Changes to the CDT Codes  
Effective January 1, 2017  
11 New Codes - 5 Revisions - 1 Deletion

Please note: this document, provided by NJDA, is an explanation of the coding changes. For a complete explanation of these and all codes, refer to the CDT 2017.

11 New Codes

D 0414 Laboratory processing of microbial specimen to include culture and sensitivity studies, preparation and transmission of written report.

D 0600 Non-ionizing diagnostic procedure capable of quantifying, monitoring, and recording changes in structure of enamel, dentin and cementum.

D 1575 Distal shoe space maintainer – fixed – unilateral. Fabrication and delivery of fixed appliance extending subgingivally and distally to guide the eruption of the first permanent molar. Does not include ongoing follow-up or adjustments, or replacement appliances, once the tooth has erupted.

D 4346 Scaling in presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation – full mouth, after oral evaluation. The removal of plaque, calculus and stains from supra-and sub-gingival tooth surfaces when there is generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation in the absence of periodontitis. It is indicated for patients who have swollen, inflamed gingival, generalized suprabony pockets, and moderate to severe bleeding on probing. Should not be reported in conjunction with prophylaxis, scaling and root planing, or debridement procedures.

D 6081 Scaling and debridement in the presence of inflammation or mucositis of a single implant, including cleaning of the implant surfaces, without flap entry and closure. This procedure is not performed in conjunction with D 1110 or D 4910.

D 6085 Provisional implant crown. Used when a period of healing is necessary prior to the fabrication and placement of permanent prosthetic.

D 9311 Consultation with a medical health care professional. Treating dentist consults with a medical health care professional concerning medical issues that may affect patient’s planned dental treatment.

D 9991 Dental case management – addressing appointment compliance barriers. Individualized efforts to assist a patient to maintain scheduled appointments by solving transportation challenges or other barriers.
D 9992  **Dental case management – care coordination.** Assisting in a patient’s decisions regarding the coordination of oral health care services across multiple providers, provider types, specialty areas of treatment, health care settings, health care organizations and payment systems. This is the additional time and resources expended to provide experience or expertise beyond that possessed by the patient.

D 9993  **Dental case management – motivational interviewing.** Patient-centered, personalized counseling using methods such as Motivational Interviewing (MI) to identify and modify behaviors interfering with positive oral health outcomes. This is a separate service from traditional nutritional or tobacco counseling.

D 9994  **Dental case management – patient education to improve oral health literacy.** Individual, customized communication of information to assist the patient in making appropriate health decisions designed to improve oral health literacy, explained in a manner acknowledging economic circumstances and different cultural beliefs, values, attitudes, traditions and language preferences, and adapting information and services to these differences, which requires the expenditure of time and resources beyond that of an oral evaluation or case presentation.

5 Revised Codes *(Red = deleted text) (Blue = new text)*

D 1510  **Space maintainer- fixed, unilateral.** Excludes a distal shoe space maintainer.

D 4263  **Bone replacement graft – retained natural tooth – first site in quadrant -** This procedure involves the use of grafts to stimulate periodontal regeneration when the disease process has led to a deformity of the bone. This procedure does not include flap entry and closure, wound debridement, osseous contouring, or the placement of biological materials to aid in osseous tissue regeneration or barrier membranes. Other separate procedures delivered concurrently are documented with their own codes. **Not to be reported for an edentulous space or an extraction site.**

D 4264  **Bone replacement graft – retained natural tooth – each additional site in quadrant.** This procedure involves the use of grafts to stimulate periodontal regeneration when the disease process has led to a deformity of the bone. This procedure does not include flap entry and closure, wound debridement, osseous contouring, or the placement of biologic materials to aid in osseous tissue regeneration or barrier membranes. This procedure is performed concurrently with one or more bone replacement grafts to document the number of sites involved. **Not to be reported for an edentulous space or an extraction site.**
D 4274  Mesial/distal or proximal wedge procedure, single tooth (when not performed in conjunction with surgical procedures in the same anatomical area). This procedure is performed in the edentulous area adjacent to a periodontally-involved tooth, allowing. Gingival incisions are utilized to allow removal of a tissue wedge to gain access for debridement, and correct the underlying osseous defect and to permit close flap adaption, and reduce pocket depths.

D 9630  Other drugs and/or medicaments dispensed in the office for home use, by report. Includes, but not limited to oral antibiotics, oral analgesics, and topical fluoride; does not include writing prescriptions.

1 Deleted Code

D 0290  Posterior-anterior or lateral skull and facial bone survey radiographic image.

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