ✓ Duplicate x-rays to be submitted with requests for prior authorization and when the agency requests copies of dental records.
- An intraoral complete series, once in a three-year period for clients age 14 and older. The agency will only cover the intraoral series if the agency has not paid for a panoramic x-ray for the same client in the same three-year period. The intraoral complete series includes at least 14 to 22 periapical and posterior bitewings. The agency limits reimbursement for all x-rays to a total payment of no more than the payment for a complete series.
- Medically necessary periapical x-rays that are not included in a complete series for diagnosis in conjunction with definitive treatment, such as root canal therapy. Documentation supporting medical necessity must be included in the client's record.
- An occlusal intraoral x-ray, per arch, once in a two-year period, for clients age 20 and younger.
- A maximum of four bitewing x-rays once every 12 months.
- Panoramic x-rays (for dental only) in conjunction with four bitewings, once in a three-year period, only if the agency has not paid for an intraoral complete series for the same client in the same three-year period.
- Preoperative and postoperative panoramic x-ray, one per surgery without prior authorization. The agency considers additional x-rays on a case-by-case basis with prior authorization. For orthodontic services, see the [Orthodontic Services Billing Guide](#).
- Cephalometric films - One preoperative and postoperative cephalometric film per surgery without prior authorization. Additional x-rays will be considered on a case-by-case basis with prior authorization.
- X-rays not listed as covered, only on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized.

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Dental-Related Services

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Age Limitation | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|---|-----|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| D0210 | intraoral – complete series (including bitewings) | N | Clients age 14 and older | Fee Schedule |
| D0220 | intraoral – periapical first film | N | | |
| D0230 | intraoral – periapical each additional film | N | | |
| D0240 | intraoral – occlusal film | N | Clients age 20 and younger only | |
| D0270 | bitewing – single film | N | | |
| D0272 | bitewings – two films | N | | |
| D0273 | bitewings – three films | N | | |
| D0274 | bitewings – four films | N | | |
| D0330 | panoramic film | N | | |
| D0340 | cephalometric film (oral surgeons only) | N | | |

- Oral and facial photographic images on a case-by-case basis and when requested by the agency.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Age Limitation | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|--|-----|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| D0350 | 2D oral/facial photographic images obtained intraorally or extraorally | Y | Clients age 20 and younger only | Fee Schedule |

Note: The agency does not require PA for additional medically necessary panoramic x-rays ordered by oral surgeons and orthodontists.

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Tests and examinations

The agency covers the following:

- One pulp vitality test per visit (not per tooth) for clients age 20 and younger:
 - ✓ For diagnosis only during limited oral evaluations
 - ✓ When x-rays and/or documented symptoms justify the medical necessity for the pulp vitality test

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|---------------------|-----|------------------------------|
| D0460 | pulp vitality tests | N | Fee Schedule |

- Diagnostic casts other than those included in an orthodontic case study, on a case-by-case basis, and when requested by the agency.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|------------------|-----|------------------------------|
| D0470 | diagnostic casts | Y | Fee Schedule |

Note: The agency covers viral cultures, genetic testing, caries susceptibility, and adjunctive pre-diagnostic tests only on a case-by-case basis and when requested by the agency.

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What preventive services are covered?

[\(WAC 182-535-1082\)](#)

Prophylaxis

The agency:

- Includes scaling and polishing procedures to remove coronal plaque, calculus, and stains when performed on a primary or permanent dentition as part of the prophylaxis service.
- Limits prophylaxis to once every:
 - ✓ Six months for a client age 18 and younger.
 - ✓ Twelve months for a client age 19 and older.
 - ✓ Six months for a client residing in an alternate living facility (ALF) or nursing facility.

Exception: [Clients of the Developmental Disabilities Administration \(DDA\)](#) may exceed these limits.

- Reimburses only when the prophylaxis is performed:
 - ✓ At least six months after periodontal scaling and root planing, or periodontal maintenance services, for clients age 13 to 18.
 - ✓ At least 12 months after periodontal scaling and root planing, or periodontal maintenance services, for clients age 19 and older.
 - ✓ At least six months after periodontal scaling and root planing, or periodontal maintenance services for clients who reside in an ALF or nursing facility.
- Does not reimburse for prophylaxis separately when it is performed on the same date of service as periodontal scaling and root planing, periodontal maintenance, scaling in the presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation, gingivectomy, or gingivoplasty.

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- Covers prophylaxis for [clients of DDA](#).

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Age Limitation | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| D1110 | prophylaxis – adult | N | Clients age 14 and older only | Fee Schedule |
| D1120 | prophylaxis – child | N | Clients through age 13 only | |

Topical fluoride treatment

The agency covers fluoride rinse, foam or gel, or fluoride varnish, including disposable trays, per client, per provider or clinic as follows:

| Clients who are... | Frequency |
|--|---|
| Age 6 and younger | Three times within a 12-month period with a minimum of 110 days between applications |
| Age 7 through 18 or residing in ALFs or nursing facilities | Two times within a 12-month period with a minimum of 170 days between applications |
| Age 7 through 20 receiving orthodontic treatment | Three times within a 12-month period during orthodontic treatment with a minimum of 110 days between applications ✓ provider must bill with the initial appliance placement date |
| Age 19 and older | Once within a 12-month period |

- Additional topical fluoride applications only on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized

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- Topical fluoride treatment for [clients of DDA](#)

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|--|-----|------------------------------|
| D1206 | topical fluoride varnish | N | Fee Schedule |
| D1208 | topical application of fluoride, excluding varnish and silver diamine fluoride | N | |

Note: CDT codes D1206 and D1208 are not allowed on the same day. The fluoride limit per provider, per client, for CDT codes D1206 and D1208 is the combined total of the two, not per code. The codes are considered equivalent, and a total of three or two fluorides are allowed, not three or two of each.

Oral hygiene instruction

The agency covers oral hygiene instruction only for clients who are age 8 and younger. Oral hygiene instruction includes individualized instruction for home care such as tooth brushing techniques, flossing, and use of oral hygiene aids.

The agency covers oral hygiene instruction as follows:

- Only once per client every six months (up to two times within a 12-month period)
- 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

Note: The agency covers oral hygiene instruction 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.**

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Age Limitation | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|---------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| D1330 | oral hygiene instructions | N | *Clients age 8 and younger only | Fee Schedule |

Note: For clients age 9 and older, oral hygiene instruction is included as part of the global fee for prophylaxis.

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Tobacco cessation counseling

The agency covers tobacco cessation counseling for pregnant women of any age for the control and prevention of oral disease. Refer to the [Physician Related Services/Health Care Professional Services Billing Guide](#).

Sealants

The agency covers sealants as follows:

- For clients age 20 and younger and people of any age who are clients of the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)
- Only when used on a mechanically and/or chemically prepared enamel surface
- Once per tooth:
 - ✓ In a three-year period for clients age 20 and younger
 - ✓ In a two-year period for people of any age who are [clients of DDA](#), DSHS

Additional sealants are allowed on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized

- Only when used on the occlusal surfaces of:
 - ✓ Permanent teeth 2, 3, 14, 15, 18, 19, 30, and 31
 - ✓ Primary teeth A, B, I, J, K, L, S, and T
- On noncarious teeth or teeth with incipient caries
- Only when placed on a tooth with no pre-existing occlusal restoration, or any occlusal restoration placed on the same day

Note: Glass ionomer cement is not considered a sealant.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Age Limitation | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|---------------------|-----|--|---|------------------------------|
| D1351 | sealant – per tooth | N | Tooth and surface designation required | Clients age 20 and younger; DDA/DSHS clients of any age | Fee Schedule |

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Space maintenance

The agency covers:

- One fixed unilateral space maintainer per quadrant or one fixed bilateral space maintainer per arch, including re-cementation, for missing primary molars A, B, I, J, K, L, S, and T, subject to the following:
 - ✓ Evidence of pending permanent tooth eruption exists
 - ✓ Replacement space maintainers are covered on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized
 - ✓ Space maintainer removal is included in the initial payment to the original provider who placed the space maintainer
- The removal of fixed space maintainers when removed by a different provider. Space maintainer removal is allowed once per appliance.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|---|-----|--|------------------------------|
| D1510 | space maintainer – fixed – unilateral | N | Quadrant designation required, see EPA criteria for replacements | Fee Schedule |
| D1515 | space maintainer – fixed – bilateral | N | Arch designation required, see EPA criteria for replacements | |
| D1550 | re-cement or re-bond space maintainer | N | Quadrant or arch designation required | |
| D1555 | removal of fixed space maintainer | N | Quadrant designation required | |
| D1575 | Distal shoe space maintainer – fixed - unilateral | N | Quadrant designation required | |

Note: The agency does not pay for space maintainers (D1510, D1515, D1575) for clients during approved orthodontic treatment.

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What restorative services are covered?

[\(WAC 182-535-1084\)](#)

Amalgam and resin restorations for primary and permanent teeth

The agency considers:

- Tooth preparation, acid etching, all adhesives (including bonding agents), liners and bases, polishing, indirect and direct pulp capping, and curing as part of the restoration.
- Occlusal adjustment of either the restored tooth or the opposing tooth or teeth as part of the restoration.
- Restorations placed within six months of a crown preparation by the same provider or clinic to be included in the payment for the crown.
- Replacements of restorations, after one year, to be covered when:
 - ✓ Cracked or broken, **and**
 - ✓ Justification is documented in the client's record.
- Replacements of restorations within a two-year period if the restoration has an additional adjoining carious surface. The client's record must include x-rays or documentation supporting the medical necessity for the replacement restoration.

Limitations for all restorations

The agency:

- Considers multiple restorations involving the proximal and occlusal surfaces of the same tooth as a multisurface restoration, and limits reimbursement to a single multisurface restoration.
- 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.
- Considers multiple restorations of fissures and grooves of the occlusal surface of the same tooth as a one-surface restoration.

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- Considers resin-based composite restorations of teeth where the decay does not penetrate the dentinoenamel junction (DEJ) to be sealants. (See [Sealants](#).)
- Reimburses proximal restorations that do not involve the incisal angle on anterior teeth as a two-surface restoration.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 restoration as one multisurface restoration.

Additional limitations for restorations on primary teeth

The agency covers:

- A maximum of two surfaces for a primary first molar. (See [Other restorative services](#) 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.
- A maximum of three surfaces for a primary second molar. (See [Other restorative services](#) 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.
- A maximum of three surfaces for a primary anterior tooth. (See [Other restorative services](#) 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.

