

What Your Practice Needs to Know



 **NEW**

Provider Benefit Resource Tool

Recent DSS updates affect several key service areas, including **Dentures**, **Endodontic Procedures**, **Crowns**, **Sedation**, and **Preventive** services. In the past, you would have to go to many sources to get guidance.

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CTDHP is introducing the new **Provider Benefit Resource Tool**. The tool is built for exactly this kind of change—you can instantly verify covered services, frequency limits, prior authorization requirements, and other details directly from your phone or desktop.

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There are a variety of changes that have been implemented in the new Dental Regulations, and this document serves to highlight them in digestible way. Please refer to the following items, and as always, refer to the Policy Bulletin for more information.

You may also find regulations related information on <https://ctdhp.org/dental-regulations-providers/>

POLICY UPDATES

Category	What's Changing
Preventive Care	- Dental Sealants are now covered from ages 5 to 21. - Topical Fluoride is now covered for adults (over the age of twenty-one (21)).
Dentures	- Coverage guidelines for partial and full dentures have been revised. - Rebasing of dentures is now covered once every 24 months.
Crowns	- Crown replacement timeline has been extended from seven (7) to ten (10) years. - Coverage guidelines for crowns have been revised
Endodontic Procedures	- Coverage guidelines for root canals have been revised - Retreatment of root canals is now covered for adults who meet criteria
Orthodontic Procedures	Children ages zero through twenty (0-20) who do not qualify based on orthodontic scoring guidelines but have documentation from a licensed behavioral health provider who can attest to the child being in active care and orthodontia will support resolving the behavioral health condition may qualify.
Periodontic Procedures	Adults (over the age of twenty-one (21)) with certain medical diagnoses and treatable periodontal disease may now be eligible for periodontic therapy. Qualifying diagnosis and medical treatment include patients with Diabetes Type I and Type II, Heart Valve Disorders, Endocarditis, patients receiving certain chemotherapy and radiation for head, neck, and throat cancer, patients who are post-transplant, patients with End Stage Renal Disease, and patients with Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder(s).
Sedation	- Coverage guidelines for IV Sedation and GA have changed to include use for adults receiving specific dental procedures under certain circumstances. - Nitrous oxide is now covered for children and adults who have a documented diagnosis of anxiety, behavioral health, cognitive disorder, or medical condition(s) which prevents the member from receiving care safely.
Oral Surgery	New codes have been added to the fee schedule to reduce the need for submission of "by report code"; most codes are oral surgery services.