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Dear Medicaid Dental Provider:

Florida, like most other states, has had to make coverage decisions in order to operate within available resources. One of these decisions has an impact on the adult dental program and is to be effective July 1, 2002.

While the Legislature reduced funds for the adult dental program, not all adult coverage was eliminated. The Legislature provided funds and directed Medicaid to provide for emergency dental services for adults. Therefore, Medicaid must limit adult dental benefits to medically necessary, emergency dental procedures to alleviate pain and/or infection. Due to the funding amount, emergency dental care must be limited to emergency oral examinations, necessary radiographs, extractions, and the incision and drainage of an abscess. The Medicaid covered adult emergency services procedure codes are listed on the attachment to this letter.

Medicaid's policies and fees pertaining to adult emergency dental procedures remain unchanged. Medicaid will reimburse for medically necessary extractions and/or incision and drainage (I & D) of abscesses to alleviate pain or infection. There is no limit to the number of teeth that may be extracted per emergency encounter nor is there a limit on the number of emergency encounters per year, so long as the encounter and provided services fit the criteria of being medically necessary emergency procedures to relieve pain or infection.

Consequently, Medicaid cannot reimburse for complete dentures or denture related procedures for adults with dates of service on or after July 1, 2002. However, Medicaid will reimburse for a denture that was started (impressions taken) prior to July 1 if the procedure's date of service is prior to July 1. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery procedure codes (CPT) will continue to be covered for adults.

We appreciate the services that you provide to Florida's Medicaid recipients and look forward to our continued relationship in the future.

Sincerely,

Bob Sharpe
Deputy Secretary for Medicaid

Attachment



ADULT EMERGENCY SERVICES PROCEDURE CODES

D0140
D0220
D0230
D0240
D0330
D7110
D7120
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