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Additional limitations for restorations on permanent teeth

The agency covers:

- Two occlusal restorations for the upper molars on teeth 1, 2, 3, 14, 15, and 16, only if the restorations are anatomically separated by sound tooth structure.
- 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 1, 2, 3, 14, 15, and 16.
- A maximum of six surfaces per tooth for resin-based composite restorations for permanent anterior teeth.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|---|-----|---|------------------------------|
| D2140 | amalgam – one surface, primary or permanent | N | Tooth and surface designations required | Fee Schedule |
| D2150 | amalgam – two surfaces, primary or permanent | N | Tooth and surface designations required | |
| D2160 | amalgam – three surfaces, primary or permanent | N | Tooth and surface designations required. If billed on a primary first molar, the agency will reimburse at the rate for a two-surface restoration | |
| D2161 | amalgam – four or more surfaces, primary or permanent | N | Tooth and surface designations required. If billed on a primary first molar, the agency will reimburse at the rate for a two-surface restoration. If billed on a primary second molar, the agency will reimburse at the rate for a three-surface restoration. | |

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| D2330 | resin-based composite – one surface, anterior | N | Tooth and surface designations required | |
| D2331 | resin-based composite – two surfaces, anterior | N | Tooth and surface designations required | |
| D2332 | resin-based composite – three surfaces, anterior | N | Tooth and surface designations required | |
| D2335 | resin-based composite – four or more surfaces or involving incisal angle (anterior) | N | Tooth and surface designations required. Not allowed on primary teeth. | |
| D2390 | resin-based composite crown, anterior (includes strip crowns) | N* | Tooth designation required. Clients age 20 and younger only. | Fee Schedule |
| D2391 | resin-based composite – one surface, posterior | N | Tooth and surface designations required. | |
| D2392 | resin-based composite – two surfaces, posterior | N | Tooth and surface designations required | |
| D2393 | resin-based composite – three surfaces, posterior | N | Tooth and surface designations required. If billed on a primary first molar, the agency will reimburse at the rate for a two-surface restoration. If billed on a primary second molar, the agency will reimburse at the rate for a three-surface restoration. | |

* For primary anterior teeth, once every three years as follows: Clients age 12 and younger without PA if the tooth requires a four or more surface restoration. Clients age 13 through 20 with PA. X-ray justification is required.

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|-----------|--|-----|---|------------------------------|
| D2394 | resin-based composite – four or more surfaces, posterior | N | Tooth and surface designations required. If billed on a primary first molar, the agency will reimburse at the rate for a two-surface restoration. If billed on a primary second molar, the agency will reimburse at the rate for a three-surface restoration. | Fee Schedule |

Crowns – single restorations only

The agency covers:

- The following indirect crowns, per tooth, once every five years for **permanent anterior teeth** for clients age 15 through 20 when the crowns meet prior authorization (PA) criteria in [Prior Authorization](#) and the provider follows the PA requirements on the following page:
 - ✓ Porcelain/ceramic crowns to include all porcelains, glasses, glass-ceramic, and porcelain fused to metal crowns
 - ✓ Resin crowns and resin metal crowns to include any resin-based composite, fiber, or ceramic reinforced polymer compound

Note: The agency does not cover permanent anterior crowns for clients under age 15 or age 21 and older.

Payment

The agency considers the following to be included in the payment for a crown:

- Tooth and soft tissue preparation
- Amalgam and resin-based composite restoration, or any other restorative material placed within six months of the crown preparation

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Exception: The agency covers a one-surface restoration on an endodontically treated tooth, or a core buildup or case post and core.

- Temporaries, including but not limited to, temporary restoration, temporary crown, provisional crown, temporary prefabricated stainless steel crown, ion crown, or acrylic crown
- Packing cord placement and removal
- Diagnostic or final impressions
- Crown seating (placement), including cementing and insulating bases
- Occlusal adjustment of crown or opposing tooth or teeth
- Local anesthesia

Billing

The agency requires a provider to bill for a crown only after delivery and seating of the crown, not at the impression date.

Prior authorization

The agency requires the provider to submit the following with each PA request for crowns:

- Current (within the past 12 months) x-rays to assess all remaining teeth
- Documentation and identification of all missing teeth
- Caries diagnosis and treatment plan for all remaining teeth, including a caries control plan for clients with rampant caries
- Pre- and post-endodontic treatment x-rays for requests on endodontically treated teeth
- Documentation supporting a five-year prognosis that the client will retain the tooth or crown if the tooth is crowned

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|------------------|---|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| D2710 | crown – resin-based composite (indirect) | Y | Tooth designation required | Clients age 15 to 20 only | Fee Schedule |
| D2720 | crown – resin with high noble metal | Y | Tooth designation required | Clients age 15 to 20 only | |
| D2721 | crown – resin with predominantly base metal | Y | Tooth designation required | Clients age 15 to 20 only | |
| D2722 | crown – resin with noble metal | Y | Tooth designation required | Clients age 15 to 20 only | |
| D2740 | crown – porcelain/ceramic substrate | Y | Tooth designation required | Clients age 15 to 20 only | |
| D2750 | crown – porcelain fused to high noble metal | Y | Tooth designation required | Clients age 15 to 20 only | |

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Age Limitation | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|------------------|---|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| D2751 | crown – porcelain fused to predominantly base metal | Y | Tooth designation required | Clients age 15 to 20 only | Fee Schedule |
| D2752 | crown – porcelain fused to noble metal | Y | Tooth designation required | Clients age 15 to 20 only | |

Note: The agency does not pay for procedure codes D2710 through D2752 when billed for posterior teeth.

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Other restorative services

The agency covers:

- All re-cementations of permanent indirect crowns.
- Prefabricated stainless steel crowns, including stainless steel crowns with resin window, prefabricated porcelain/ceramic crowns, 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 20 and younger as follows:
 - ✓ For clients age 12 and younger without PA or EPA, if the tooth requires a four or more surface restoration
 - ✓ For clients age 12 and younger who meet the EPA criteria (see [EPA procedure code list](#))

X-ray justification is required.

- 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 PA if:
 - ✓ Decay involves three or more surfaces for a primary first molar;
 - ✓ Decay involves four or more surfaces for a primary second molar;
 - ✓ The tooth had a pulpotomy; or
 - ✓ For clients age 12 and younger who meet the EPA criteria (see [EPA procedure code list](#))

X-ray justification is required.

- Prefabricated stainless steel crowns, including stainless steel crowns with resin window, prefabricated porcelain/ceramic crowns, resin-based composite crowns (direct), prefabricated esthetic coated stainless steel crowns, and prefabricated resin crowns for primary **anterior** and **posterior** teeth once every three years, for clients age 13 through 20, with PA. X-ray justification is required.
- Prefabricated stainless steel crowns, including stainless steel crowns with resin window, and prefabricated resin crowns for permanent posterior teeth excluding 1, 16, 17, and 32 once every three years, for clients age 20 and younger, without PA. X-ray justification is required.

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- Prefabricated stainless steel crowns for [clients of the Developmental Disabilities Administration \(DDA\)](#) without PA. X-ray justification is required.
- Core buildup, including pins, only on permanent teeth and only:
 - ✓ For clients age 20 and younger;
 - ✓ Allowed in conjunction with crowns; and
 - ✓ When prior authorized.

Providers must submit pre- and post-endodontic treatment radiographs to the agency with the authorization request for endodontically treated teeth.

- Cast post and core or prefabricated post and core, only on permanent teeth and only as follows:
 - ✓ For clients age 20 and younger;
 - ✓ When in conjunction with a crown; and
 - ✓ When prior authorized.

- ✓ Silver diamine fluoride per application as follows:
 - ✓ When used for stopping the progression of caries only;
 - ✓ Two times per client per tooth in a twelve-month period; and
 - ✓ Cannot be performed and billed with interim therapeutic restoration on the same tooth.

The dental provider or office must have a signed informed consent form. The form must include the following:

- ✓ Benefits and risks of silver diamine fluoride application;
- ✓ Alternatives to silver diamine fluoride application; and
- ✓ Color photograph example that demonstrates the post-procedure blackening of a tooth with silver diamine fluoride application.

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|-----------|---|-----|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| D1354 | silver diamine fluoride | N | Tooth and tooth surface designation required | All ages | Fee Schedule |
| D2910 | re-cement or re-bond inlay, onlay, veneer or partial coverage restoration | N | Tooth designation required | Clients age 20 and younger only | Fee Schedule |
| D2915 | re-cement or re-bond indirectly fabricated or prefabricated post and core | N | Tooth designation required | Clients age 20 and younger only | |
| D2920 | re-cement or re-bond crown | N | Tooth designation required | All ages | |
| D2929 | prefabricated porcelain/ceramic crown – primary tooth | * | Tooth designation required | Clients age 20 and younger only | |
| D2930 | prefabricated stainless steel crown – primary tooth | * | Tooth designation required | Clients age 20 and younger only | Fee Schedule |
| D2931 | prefabricated stainless steel crown – permanent tooth | N | Tooth designation required | Clients age 20 and younger only | |
| D2932 | prefabricated resin crown | N | Tooth designation required | Clients age 20 and younger only | |

Note: *For clients age 12 and younger without PA if the tooth requires a four or more surface restoration. For clients age 13 through 20 with PA. X-ray justification is required.

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|-----------|---|-----|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| D2933 | prefabricated stainless steel crown with resin window | N | Tooth designation required | Clients age 20 and younger only | Fee Schedule |
| D2934 | prefabricated esthetic coated stainless steel crown – primary tooth | N | Tooth designation required | Clients age 20 and younger only | |
| D2950 | core buildup, including any pins when required | Y | Tooth designation required; must be billed in conjunction with CDT codes for crowns (CDT code D2710 or D2752 for permanent anterior teeth or CDT code D2931 for permanent posterior teeth) | Clients age 20 and younger only | |
| D2952 | post and core in addition to crown, indirectly fabricated | Y | Tooth designation required; must be billed in conjunction with CDT codes for crowns (CDT code D2710 or D2752 for permanent anterior teeth or CDT code D2931 for permanent posterior teeth) | Clients age 20 and younger only | |
| D2954 | prefabricated post and core in addition to crown | Y | Tooth designation required; must be billed in conjunction with CDT codes for crowns (CDT code D2710 or D2752 for permanent anterior teeth or CDT code D2931 for permanent posterior teeth) | Clients age 20 and younger only | |
| | | | | | |

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What endodontic services are covered?

[\(WAC 182-535-1086\)](#)

Pulp capping

The agency considers pulp capping to be included in the payment for the restoration.

Pulpotomy/pulpal debridement

The agency covers:

- Therapeutic pulpotomy on primary teeth only for clients age 20 and younger.
- Pulpal debridement on permanent teeth only, excluding teeth 1, 16, 17, and 32.

