



# TEXAS ROUNDUP

## Program Updates for Texas Dentists

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### **NEW - Online Main Dental Home Change Form**

TX Medicaid and TX CHIP members can now change their Main Dental Home provider online at [www.dentaquest.com/texas](http://www.dentaquest.com/texas). As a reminder, Main Dentist changes can only be made by the Member's Head of Household.

- Make changes online, faster than a call, 24/7
- No need to log in to the Member portal
- Use the same system our Member Services team uses
- Members show up on your patient roster within minutes - no reference number needed!

**Member's Head of Household Can Use This Code to Change Main Dentist Now!**





## 2022 ADA CDT Code Changes

The American Dental Association's CDT procedure codes and nomenclature have been updated for 2022. Changes include 16 new codes, 6 code deletions, and 14 nomenclature and description revisions.

Stay tuned for upcoming provider notifications that include specific information on how the 2022 CDT updates will be applied to plan benefits.

## Reminder – Coding Guidelines - D1352

Although it has been 10 years since the introduction of code D1352 in the CDT 2011 Current Dental Terminology, questions remain on the proper coding of active carious lesions that do not extend into dentin. This serves as a primer on three current CDT Codes, and the indications for their use.

- Sealants, code D1351 are used to prevent decay and are used in deep pits and fissures. Sealants can reduce the risk of decay by nearly 80%.
- Preventive Resin Restorations (PRR), sometimes called conservative resin restorations or minimally invasive resin restorations are described by code D1352. PRRs are conservative restorations of an active cavitated lesion that does not extend into the dentin, placed in patients with moderate to high caries risk.
- Resin-based composites differ from PRRs in that they are used to restore carious lesions that do extend into the dentin. Per the code descriptor, this is not a preventive procedure.

Many dentists perform PRRs, or minimally invasive resin restorations but have been unclear on their proper coding. When removing decay and restoring a tooth, if the decay is confined to enamel and has not reached the dentin, the proper code is D1352. For additional information, please review the Office Reference Manuals (ORM) posted to the Provider Resources section of the Texas Dentist Micro website at [www.dentaquest.com/texas](http://www.dentaquest.com/texas).

## Reminder – Interim Care Transfer (ICT)

### Referrals from a Main Dentist to General Dentist/Pediatric Dentist for Interim Care

This process is to be utilized when a Main Dentist Dental Home Provider (Main Dentist) determines that it is necessary for another Main Dentist (general or pediatric dentist) to provide interim care to a Member; yet the Main Dentist assignment should be maintained. Interim Care Transfers (ICTs) can be submitted via the DentaQuest Provider Portal. Each registered user has the capability to submit and view Internal Care Transfers (ICTs) on the portal.

## Reminder: Criteria for Dental Extractions

The prophylactic removal of asymptomatic teeth or teeth exhibiting no overt clinical pathology is covered subject to consultant review. The removal of primary teeth whose exfoliation is imminent does not meet criteria.

Claims submitted for the removal of asymptomatic teeth may be subject recoupment if it is validated that the billed extractions were not deemed medically necessary (as per Medicaid guidelines).

This includes the extraction of asymptomatic teeth as part of a member's orthodontic treatment. If the provider has documentation establishing that the extractions were completed per the request of an Orthodontist and the teeth in question are asymptomatic, the provider should execute the Non-Covered Service Disclosure form prior to completing the extraction and charge the member.