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Dear Dental Services Provider:

The 2006 Legislature has expanded Medicaid coverage of adult dental services to include reimbursement for removable partial dentures. Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2006, Florida Medicaid covers partial dentures for eligible Medicaid beneficiaries, ages 21 and over. The new coverage includes one upper partial, one lower partial, or one set of partials per beneficiary, per lifetime. Complete dentures are also covered for adult beneficiaries per existing policy as well. Likewise, Medicaid covers medically-necessary, emergency dental procedures to alleviate pain or infection for all eligible beneficiaries.

Reimbursement for partial dentures includes payment for the fabrication of the partial(s), repairs, relines, and adjustments. Prior authorization is required for adult partials. That process is the same as it is for children. Prior authorization requests for adult partials should be submitted to Medicaid headquarters in Tallahassee using the dental prior authorization form, DPA 1041. A sample of the dental prior authorization form can be found in the Medicaid Provider Reimbursement Handbook, Dental 111, Chapter 2. Please note that Medicaid does not reimburse partial dentures when there are at least eight posterior teeth in occlusion or for single tooth replacement, unless it is a missing anterior tooth.

There is a five percent coinsurance on partial dentures for eligible adult beneficiaries, unless otherwise exempt. Please refer to the Medicaid Provider General Handbook, Chapter 1, for exemptions to coinsurances or copayments.

An updated dental services fee schedule is available to providers on the fiscal agent website at: <http://floridamedicaid.acs-inc.com>. Click on the "Provider Support" link. Under "Florida Medicaid Provider Support," click on "Fees." Scroll to "Dental General" and click on one of the versions of the fee schedule. On the fee schedule, you will notice that coverage of partials has been opened to "ALL" beneficiaries, instead of the former "CO (Children Only)" indication.

If you have further inquiries, please call your local area Medicaid office. A listing of all area office telephone numbers and addresses can be found in the Florida Medicaid Provider General Handbook, Appendix C. Click on "Provider Support," then "Handbooks."

We appreciate the services you provide to Florida's Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sincerely,

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