The agency does not pay for pulpal debridement when performed with palliative treatment for dental pain or when performed on the same day as endodontic treatment.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Limitations | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|---|-----|----------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| D3220 | therapeutic pulpotomy (excluding final restoration) – removal of pulp coronal to the dentinocemental junction and application of medicament | N | Tooth designation required | Clients age 20 and younger, primary teeth only | Fee Schedule |
| D3221 | pulpal debridement, permanent teeth | N | Tooth designation required | All ages, permanent teeth only | |

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Endodontic treatment on primary teeth

The agency covers endodontic treatment with resorbable material for primary teeth if the entire root is present at treatment.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|---|-----|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| D3230 | pulpal therapy (resorbable filling)-anterior, primary | N | Tooth designation required | Fee Schedule |
| D3240 | pulpal therapy (resorbable filling) – posterior, primary tooth (excluding final restorations) | N | Tooth designation required | |

Endodontic treatment on permanent teeth

The agency:

- Covers endodontic treatment for permanent anterior teeth for all clients.
- Covers endodontic treatment for permanent bicuspid and molar teeth, excluding teeth 1, 16, 17, and 32 for clients age 20 and younger.
- Considers the following included in endodontic treatment:
 - ✓ Pulpectomy when part of root canal therapy
 - ✓ All procedures necessary to complete treatment
 - ✓ All intra-operative and final evaluation radiographs (x-rays) for the endodontic procedure
- Pays separately for the following services that are related to the endodontic treatment:
 - ✓ Initial diagnostic evaluation
 - ✓ Initial diagnostic radiographs
 - ✓ Post treatment evaluation radiographs if taken at least three months after treatment

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| D3310 | endodontic therapy, anterior tooth (excluding final restoration) | N | Tooth designation required | All ages | Fee Schedule |
| D3320 | endodontic therapy, bicuspid tooth (excluding final restoration) | N | Tooth designation required | Client age 20 and younger | |
| D3330 | endodontic therapy, molar tooth (excluding final restoration) | N | Tooth designation required | Clients age 20 and younger | |

Endodontic retreatment on permanent teeth

The agency:

- Covers endodontic retreatment for a client age 20 and younger when prior authorized.
- Covers endodontic retreatment of permanent anterior teeth for a client age 21 and older when prior authorized.
- Considers endodontic retreatment to include:
 - ✓ The removal of post(s), pin(s), old root canal filling material, and all procedures necessary to prepare the canals.
 - ✓ Placement of new filling material.
 - ✓ Retreatment for permanent anterior, bicuspid, and molar teeth, excluding teeth 1, 16, 17, and 32.
- Pays separately for the following services that are related to the endodontic retreatment:
 - ✓ Initial diagnostic evaluation
 - ✓ Initial diagnostic x-rays
 - ✓ Post treatment evaluation x-rays if taken at least three months after treatment
- Does not pay for endodontic retreatment when provided by the original treating provider or clinic unless prior authorized by the agency.

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| D3346 | retreatment of previous root canal therapy – anterior | Y | Tooth designation required | All ages | Fee Schedule |
| D3347 | retreatment of previous root canal therapy – bicuspid | Y | Tooth designation required | Clients age 20 and younger | |
| D3348 | retreatment of previous root canal therapy – molar | Y | Tooth designation required | Clients age 20 and younger | |

Apexification/apicoectomy

The agency covers:

- Apexification for apical closures for **anterior permanent teeth only**. Apexification is limited to the initial visit and three interim treatment visits per tooth and is limited to clients age 20 and younger.
- Apicoectomy and a retrograde filling for **anterior teeth only** for clients age 20 and younger.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Age Limitation | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|--|-----|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| D3351 | apexification/recalcification – initial visit (apical closure/calcific repair of perforations, root resorption, etc.) | N | Tooth designation required | Clients age 20 and younger | Fee Schedule |
| D3352 | apexification/recalcification – interim medication replacement (apical closure/calcific repair of perforations, root resorption, etc.) | N | Tooth designation required | Clients age 20 and younger | |
| D3410 | apicoectomy anterior | N | Tooth designation required | Clients age 20 and younger | |
| D3430 | retrograde filling – per root | N | Tooth designation required | Clients age 20 and younger | |

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What periodontic services are covered?

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Surgical periodontal services

The agency covers the following, including all postoperative care:

- Gingivectomy/gingivoplasty (does not include distal wedge procedures on erupting molars), for clients age 20 and younger only, on a case-by-case basis, and when prior authorized
- Gingivectomy/gingivoplasty (does not include distal wedge procedures on erupting molars) for [clients of the Developmental Disabilities Administration \(DDA\)](#)

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Age Limitation | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|--|-----|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| D4210 | gingivectomy or gingivoplasty – four or more contiguous teeth or bounded teeth spaces per quadrant | Y | Quadrant designation required | Clients age 20 and younger | Fee Schedule |
| D4211 | gingivectomy or gingivoplasty – one to three contiguous teeth or bounded teeth spaces per quadrant | Y | Quadrant designation required | Clients age 20 and younger | |

Nonsurgical periodontal services

The agency:

- Covers periodontal scaling and root planing for the number of teeth scaled that are periodontically involved once per quadrant, for clients age 13 through 18, per client in a two-year period on a case-by-case basis, when prior authorized, and only when:
 - ✓ The client has x-ray evidence of periodontal disease and subgingival calculus.
 - ✓ The client's record includes supporting documentation for the medical necessity of the service, including complete periodontal charting done within 12 months prior to the date of the prior authorization request and a definitive diagnosis of periodontal disease.

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- ✓ The client's clinical condition meets current periodontal guidelines.
- ✓ Performed at least two years from the date of completion of periodontal scaling and root planing or surgical periodontal treatment, or at least 12 months from the completion of periodontal maintenance.
- Covers periodontal scaling and root planing once per quadrant, per client, in a two-year period for clients age 19 and older and only when:
 - ✓ The client has x-ray evidence of periodontal disease and subgingival calculus.
 - ✓ The client's record includes supporting documentation for the medical necessity, including complete periodontal charting and a definitive diagnosis of periodontal disease.
 - ✓ The client's clinical condition meets current periodontal guidelines.
 - ✓ Performed at least two years from the date of completion of periodontal scaling and root planing or surgical periodontal treatment, or at least 12 months from the completion of periodontal maintenance.
- Considers ultrasonic scaling, gross scaling, or gross debridement to be included in the procedure and not a substitution for periodontal scaling and root planing.
- Covers periodontal scaling and root planing only when the services are not performed on the same date of service as prophylaxis, periodontal maintenance, scaling in the presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation, gingivectomy, or gingivoplasty.
- Covers periodontal scaling and root planing for [clients of DDA](#).
- Covers periodontal scaling and root planing, one time per quadrant in a 12-month period for clients residing in an ALF or nursing facility.
- Covers full mouth scaling in the presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation (CDT code D4346) for clients age 13 and older, once in a 12-month period after an oral evaluation only when:
 - ✓ The client's record includes color photographs indicating swollen, inflamed gingiva, and written documentation of generalized suprabony pockets and moderate to severe bleeding on probing.
 - ✓ The service is not billed in conjunction with another prophylaxis, scaling and root planing, full mouth debridement, gingivectomy, or gingivoplasty.

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|-----------|---|-----|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| D4341 | periodontal scaling and root planing – four or more teeth per quadrant | Y | Quadrant designation required | Clients age 13 through 18 only | Fee Schedule |
| D4341 | periodontal scaling and root planing – four or more teeth per quadrant | N | Quadrant designation required | Clients age 19 and older only | |
| D4342 | periodontal scaling and root planing – one to three teeth per quadrant | Y | Quadrant designation required | Clients age 13 through 18 only | |
| D4342 | periodontal scaling and root planing – one to three teeth per quadrant | N | Quadrant designation required | Clients age 19 and older only | |
| D4346 | scaling in the presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation – full mouth, after oral evaluation | N | | Clients age 13 and older only | |
| D4355 | full mouth debridement to enable comprehensive evaluation and diagnosis | N | Covered only for clients of DDA | All ages | |

Note: CDT code D4346 must be used in place of CDT code D1110 and cannot be billed with CDT code D4341 or D4342.

Periodontal maintenance

- The agency covers periodontal maintenance only after the client has received periodontal scaling and root planing, gingivectomy, or gingivoplasty. The periodontal maintenance must be done at least 12 months after the periodontal scaling and root planing.
- The agency covers periodontal maintenance for clients age 13 through 18, once per client in a 12-month period on a case-by-case basis, when prior authorized, and only when:
 - ✓ The client has x-ray evidence of periodontal disease.
 - ✓ The client's record includes supporting documentation for the medical necessity, including complete periodontal charting with location of the gingival margin and clinical attachment loss and a definitive diagnosis of periodontal disease.
 - ✓ The client's clinical condition meets current periodontal guidelines.

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- The agency covers periodontal maintenance once per client in a 12-month period for clients age 19 and older only when:
 - ✓ The client has x-ray evidence of periodontal disease.
 - ✓ The client's record includes supporting documentation for the medical necessity, including complete periodontal charting and a definitive diagnosis of periodontal disease.
 - ✓ The client's clinical condition meets current periodontal guidelines.
- Covers periodontal maintenance for [clients of DDA](#).
- Covers periodontal maintenance for clients residing in an ALF or nursing facility:
 - ✓ Periodontal maintenance (four quadrants) substitutes for an eligible periodontal scaling or root planing once every six months
 - ✓ Periodontal maintenance allowed six months after scaling or root planing

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Age Limitations | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| D4910 | periodontal maintenance | Y | Clients age 13 through 18 only | Fee Schedule |
| D4910 | periodontal maintenance | N | Clients age 19 and older only | Fee Schedule |

What prosthodontic (removable) services are covered?

[\(WAC 182-535-1090\)](#)

For complete authorization criteria, go to [Prior authorization for removable prosthodontic and prosthodontic-related procedures](#).

Complete dentures

The agency:

- Covers complete dentures, including overdentures, when prior authorized, except as otherwise noted in this section.

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- 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 is not paid separately.
- Covers complete dentures only as follows:
 - ✓ One initial maxillary complete denture and one initial mandibular complete denture per client, per the client’s lifetime. See the [EPA procedure code list](#).
 - ✓ Replacement of a partial denture with a complete denture only when the replacement occurs three or more years after the delivery (placement) date of the last resin partial denture.
 - ✓ One replacement maxillary complete denture and one replacement mandibular complete denture per client, per the client’s lifetime.
 - Prior authorization is not required if the replacement of a complete denture or overdenture if the replacement occurs at least five years after the delivery (placement) date of the initial complete denture or overdenture.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| D5110 | complete denture – maxillary | Y See EPA | Fee Schedule |
| D5120 | complete denture – mandibular | Y See EPA | |

The provider must obtain a completed, signed *Denture Agreement of Acceptance* form, HCA 13-809, from the client at the conclusion of the final denture try-in and at the time of delivery for an agency-authorized complete denture. See [Where can I download agency forms?](#) 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 before the time limitations 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.

Resin partial dentures

The agency covers resin partial dentures with prior authorization as follows:

- For anterior and posterior teeth **only** when the following criteria are met:

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- ✓ The remaining teeth in the arch must be free of periodontal disease and have a reasonable prognosis.
 - ✓ The client has established caries control.
 - ✓ The client has one or more missing anterior teeth or four or more missing posterior teeth (excluding teeth 1, 2, 15, and 16) 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.
 - ✓ The client has one or more missing anterior teeth or four or more missing posterior teeth (excluding teeth 17, 18, 31, and 32) 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.
 - ✓ There are a minimum of four functional, stable teeth remaining per arch.
 - ✓ There is a three-year prognosis for retention of the remaining teeth.
- The agency considers three-month post-delivery care (e.g., adjustments, soft relines, and repairs) from the delivery (placement) date of the partial denture as part of the resin partial denture procedure. This is not paid separately.
 - The agency covers replacement of a resin-based partial denture with a new resin partial denture or a complete denture if it occurs at least three years from the delivery (placement) date of the resin-based partial denture. The replacement denture must be prior authorized and meet the agency’s coverage criteria for resin partial dentures.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Limitations | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|--|-----|-------------|------------------------------|
| D5211 | maxillary partial denture – resin base (including any conventional clasps, rests and teeth) | Y* | | Fee Schedule |
| D5212 | mandibular partial denture – resin base (including any conventional clasps, rests and teeth) | Y* | | |

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- The provider must obtain a completed, signed *Partial Denture Agreement of Acceptance* form, HCA 13-965, from the client at the conclusion of the final denture try-in and at the time of delivery for an agency-authorized partial denture. See [Where can I download agency forms?](#) If the client abandons the partial denture after signing the agreement of acceptance, the agency will deny subsequent requests for the same type of dental prosthesis if the request occurs before the time limitations 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 *Partial Denture Agreement of Acceptance* form when requested may result in recoupment of the agency’s payment.

Other requirements/limitations

The agency:

- Requires a provider to bill for removable partial or complete denture only after the delivery (placement) of the prosthesis, not at the impression date. The agency may pay for lab fees if the removable partial or complete denture is not delivered and inserted.
- 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.

Adjustments to dentures

Adjustments to complete and partial dentures are included in the global fee for the denture for the first 90 days after the delivery (placement) date.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|
| D5410 | adjust complete denture – maxillary | N | Fee Schedule |
| D5411 | adjust complete denture – mandibular | N | |
| D5421 | adjust partial denture – maxillary | N | |
| D5422 | adjust partial denture – mandibular | N | |

Repairs to complete and partial dentures

The agency covers repairs to complete and partial dentures once in a 12-month period, per arch. The cost of repairs cannot exceed the cost of a replacement denture or a partial denture. The agency covers additional repairs on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized.

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| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|---|-----|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| D5510 | repair broken complete denture base | N | Arch designation required | Fee Schedule |
| D5520 | replace missing or broken teeth – complete denture (each tooth) | N | Tooth designation required | |
| D5610 | repair resin denture base | N | Arch designation required | |
| D5620 | repair cast framework | N | Arch designation required | |
| D5630 | repair or replace broken clasp – per tooth | N | Tooth designation required | |
| D5640 | replace broken teeth – per tooth | N | Tooth designation required | |
| D5650 | add tooth to existing partial denture | N | Tooth designation required | |
| D5660 | add clasp to existing partial denture – per tooth | N | Tooth designation required | |

Denture rebase procedures

The agency covers a laboratory rebase to a complete or partial denture once in a three-year period when performed at least six months after the delivery (placement) date. An additional rebase may be covered for complete or partial dentures on a case-by-case basis when prior authorized.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|
| D5710 | rebase complete maxillary denture | N | Fee Schedule |
| D5711 | rebase complete mandibular denture | N | |
| D5720 | rebase maxillary partial denture | N | |
| D5721 | rebase mandibular partial denture | N | |

Note: The agency does not allow a denture rebase and a relines in the same three-year period. The agency covers rebases or relines only on partials and complete dentures (CDT codes D5110, D5120, D5211, D5212, D5213, and D5214).

Denture relines procedures

The agency covers a laboratory relines to a complete or partial denture once in a three-year period when performed at least six months after the delivery (placement) date. An additional relines may be covered for complete or partial dentures on a case-by-case basis when prior authorized.

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| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|---|-----|------------------------------|
| D5750 | reline complete maxillary denture (laboratory) | N | Fee Schedule |
| D5751 | reline complete mandibular denture (laboratory) | N | |
| D5760 | reline maxillary partial denture (laboratory) | N | |
| D5761 | reline mandibular partial denture (laboratory) | N | |

Note: The agency does not allow a denture rebase and a reline in the same three-year period. The agency covers rebases or relines only on partials and complete dentures (CDT codes D5110, D5120, D5211, D5212, D5213, and D5214).

Other removable prosthetic services

The agency:

- Covers laboratory fees, subject to the following:
 - ✓ The agency does not pay separately for laboratory or professional fees for complete and partial dentures.
 - ✓ The agency may pay part of billed laboratory fees when the provider obtains PA, and the client:
 - Is not eligible at the time of delivery of the partial or complete denture.
 - Moves from the state.
 - Cannot be located.
 - Does not participate in completing the partial or complete dentures.
 - Dies.

Note: Use the impression date as the date of service in the above instance.

- Requires providers to submit copies of laboratory prescriptions and receipts or invoices for each claim when submitting for prior authorization of code D5899 for laboratory fees.

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| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Age Limitations | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|--|-----|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| D5863 | overdenture – complete maxillary | Y | Arch designation required | | Fee Schedule |
| D5865 | overdenture – complete mandibular | Y | Arch designation required | | |
| D5899 | unspecified removable prosthodontic procedure, by report | Y | Arch designation required | | |
| D6930 | Re-cement or re-bond fixed partial denture | N | Arch or quadrant designation required | | |

Prior authorization for removable prosthodontic and prosthodontic-related procedures

The agency requires prior authorization (PA) for the removable prosthodontic and prosthodontic-related procedures listed in this section when noted. Documentation supporting the medical necessity for the service must be included in the client's file. PA requests must meet the [prior authorization criteria](#). In addition, the agency requires the dental provider to submit current, within the last 12 months:

- Appropriate diagnostic X-rays of all remaining teeth.
- A dental record which identifies:
 - ✓ All missing teeth for both arches.
 - ✓ Teeth that are to be extracted.
 - ✓ Dental and periodontal services completed on all remaining teeth.

Note: If a client wants to change denture providers, the agency must receive a statement from the client requesting the provider change. The agency will check to make sure services haven't already been rendered by the original provider before cancelling the original authorization request for services. The new provider must submit another authorization request for services.

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- For complete dentures or resin partials:
 - ✓ X-rays if teeth are present. The exception is for nursing facility clients when X-rays are unavailable. In this case, the provider must submit a completed *Tooth Chart*, HCA 13-863 form. See [Where can I download agency forms?](#)
 - ✓ If edentulous, a complete *Tooth Chart* (HCA 13-863) form.

The tooth chart must be completed as follows: missing teeth must be marked with an | | and those teeth to be extracted must be marked with an X.

The agency requires a provider to:

- Obtain a signed *Denture Agreement of Acceptance* (HCA 13-809) form and/or *Partial Denture Agreement of Acceptance* (HCA 13-965) from the client at the final denture or partial denture try-in and at the time of delivery (placement) for an agency-authorized complete or partial denture described in this section. See [Where can I download agency forms?](#) If the client abandons the complete or partial 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 time limitations specified in this section ([WAC 182-535-1090\(2\)\(c\)](#)).
- Retain in the client's record the completed copy of the signed *Denture Agreement of Acceptance* (HCA 13-809) form and/or *Partial Denture Agreement of Acceptance* (HCA 13-965) form, which documents the client's acceptance of the dental prosthesis.

Alternate living facilities or nursing facilities

- The agency requires a provider to submit the following with a PA request for a removable partial or complete denture for a client residing in an ALF or in a nursing facility, group home, or other facility:
 - ✓ The client's medical diagnosis or prognosis
 - ✓ The attending physician's signature documenting medical necessity for the prosthetic service
 - ✓ The attending dentist's or denturist's signature documenting medical necessity for the prosthetic service
 - ✓ A written and signed consent for treatment from the client's legal guardian when a guardian has been appointed

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- ✓ A completed copy of the *Denture/Partial Appliance Request for Skilled Nursing Facility Client* form, HCA 13-788 (See [Where can I download agency forms?](#))
- The agency limits removable partial dentures to resin-based partial dentures for all clients residing in a nursing facility.

What maxillofacial prosthetic services are covered?

[\(WAC 182-535-1092\)](#)

The agency covers maxillofacial prosthetics on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized.

The agency must preapprove a provider qualified to furnish maxillofacial prosthetics.

What oral and maxillofacial surgery services are covered?

[\(WAC 182-535-1094\)](#)

General coverage

All coverage limitations and age requirements apply to clients of the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) unless otherwise noted.

- Agency-enrolled dental providers who are not specialized to perform oral and maxillofacial surgery must use only the current dental terminology (CDT) codes to bill claims for services that are listed as covered.
- Agency-enrolled dental providers who are specialized to perform oral and maxillofacial surgery can bill using Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes unless the procedure is specifically listed in this billing guide as a CDT® covered code (e.g., extractions).

Note: For billing information on billing CPT codes for oral surgery, refer to the agency's [Physician-Related Services/Health Care Professional Billing Guide](#). The agency pays oral surgeons for only those CPT codes listed in the [Dental Fee Schedule](#) under Dental CPT Codes.

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- The agency covers nonemergency oral surgery performed in a hospital or ambulatory surgery center only for:
 - ✓ Clients age 8 and younger
 - ✓ Clients age 9 through 20 on a case-by-case basis and when the site-of-service is prior authorized by the agency
 - ✓ Clients any age of the Developmental Disabilities Administration
- ✓ The agency requires the dental provider to submit current records (within the last 12 months) all of the following for site-of-service and oral surgery CPT codes that require PA:
 - ✓ Documentation used to determine medical appropriateness
 - ✓ Cephalometric films
 - ✓ Radiographs (x-rays)
 - ✓ Photographs
 - ✓ Written narrative/letter of medical necessity to include proposed billing codes

Services exempt from site of service prior authorization

The agency does not require site-of-service authorization for any of the following surgeries:

Cleft palate surgeries (CPT® codes 42200, 42205, 42210, 42215, 42225, 42226, 42227, 42235, 42260, 42280, and 42281) with a diagnosis of cleft palate.

Documentation requirements

The agency 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:

- Appropriate consent form signed by the client or the client's legal representative
- Appropriate radiographs
- Medical justification with diagnosis
- The client's blood pressure, when appropriate
- A surgical narrative and complete description of each service performed beyond surgical extraction or beyond code definition
- A copy of the post-operative instructions
- A copy of all pre- and post-operative prescriptions

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Extractions

The agency:

- Covers simple and surgical extractions (includes local anesthesia, suturing (if needed), and routine postoperative care). Authorization is required when one of the following applies:
 - ✓ 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; may be billed using the EPA number if the criteria are met (see the [EPA procedure code list](#)). If the criteria are not met, the provider must obtain prior authorization.
 - ✓ 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; requires prior authorization.

Note: If a client’s dental treatment plan is to extract more than four teeth per arch to make the client edentulous, prior authorization must be obtained before any of the teeth are extracted. If the client has three or fewer teeth left per arch to be extracted to make the client edentulous, then prior authorization is not required.

Exception: If the client presents with an active infection or abscess prior to implementation of the dental treatment plan, no PA is required for extraction of that tooth.

- ✓ Tooth number is not able to be determined

Note: When requesting prior authorization (PA) for extractions, providers must list the appropriate CDT code along with the tooth/teeth number(s) on the *General Information Authorization* form, HCA 13-835. For example, D7210 for tooth #16. Add this information to each individual line for each individual tooth number (boxes 20-26) on the HCA 13-835 form, or add it to box 30 on the HCA-13-835 form. **Effective for prior authorization requests received on and after February 1, 2017**, the agency will reject PA requests for extractions that do not indicate the tooth/teeth number(s). The rejected PA requests must be corrected and resubmitted to the agency.

- Covers unusual, complicated surgical extractions with prior authorization.
- Covers extraction of unerupted teeth.

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- 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.

Note: For surgical extractions, documentation supporting the medical necessity of the billed procedure code must be in the client’s record.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| D7111 | extraction, coronal remnants – deciduous tooth | N | Tooth designation required | Fee Schedule |
| D7140 | extraction, erupted tooth or exposed root (elevation and/or forceps removal) | Y* See EPA | Tooth designation required *Prior authorization not required when extracting 3 or fewer teeth. | |
| D7210 | extraction, erupted tooth requiring removal of bone and/or sectioning of tooth, and including elevation of mucoperiosteal flap if indicated | Y* See EPA | Tooth designation required *Prior authorization not required when extracting 3 or fewer teeth. | |
| D7220 | removal of impacted tooth – soft tissue | N | Tooth designation required | |
| D7230 | removal of impacted tooth – partially bony | N | Tooth designation required | |
| D7240 | removal of impacted tooth – completely bony | N | Tooth designation required | |
| D7241 | removal of impacted tooth – completely bony, with unusual surgical complications | Y | Tooth designation required | |
| D7250 | surgical removal of residual tooth roots (cutting procedure) | N | Tooth designation required The fee for this service is included in the initial extraction fee when performed by the original treating dentist or clinic and may not be billed to the client. | |

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Other surgical procedures

The agency:

- Covers tooth reimplantation/stabilization of accidentally evulsed or displaced teeth.
- Covers the following without prior authorization:
 - ✓ Biopsy of soft oral tissue
 - ✓ Brush biopsy
 - ✓ Surgical excision of soft tissue lesions
- Requires providers to keep all biopsy reports or finding in the client’s dental record.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Age Limitations | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|--|-----|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| D7270 | tooth reimplantation and/or stabilization of accidentally evulsed or displaced tooth | N | | | Fee Schedule |
| D7280 | surgical access of an unerupted tooth | Y | Tooth designation required | Clients age 20 and younger only | |
| D7283 | placement of device to facilitate eruption of impacted tooth | Y | Covered in conjunction with D7280 and when medically necessary; tooth designation required | Clients age 20 and younger only | |
| D7285 | incisional biopsy of oral tissue-hard (bone, tooth) | N | | | |
| D7286 | incisional biopsy of oral tissue – soft | N | | | |
| D7288 | brush biopsy – transepithelial sample collection | N | | | |

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Alveoloplasty – surgical preparation of ridge for dentures

The agency covers alveoloplasty on a case-by-case basis when prior authorized. Photos and radiographs (x-rays) must be submitted to the agency with the prior authorization request.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|--|-----|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| D7310 | alveoloplasty in conjunction with extractions – four or more teeth or tooth spaces, per quadrant | Y | Quadrant designation required | Fee Schedule |
| D7311 | alveoloplasty in conjunction with extractions – one to three teeth or tooth spaces, per quadrant | Y | Quadrant designation required | |
| D7320 | alveoloplasty not in conjunction with extractions – four or more teeth, per quadrant | Y | Quadrant designation required | |
| D7321 | alveoloplasty not in conjunction with extractions – one to three teeth or tooth spaces, per quadrant | Y | Quadrant designation required | |

Surgical excision of soft tissue lesions

The agency covers surgical excision of soft tissue. All biopsy reports and/or findings must be documented in the client’s dental record.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|---|-----|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| D7410 | excision of benign lesion up to 1.25 cm | N | Quadrant designation required | Fee Schedule |

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Excision of bone tissue

The agency covers only the following excisions of bone tissue in conjunction with placement of complete or partial dentures, when prior authorized. Photos or radiographs, as appropriate, must be submitted to the agency with the prior authorization request.

- Removal of lateral exostosis
- Removal of mandibular or palatal tori
- Surgical reduction of osseous tuberosity

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Age Limitations | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|--|-----|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| D7471 | removal of lateral exostosis (maxilla or mandible) | Y | Arch designation required | | Fee Schedule |
| D7472 | removal of torus palatinus | Y | See EPA procedure code list criteria | | |
| D7473 | removal of torus mandibularis | Y | Quadrant designation required, see EPA procedure code list criteria | | |
| D7485 | surgical reduction of osseous tuberosity | Y | Quadrant designation required | | |
| D7970 | excision of hyperplastic tissue – per arch | Y | | Clients age 20 and younger only | |
| D7971 | excision of pericoronal gingiva | Y | | Clients age 20 and younger only | |
| D7972 | surgical reduction of fibrous tuberosity | Y | | Clients age 20 and younger only | |

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Surgical incision

The agency:

- Covers uncomplicated dental-related 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 medical necessity must be in the client's record.

Note: Providers must not bill drainage of abscess (D7510 or D7520) in conjunction with palliative treatment (D9110).

- Covers removal of foreign body from mucosa, skin, or subcutaneous alveolar tissue. Documentation supporting the medical necessity for the service must be in the client's record.
- Covers frenuloplasty/frenulectomy for clients age 6 and younger, without prior authorization.
- Covers frenuloplasty/frenulectomy for clients age 7 to 12 only on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized. Photos must be submitted to the agency with the prior authorization request.
- Requires documentation supporting the medical necessity, including photographs, for the service to be in the client's record.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Age Limitations | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|--|-----|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| D7510 | incision and drainage of abscess – intraoral soft tissue | N | | | Fee Schedule |
| D7520 | incision and drainage of abscess – extraoral soft tissue | N | | | |
| D7530 | removal of foreign body from mucosa, skin, or subcutaneous alveolar tissue | N | | | |
| D7960 | frenulectomy (frenectomy or frenotomy) – separate procedure | Y | Arch designation required | Clients age 7 to 12 only | |

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Dental-Related Services

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Age Limitations | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|---|-----|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| D7960 | Frenulectomy (frenectomy or frenotomy) – separate procedure | N | Arch designation required | Clients age 6 and younger only | Fee Schedule |
| D7963 | Frenuloplasty | Y | Arch designation required | Clients age 7 to 12 only | |
| D7963 | Frenuloplasty | N | Arch designation required | Clients age 6 and younger only | |

Occlusal orthotic devices

The agency covers:

- Occlusal orthotic devices for clients from age 12 through 20 only on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized.
- An occlusal orthotic device only as a laboratory processed full arch appliance.

Note: Refer to [What adjunctive general services are covered](#) for occlusal guard coverage and limitations on coverage.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Age Limitations | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| D7880 | occlusal orthotic device, by report | Y | Clients age 12 through 20 only | Fee Schedule |

What orthodontic services are covered?

[\(WAC 182-535-1096\)](#)

The agency covers orthodontic services, subject to the coverage limitations listed, for clients age 20 and younger according to the agency's [Orthodontic Services Billing Guide](#).

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What adjunctive general services are covered?

[\(WAC 182-535-1098\)](#)

Palliative treatment

The agency covers palliative (emergency) treatment, not to include pulpal debridement (D3221), for treatment of dental pain, limited to once per day, per client, as follows:

- The treatment must occur during limited evaluation appointments
- A comprehensive description of the diagnosis and services provided must be documented in the client's record
- Appropriate radiographs must be in the client's record supporting the medical necessity of the treatment

Palliative treatment is not allowed on same day as definitive treatment.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirement | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|---|-----|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| D9110 | palliative (emergency) treatment of dental pain – minor procedure | N | Tooth designation required | Fee Schedule |

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Anesthesia

The agency:

- Covers local anesthesia and regional blocks as part of the global fee for any procedure being provided to clients.
- The provider's current Department of Health (DOH) anesthesia permit must be on file with the agency.
- Covers office-based oral or parenteral conscious sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia, as follows:

| ANESTHESIA PRIOR AUTHORIZATION | | |
|---|--|------|
| Type | Ages | PA? |
| General anesthesia (Office-based only) CDT code D9223 | Age 8 and younger Any age clients of DDA | No |
| | Age 9 through 20 | Yes* |
| | Age 9 through 20 with diagnosis of cleft palate | No |
| | Age 21 and older | Yes |
| Oral conscious sedation (Office-based only) CDT code D9248 | Age 20 and younger Any age clients of DDA | No |
| | Age 21 and older | Yes |
| Parenteral conscious sedation (Office-based only) CDT code D9243 | Age 20 and younger Any age clients of DDA | No |
| | Age 21 and older | Yes |

*Unless providing one of the services listed in [WAC 182-535-1094\(1\)\(f\)-\(m\)](#) (see [EPA criteria](#) for general anesthesia (CDT code D9223))

Note: Letters of medical necessity for anesthesia must clearly describe the medical need for anesthesia and what has been tried and failed. Dental phobia and fear of needles is not specific enough information.

- Covers administration of nitrous oxide for clients once per day, per client, per provider.
- Requires providers of oral or parenteral conscious sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia to meet:
 - ✓ The prevailing standard of care.
 - ✓ The provider's professional organizational guidelines.
 - ✓ The requirements in [Chapter 246-817 WAC](#).

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- ✓ Relevant Department of Health (DOH) medical, dental, or nursing anesthesia regulations.
 - ✓ For clients age 21 and older, prior authorization will be considered only for those clients with medical conditions including, but not limited to, tremors, seizures, behavioral health conditions, breathing difficulties, and other conditions for which general anesthesia is medically necessary, as defined in [WAC 182-500-0070](#).
- Requires providers to bill anesthesia services using the CDT codes listed in the table below.
 - Pays for anesthesia services according to [WAC 182-535-1350](#) (3) and [WAC 182-535-1400](#) (5).

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|---|---|------------------------------|
| D9223 | deep sedation/general anesthesia—15-minute increments | See Anesthesia Prior Authorization Table | Fee Schedule |
| D9230 | analgesia, anxiolysis, inhalation of nitrous oxide | | |
| D9243 | intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia—15-minute increments | | |
| D9248 | non-intravenous conscious sedation (this includes non-IV minimal and moderate sedation) | | |

Billing for anesthesia

- Billing time for anesthesia begins when the anesthesiologist or CRNA starts to physically prepare the patient for the induction of anesthesia in the operating room area (or its equivalent) and ends when the anesthesiologist or CRNA is no longer in constant attendance (e.g., when the patient can be safely placed under post-operative supervision).
- **Bill for general anesthesia as follows:**

Bill one unit of CDT code D9223 for each 15-minute increment.
- **Bill for intravenous conscious sedation/analgesia as follows:**

Bill one unit of CDT code D9243 for each 15-minute increment.

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Professional visits and consultations

- The agency:
 - Covers professional consultation or diagnostic services only when provided by a dentist or a physician other than the practitioner providing treatment.
 - Requires the client to be referred by the agency for the services.
 - Covers up to two house/extended care facility calls (visits) per facility, per provider. The agency limits payment to two facilities per day, per provider.
 - Covers one hospital call (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.
 - Covers emergency office visits after regularly scheduled hours. The agency limits payment to one emergency visit per day, per client, per provider.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|---|-----|------------------------------|
| D9310 | professional consultation or diagnostic service provided by a practitioner other than the original practitioner | Y | Fee Schedule |
| D9410 | house/extended care facility call | N | |
| D9420 | hospital call | N | |
| D9440 | office visit – after regularly scheduled hours | N | |

- When billing for evaluation and management (E/M) codes, all of the following must be true:
 - Services must be billed on an electronic professional claim.
 - Services must be billed using one of the following CPT procedure codes and modifiers must be used if appropriate.
 - E/M codes may not be billed for the same client, on the same day as surgery unless the E/M visit resulted in the decision for surgery.

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| CPT® Code | Description *Refer to CPT manual for long descriptions. | PA? | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|--|-----|------------------------------|
| 99201 | Office/outpatient visit, new* | N | Fee Schedule |
| 99211 | Office/outpatient visit, est* | N | |
| 99231 | Subsequent hospital care* | N | |
| 99241 | Office Consultation* | N | |
| 99251 | Inpatient Consultation* | N | |

Drugs and medicaments (pharmaceuticals)

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ The agency covers therapeutic parenteral drugs as follows:
 - ✓ Includes antibiotic, steroids, anti-inflammatory drugs, or other therapeutic medications
 - ✓ Does not include sedative, anesthetic, or reversal agents
 - ✓ Only one single-drug injection or one multiple-drug injection per date of service
- ✓ For clients age 20 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.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Age Limitations | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|--|-----|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| D9610 | therapeutic parenteral drug, single administration | N | | Fee Schedule |
| D9612 | therapeutic parenteral drugs, two or more administrations, different medications | N | | |
| D9630 | other drugs and/or medicaments, by report | N | Clients age 20 and younger only | |

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Behavior management

The agency covers behavior management provided by a dental provider or clinics. The agency does not pay a separate fee for behavior management when the assistance is provided by the provider or staff member delivering the client’s dental treatment. At least **one additional professional staff**, who is employed by the dental provider or clinic, is needed to protect the client and staff from injury while treatment is rendered for:

- Clients age 8 and younger.
- Clients age 9 through 20, only on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized.
- Clients any age of the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA).
- Clients who reside in an ALF or nursing facility.
- Clients diagnosed with autism.

Note: Documentation supporting the medical necessity of the billed procedure code must be in the client’s record. It must include a description of the behavior to be managed, the behavior management technique used, and identification of the additional professional staff to manage the behavior to assist the delivery of dental treatment.

| CDT Code | Description | PA? | Age Limitations | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|----------|---------------------|-----|--|------------------------------|
| D9920 | behavior management | N | Clients age 8 and younger or any age as follows: DDA clients; clients residing in an ALF or nursing facility; or clients diagnosed with autism | Fee Schedule |
| D9920 | behavior management | Y | Clients age 9 through 20 and not a DDA client, a client residing in an ALF or nursing facility, or a client diagnosed with autism | |

Note: Do not bill behavior management in conjunction with CDT codes D9223 or D9243 in any setting.

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The agency pays for behavior management when performed in the following settings only:

- ✓ Clinics (including independent clinics, tribal health clinics, federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, and public health clinics);
- ✓ Offices;
- ✓ Homes (including private homes and group homes); and
- ✓ Facilities (including alternate living facilities and nursing facilities).

Postsurgical complications

The agency covers treatment of post-surgical complications (e.g., dry socket). This treatment can be billed only one time per visit and used only for an unusual circumstance, not for a routine postoperative visit. Documentation supporting the medical necessity of the service must be in the client's record.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirement | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|--|-----|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| D9930 | treatment of complications (post-surgical) – unusual circumstances | N | Tooth designation required | Fee Schedule |

Occlusal guards

The agency covers occlusal guards when medically necessary and prior authorized. (See [What oral and maxillofacial surgery services are covered?](#) for occlusal orthotic device coverage and coverage limitations.) The agency covers:

- An occlusal guard only for clients age 12 through 20 when the client has permanent dentition.
- An occlusal guard only as a laboratory processed full arch appliance.

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Age Limitations | Maximum Allowable Fee |
|-----------|---------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| D9940 | occlusal guard, by report | Y | Clients age 12 through 20 only | Fee Schedule |

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What dental-related services are not covered?

[\(WAC 182-535-1100\)](#)

General – All ages

The agency does not cover:

- The dental-related services listed under [Noncovered Services by Category](#) unless the services include those medically necessary services and other measures provided to correct or ameliorate conditions discovered during a screening performed under the early periodic screening, diagnosis 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.
- Any service specifically excluded by statute.
- More costly services when less costly, equally effective services as determined by the agency are available.
- Services, procedures, treatments, devices, drugs, or application of associated services:
 - ✓ That the agency or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) considers investigative or experimental on the date the services were provided.
 - ✓ That are not listed as covered in one or both of the following:
 - Washington Administrative Code (WAC).
 - Agency’s current documents.

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By category – For all ages

The agency does not cover the following dental-related services under the dental program for any age:

Diagnostic services

- Detailed and extensive oral evaluations or reevaluations
- Posterior-anterior or lateral skull and facial bone survey films
- Any temporomandibular joint films
- Tomographic surveys/3-D imaging
- Viral cultures, genetic testing, caries susceptibility tests, or adjunctive prediagnostic tests
- Comprehensive periodontal evaluations

Preventive services

- Nutritional counseling for control of dental disease
- Removable space maintainers of any type
- Sealants placed on a tooth with the same-day occlusal restoration, preexisting occlusal restoration, or a tooth with occlusal decay
- Custom fluoride trays of any type
- Bleaching trays

Restorative services

- Restorations for wear on any surface of any tooth without evidence of decay through the dentinoenamel junction (DEJ) or on the root surface
- Preventive restorations
- Labial veneer resin or porcelain laminate restorations
- Sedative fillings
- Crowns and crown related services
 - ✓ Gold foil restorations
 - ✓ Metallic, resin-based composite, or porcelain/ceramic inlay/onlay restorations
 - ✓ Crowns for cosmetic purposes (e.g., peg laterals and tetracycline staining)
 - ✓ Permanent indirect crowns for posterior teeth
 - ✓ Permanent indirect crowns on permanent anterior teeth for clients age 14 and younger
 - ✓ Temporary or provisional crowns (including ion crowns)
 - ✓ Any type of coping
 - ✓ Crown repairs
 - ✓ Crowns on teeth 1, 16, 17, and 32

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- Polishing or recontouring restorations or overhang removal for any type of restoration
- Any services other than extraction on supernumerary teeth

Endodontic services

- Indirect or direct pulp caps
- Any endodontic treatment on primary teeth, except endodontic treatment with resorbable material for primary maxillary incisor teeth D, E, F, and G, if the entire root is present at treatment

Periodontic services

- Surgical periodontal services including, but not limited to:
 - ✓ Gingival flap procedures
 - ✓ Clinical crown lengthening
 - ✓ Osseous surgery
 - ✓ Bone or soft tissue grafts
 - ✓ Biological material to aid in soft and osseous tissue regeneration
 - ✓ Guided tissue regeneration
 - ✓ 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
 - ✓ Distal or proximal wedge procedures
- Other periodontal services including, but not limited to:
 - ✓ Intracoronal or extracoronal provisional splinting
 - ✓ Full mouth or quadrant debridement (except for [clients of the Developmental Disabilities Administration \(DDA\)](#))
 - ✓ Localized delivery of chemotherapeutic agents
 - ✓ Any other type of surgical periodontal service

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Removable prosthodontics

- Removable unilateral partial dentures
- Any interim complete or partial dentures
- Flexible base partial dentures
- Any type of permanent soft reline (e.g., molloplast)
- Precision attachments
- Replacement of replaceable parts for semi-precision or precision attachments
- Replacement of second or third molars for any removable prosthesis
- Immediate dentures
- Cast-metal framework partial dentures

Note: The agency does not cover replacement of 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. See WAC [182-501-0050](#).

Implant services

- Any type of implant procedures, including, but not limited to, any tooth implant abutment (e.g., periosteal implants, eosteal implants, and transosteal implants), abutments or implant supported crowns, abutment supported retainers, and implant supported retainers
- Any maintenance or repairs to the above implant procedures
- The removal of any implant as described above

Fixed prosthodontics

- Fixed partial denture pontic
- Fixed partial denture retainer
- Precision attachment, stress breaker, connector bar, coping, cast post, or any other type of fixed attachment or prosthesis

Oral maxillofacial prosthetic services

The agency does not cover any type of oral or facial prosthesis other than those listed in [What maxillofacial prosthetic services are covered?](#)

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Oral and maxillofacial surgery

- Any oral surgery service not listed in [What oral and maxillofacial surgery services are covered?](#)
- Any oral surgery service that is not listed in WAC [182-535-1094](#)
- Vestibuloplasty

Adjunctive general services

- Anesthesia, including, but not limited to:
 - ✓ Local anesthesia as a separate procedure
 - ✓ Regional block anesthesia as a separate procedure
 - ✓ Trigeminal division block anesthesia as a separate procedure
 - ✓ Medication for oral sedation, or therapeutic intramuscular (IM) drug injections, including antibiotic and injection of sedative
 - ✓ Application of any type of desensitizing medicament or resin
- Other general services including, but not limited to:
 - ✓ Fabrication of an athletic mouthguard
 - ✓ Sleep apnea devices or splints
 - ✓ Occlusion analysis
 - ✓ Occlusal adjustment, tooth or restoration adjustment or smoothing, or odontoplasties
 - ✓ Enamel microabrasion
 - ✓ Dental supplies such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, and other take home items
 - ✓ Dentist's or dental hygienist's time writing or calling in prescriptions
 - ✓ Dentist's or dental hygienist's time consulting with clients on the phone
 - ✓ Educational supplies
 - ✓ Nonmedical equipment or supplies
 - ✓ Personal comfort items or services
 - ✓ Provider mileage or travel costs
 - ✓ Fees for no-show, canceled, or late arrival appointments
 - ✓ Service charges of any type, including fees to create or copy charts
 - ✓ Office supplies used in conjunction with an office visit
 - ✓ Teeth whitening services or bleaching, or materials used in whitening or bleaching
 - ✓ Botox or dermal fillers

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By category – for clients age 21 and older

The agency does not cover the dental-related services listed under the following categories of service for clients age 21 and older:

Diagnostic services

- Occlusal intraoral radiographs
- Diagnostic casts
- Pulp vitality tests

Preventive services

- Sealants (except for [clients of DDA](#))

Restorative services

- Prefabricated resin crowns
- Any type of core buildup, cast post and core, or prefabricated post and core

Endodontic services

- Endodontic treatment on permanent bicuspid or molar teeth
- Any apexification/recalcification procedures
- Any apicoectomy/perioradicular surgical endodontic procedures including, but not limited to, retrograde fillings (except for anterior teeth), root amputation, reimplantation, and hemisections

Adjunctive general services

- Occlusal guards, occlusal orthotic splints or devices, bruxing or grinding splints or devices, or temporomandibular joint splints or devices
- Analgesia or anxiolysis as a separate procedure except for administration of nitrous oxide

The agency evaluates a request for dental-related services that are listed as noncovered under the provisions in [WAC 182-501-0160](#).

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Clients of the Developmental Disabilities Administration

Are clients of the Developmental Disabilities Administration eligible for enhanced services?

Note: Clients of the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) may be entitled to more frequent services.

Yes. These clients will be identified in ProviderOne as clients of the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). Clients not identified as such are not eligible for the additional services. If you believe that a patient may qualify for these services, refer the patient or the patient’s guardian to the nearest DDA Field Office. You may find current contact information for DDA on the [DDA](#) website.

What additional dental-related services are covered for clients of DDA?

[\(WAC 182-535-1099\)](#)

Subject to coverage limitations, restrictions, and client age requirements identified for a specific service, the agency pays for the following dental-related services under the following categories of services that are provided to clients of DDA. This billing guide also applies to clients of DDA, **regardless of age**, unless otherwise stated in this section.

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Preventative Services

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Age Limitation | Frequency |
|-----------|--|-----|---|-------------------------------|--|
| D0120 | periodic oral evaluation – established patient | N | | All ages | Once every four months |
| D1110 | prophylaxis – adult | N | | Clients age 14 and older only | Once every four months. See limitations on periodontal scaling and root planning. |
| D1120 | prophylaxis – child | N | | Clients age 13 and under only | Once every four months. See limitations on periodontal scaling and root planning. |
| D1206 | topical fluoride varnish | N | CDT codes D1206 and D1208 are not allowed on the same day | All ages | Once every four months |
| D1208 | topical application of fluoride, excluding varnish | N | CDT codes D1206 and D1208 are not allowed on the same day | All ages | Once every four months |
| D1351 | sealant – per tooth | N | Tooth and surface designation required | All ages | Once per tooth in a two-year period on the occlusal surfaces of: Primary teeth A, B, I, J, K, L, S, and T Permanent teeth 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, and 31 |

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Other Restorative Services

| CDT® Code | Description | PA ? | Requirements | Age Limitation | Frequency |
|-----------|---|------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| D2910 | Re-cement or re-bond inlay, onlay, veneer or partial coverage restoration | N | Tooth designation required | All ages | |
| D2915 | Re-cement or re-bond indirectly fabricated or prefabricated post and core | N | Tooth designation required | All ages | |
| D2920 | Re-cement or re-bond crown | N | Tooth designation required | All ages | |
| D2929 | prefabricated porcelain/ceramic crown – primary tooth | N | Tooth designation required | Clients age 20 and younger only | Once every two years for primary anterior teeth. Once every two years for primary posterior teeth if criteria Other Restorative Services is met. |
| D2930 | prefabricated stainless steel crown – primary tooth | N | Tooth designation required | Clients age 20 and younger only | Once every two years for primary anterior teeth. Once every two years for primary posterior teeth if criteria Other Restorative Services is met. |
| D2931 | prefabricated stainless steel crown – permanent tooth | N | Tooth designation required | All ages | Once every two years for permanent posterior teeth, excluding 1, 16, 17 and 32. |

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Periodontic Services

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Age Limitation | Frequency |
|------------------|--|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| D4210 | gingivectomy or gingivoplasty – four or more contiguous teeth or bounded teeth spaces per quadrant | N | Quadrant designation required | All ages | Once every three years |
| D4211 | gingivectomy or gingivoplasty – one to three contiguous teeth or bounded teeth spaces per quadrant | N | Quadrant designation required | All ages | Once every three years |
| D4341 | periodontal scaling and root planing – four or more teeth per quadrant | N | Quadrant designation required | Clients age 13 and older | One time per quadrant in a 12-month period |
| D4342 | periodontal scaling and root planing – one to three teeth per quadrant | N | Quadrant designation required | Clients age 13 and older | One time per quadrant in a 12-month period |
| D4346 | scaling in the presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation – full mouth after oral evaluation | N | | Clients age 13 and older | Once in a 12-month period |
| D4355 | Full mouth debridement to enable comprehensive evaluation and diagnosis | N | | All ages | Once in a 12-month period |

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Dental-Related Services

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Age Limitation | Frequency |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----|--------------|--------------------------|---|
| D4910 | periodontal maintenance | N | | Clients age 13 and older | Twice in a 12-month period *must be six months after last root planing * see limitations in Clients of the Developmental Disabilities Administration |

Adjunctive General Services/Miscellaneous

| CDT® Code | Description | PA? | Requirements | Age Limitation | Frequency |
|-----------|--|-----|--------------|----------------|-----------|
| D9223 | deep sedation/general anesthesia—15-minute increments | N | | All ages | |
| D9243 | intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia – 15-minute increments | N | | All ages | |
| D9248 | non-intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation | N | | All ages | |
| D9920 | behavior management | N | | All ages | |

Note: Do not bill behavior management in conjunction with CDT codes D9223 or D9243 in any setting.

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Other restorative services

- Prefabricated stainless steel crowns, including stainless steel crowns with resin window, resin-based composite crowns (direct), prefabricated esthetic coated stainless crowns, and prefabricated resin crowns for **primary posterior teeth** once every two years only for clients age 20 and younger without prior authorization if one of the following applies:
 - ✓ Decay involves three or more surfaces for a primary first molar.
 - ✓ Decay involves four or more surfaces for a primary second molar.
 - ✓ The tooth had a pulptomy.

Periodontic services

Surgical periodontal services

The agency covers:

- Gingivectomy/gingivoplasty (does not include distal wedge procedures on erupting molars) 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).
- Gingivectomy/gingivoplasty (does not include distal wedge procedures on erupting molars) with periodontal scaling and root planing or periodontal maintenance when the services are performed:
 - ✓ In a hospital or ambulatory surgical center
 - ✓ For clients under conscious sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia.

Nonsurgical periodontal services

The agency covers:

- Periodontal scaling and root planing, one time per quadrant in a 12-month period.
- Periodontal maintenance (four quadrants) substitutes for an eligible periodontal scaling or root planing, twice in a 12-month period.
- Periodontal maintenance allowed six months after scaling or root planing.

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- Full-mouth or quadrant debridement allowed once in a 12-month period.
- Scaling in the presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation allowed once in a 12-month period.

The items listed above are not covered in conjunction with gingivectomy.

Note: A maximum of two procedures of any combination of prophylaxis, periodontal scaling and root planing, or periodontal maintenance are allowed in a 12-month period.

Nonemergency dental services

The agency covers nonemergency dental services performed in a hospital or an ambulatory surgery center for services listed as covered in the following sections in this billing guide:

- [What preventative services are covered?](#)
- [What restorative services are covered?](#)
- [What endodontic services are covered?](#)
- [What periodontic services are covered?](#)
- [What oral and maxillofacial surgery services are covered?](#)

Documentation supporting the medical necessity of the service must be included in the client's record.

Miscellaneous services-behavior management

The agency covers behavior management provided by a dental provider or clinic. Documentation supporting the medical necessity of the service must be included in the client's record. See [behavior management](#).

Note: Documentation supporting the medical necessity of the billed procedure code must be in the client's record. It must include a description of the behavior being managed, the behavior management technique used, and identification of the additional professional staff to manage the behavior to assist the delivery of dental treatment.

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Authorization

Prior authorization (PA) and expedited prior authorization (EPA) numbers do not override the client's eligibility or program limitations. Not all categories of eligibility receive all services.

General information about authorization

[\(WAC 182-535-1220\)](#) (1) and (5))

- For dental-related services that require PA, the agency uses the payment determination process described in WAC [182-501-0165](#).
- Authorization of a dental-related service indicates only that the specific service is medically necessary. Authorization does not guarantee 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.

When do I need to get prior authorization?

Authorization must take place **before** the service is provided.

In an acute emergency, the agency **may** authorize the service after it is provided when the agency receives justification of medical necessity. This justification must be received by the agency within seven business days of the emergency service.

When does the agency deny a prior authorization request?

[\(WAC 182-535-1220\)](#) (6))

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

- Is covered by another state agency program.
- Is covered by an entity outside the agency.
- Fails to meet the program criteria, limitations, or restrictions in this billing guide.

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How do I obtain written PA?

([WAC 182-535-1220](#) (2)-(4))

The agency requires a dental provider who is requesting PA to submit sufficient, current (within the past 12 months), objective, clinical information to establish medical necessity.

Providers must submit the request in writing on a completed *General Information for Authorization* form, HCA 13-835. See [Where can I download agency forms?](#) See the agency's [ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide](#) for more information.

The agency may request additional information as follows:

- Additional x-rays (radiographs) (the agency returns x-rays only for approved requests and if accompanied by self-addressed stamped envelope)
- Study model, if requested
- Photographs
- Any other information requested by the agency

Note: The agency may require second opinions and/or consultations before authorizing any procedure.

Removable dental prosthetics

For nursing facility clients, the PA request must also include a completed copy of the *Denture/Partial Appliance Request for Skilled Nursing Facility Client* form, HCA 13-788. See [Where can I download agency forms?](#)

Note: For information on obtaining agency forms, see the agency's [Forms & Publications](#) web page.

Where do I send requests for PA?

PA requests must be faxed to the agency at (866) 668-1214 using the *General Information for Authorization* form, HCA 13-835. See [Where can I download agency forms?](#)

For information regarding submitting prior authorization requests to the agency, see Requesting Prior Authorization in the agency's [ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide](#).

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Without x-rays or photos

For procedures that do not require x-rays, fax the PA request to the agency at: (866) 668-1214.

With x-rays or photos

In order for the scanning & optical character recognition (OCR) functions to work you **must** pick **one** of following options for submitting X-rays or photos to the agency:

- Use the FastLook™ and FastAttach™ services provided by National Electronic Attachment, Inc. (NEA). You may register with NEA by visiting www.nea-fast.com and entering “FastWDSHS” in the blue promotion code box. Contact NEA at 1-800-782-5150, ext. 2, with any questions.

When this option is chosen, you can fax your request to the agency and indicate the NEA# in the NEA field on the PA Request Form. *There is a cost associated which will be explained by the NEA services.*

- Continue to mail your requests to:
Authorization Services Office
PO Box 45535
Olympia, WA 98504-5535

If you choose to mail your requests, the agency requires you to:

1. Place x-rays in a large envelope.
2. Attach the PA request form and any other additional pages to the envelope (i.e. tooth chart, perio charting etc.)
3. Put the client’s name, ProviderOne ID#, and section the request is for on the envelope.

Note: For orthodontics, write “orthodontics” on the envelope.

4. Place in a larger envelope for mailing. Multiple sets of requests can be mailed together.
5. Mail to the agency.

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What is expedited prior authorization?

The expedited prior authorization (EPA) process is designed to eliminate the need for written requests for prior authorization for selected dental procedure codes.

The agency allows for use of an EPA for selected dental procedure codes. The criteria for use of an EPA are explained below.

- The EPA number must be used when the provider bills the agency.
- Upon request, a provider must provide documentation to the agency showing how the client's condition meets **all** the criteria for EPA.
- A written request for prior authorization is required when a situation does not meet **all** the EPA criteria for selected dental procedure codes.
- The agency may recoup any payment made to a provider if the provider did not follow the required EPA process and if not **all** of the specified criteria were met.

Note: By entering an EPA number on your claim, you attest that **all** the EPA criteria are met and can be verified by documentation in the client's record. These services are subject to post payment review and audit by the agency or its designee.

EPA numbers

1. If the client's medical condition does not meet **all** of the specified criteria, prior authorization (PA) must be obtained by submitting a request in writing to the agency (see [Dental services](#) web page).
2. It is the vendor's responsibility to determine whether the client has already been provided the service allowed with the EPA criteria. If the vendor determines that the client has already been provided the service, a written prior authorization request must be submitted to the agency.

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EPA procedure code list

| CDT Code* | Description | EPA # | Criteria |
|-----------|--|-----------|--|
| D0150 | comprehensive oral evaluation – new or established patient | 870001327 | Allowed for established patients who have a documented significant change in health conditions. |
| D1510 | Space maintainer – fixed - unilateral | 870001410 | Allowed for the replacement of an existing lost or broken fixed unilateral space maintainer. Up to two replacements allowed. Prior authorization required for three or more replacements. Medical justification, including a dated photograph or radiograph, must be present in the client record. |
| D1515 | space maintainer - fixed - bilateral | 870001308 | Allowed to replace an existing bilateral fixed space maintainer when teeth 3 & 14 or 19 & 30 have erupted |
| D2929 | prefabricated porcelain or ceramic crown, posterior | 870001347 | <p>Allowed for a client age 12 and younger for a primary posterior tooth when determined to be medically necessary by a dental practitioner and one of the following conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of extensive caries • Evidence of Class II caries with rampant decay • Treatment of decay requires sedation or general anesthesia. <p>Allowed once every three years; allowed once every two years for clients of DDA.</p> <p>Medical justification (including preoperative x-rays or clinical documentation of findings when unable to take x-rays due to young age) must be present in the client record.</p> |
| D2930 | prefabricated stainless steel crown, posterior | 870001347 | |

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Dental-Related Services

| CDT Code* | Description | EPA # | Criteria |
|-----------|---|-----------|---|
| D2929 | prefabricated porcelain or ceramic crown, anterior | 870001348 | Allowed for a client age 12 and younger for a primary anterior tooth when determined to be medically necessary by a dental practitioner and one of the following conditions are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of extensive caries • Evidence of rampant decay • Treatment of decay requires sedation or general anesthesia |
| D2930 | prefabricated stainless steel crown, anterior | 870001348 | Allowed once every three years; allowed once every two years for clients of DDA. Medical justification (including preoperative x-rays) must be present in the client record. |
| D2335 | resin-based composite - four or more surfaces or involving incisal angle (anterior) | 870001307 | Allowed for primary anterior teeth (CDEFGHMNOPQR) when determined medically necessary by a dental practitioner and a more appropriate alternative to a crown. *If a bill for a crown on the same tooth is received within six months the amount paid for this treatment will be recouped. Note - In addition to the EPA # on your claim, you must enter a claim note "Pay per authorization - see EPA information" |

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| D2390 | resin-based composite crown, anterior | 870001348 | <p>Allowed for a client age 12 and younger for a primary anterior tooth when determined to be medically necessary by a dental practitioner and one of the following conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of extensive caries • Evidence of rampant decay • Treatment of decay requires sedation or general anesthesia <p>Medical justification must be present in the client record.</p> |
| D5110 | maxillary complete denture | 870001414 | <p>Allowed for initial complete maxillary denture in conjunction with the EPAs for extractions making the client edentulous. (EPA #8700001383, #8700001384, #8700001385, #8700001388, or #8700001413.)</p> <p>For clients residing in an alternate living facility (ALF) or in a nursing facility, group home, or other facility, EPA does not apply. See Alternate living facilities or nursing facilities for requesting PA.</p> |
| D5120 | mandibular complete denture | 870001415 | <p>Allowed for initial complete mandibular denture in conjunction with the EPAs for extractions making the client edentulous. (EPA #8700001383, #8700001384, #8700001385, #8700001388, or #8700001413)</p> <p>For clients residing in an ALF or in a nursing facility, group home, or other facility, EPA does not apply. See Alternate living facilities or nursing facilities for requesting PA.</p> |

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Dental-Related Services

| CDT Code* | Description | EPA # | Criteria |
|---|--|-----------|--|
| D7111, D7140, D7210, D7220, D7230, D7240 | 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 | 870001383 | Allowed when client is diagnosed with a medical condition that requires radiation to head/neck area |
| D7111, D7140, D7210, D7220, D7230, D7240 | 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 | 870001384 | Allowed for a client on a transplant list. Has clinical evidence of infected teeth or gums. Extractions are recommended by the transplant surgeon. |
| D7111, D7140, D7210, D7220, D7230, D7240 | 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 | 870001385 | Allowed for a client requiring joint replacement. Has clinical evidence of infected teeth or gums. Extractions are recommended by the joint replacement physician/surgeon. |
| D7111, D7140, D7210, D7220, D7230, D7240 | 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 | 870001388 | Allowed for a client requiring heart surgery. Has clinical evidence of infected teeth or gums. Extractions are recommended by the physician/surgeon. |

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| D7140 | 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 | 870001413 | <p>Only allowed when making the client edentulous and when determined to be medically necessary by a dental practitioner and one or all of the following conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of extensive caries/rampant decay, defined by the agency as widespread caries that affects 67% or greater of the teeth (per arch) and penetrates quickly to the dental pulp • Evidence of generalized periodontal disease (per arch) with bone loss leaving less than 4mm of bone <p>The following medical justification must be present in the client record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent periodontal charting (within that year) (oral surgeons do not need periodontal charting in the client’s record) • Current radiographic evidence (x-rays) showing bone loss and of diagnostic quality • Current radiographic evidence (x-rays) showing extensive/rampant caries and of diagnostic quality |
| D7280 | surgical access of an unerupted tooth | 870001366 | Allowed when client is in active orthodontic treatment. Allowed one time per client, per tooth. |
| D7283 | placement of device to facilitate eruption of impacted tooth | 870001366 | Allowed when client is in active orthodontic treatment. Allowed one time per client, per tooth. |
| D7472 | removal of torus palatinus | 870001411 | <p>Allowed for placement of complete denture or partial denture.</p> <p>Medical justification, including a dated photograph or radiograph, must be present in the client record.</p> |

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| D7473 | removal of torus mandibulus | 870001412 | Allowed for placement of complete denture or partial denture. Medical justification, including a dated photograph or radiograph, must be present in the client record. |
| D7971 | excision of pericoronal gingiva | 870001310 | Allowed when determined to be medically necessary by a dental practitioner for treatment of a newly erupting tooth. |
| D9223 | deep sedation/general anesthesia | 870001387 | Allowed for clients age 9 through 20 receiving oral surgery services listed in WAC 182-535-1094 (1)(f-m) and clients with cleft palate diagnoses. Only anesthesiology providers who have a core provider agreement with the agency can bill this code. |

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Billing

Effective for claims billed on and after October 1, 2016

All claims must be submitted electronically to the agency, except under limited circumstances.

For more information about this policy change, see [Paperless Billing at HCA](#).

For providers approved to bill paper claims, see the agency's [Paper Claim Billing Resource](#).

What are the general billing requirements?

Providers must follow the agency's [ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide](#). These billing requirements include:

- What time limits exist for submitting and resubmitting claims and adjustments.
- When providers may bill a client.
- How to bill for services provided to primary care case management (PCCM) clients.
- How to bill for clients eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid.
- How to handle third-party liability claims.
- What standards to use for record keeping.

Note: If an ICD diagnosis code is entered on the dental billing and it is an invalid diagnosis code, the claim will be denied.

How do I bill claims electronically?

Instructions on how to bill Direct Data Entry (DDE) claims can be found on the agency's [Billers and Providers](#) web page, under [Webinars](#).

For information about billing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) claims, see the ProviderOne 5010 companion guides on the [HIPAA Electronic Data Interchange \(EDI\)](#) web page.

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How do facilities bill?

The agency covers medically necessary dental-related services provided to an eligible client in a hospital-based dental clinic when the services:

- Are provided in accordance with [Chapter 182-535 WAC](#).
- Are billed on an electronic dental claim.

The agency pays a hospital for covered dental-related services, including oral and maxillofacial surgeries, that are provided in the hospital's operating room when:

- The covered dental-related services are medically necessary and provided in accordance with [Chapter 182-535 WAC](#) and [WAC 182-535-1079](#).
- The covered dental-related services are billed on an electronic institutional claim.

The agency pays an Ambulatory Surgery Center for covered dental-related services, including oral and maxillofacial surgeries that are provided in the facilities operating room, when:

- The covered dental-related services are medically necessary and provided in accordance with [Chapter 182-535 WAC](#) and [WAC 182-535-1079](#).
- The covered dental-related services are billed on an electronic professional claim.

When hospitals/ASCs bill for the facility fee, the procedures represented on their bill must match the professional dental bill.

Note: The agency does not cover CPT code 41899 for dental services.

How do I bill for clients eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid?

Medicare currently does not cover **dental procedures**. **Surgical** CPT procedure codes 10000-69999 must be billed to Medicare first. After receiving Medicare's determination, submit a claim to the agency. Attach a copy of the Medicare determination.

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What are the advance directives requirements?

All Medicare-Medicaid certified hospitals, nursing facilities, home health agencies, personal care service agencies, hospices, and managed health care organizations are federally mandated to give **all adult clients** written information about their rights, under state law, to make their own health care decisions.

Clients have the right to:

- Accept or refuse medical treatment.
- Make decisions concerning their own medical care.
- Formulate an advance directive, such as a living will or durable power of attorney, for their health care.

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Fee Schedules

Where can I find dental fee schedules?

- For CDT®/dental codes – see the agency’s [Dental Fee Schedule](#).
- For dental oral surgery codes, see the agency’s [Physician-Related/Professional Services Fee Schedule](#).

Note: Bill the agency your usual and customary charge.

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