



TEXAS ROUNDUP

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Benefit Changes Effective 9/1/2023

Effective 9/1/2023, the benefit limitations have changed for some preventative services for HHSC TX Medicaid. Listed are benefit limitation changes.

Caries Arresting Medicament (D1354)

Application of caries arresting medicament (procedure code D1354) will become a benefit for Texas Health Steps for clients who are birth through six years of age.

- Procedure code D1354 will be limited to once per lifetime per Tooth ID (A-T and 3, 14, 19, and 30) by any provider for services rendered in the office setting.
- Procedure code D1354 will be denied if billed on the same date of service for the same tooth ID as procedure code D1351 or D1352 by any provider.

Note: Silver diamine fluoride is the only material providers may use for procedure code D1354.

Preventive Procedure Codes

The following changes will be implemented for preventive procedure codes:

- Topical application fluoride (procedure codes D1206 or D1208) is limited to once every six months, by any provider.
- Procedure codes D1110, D1120, D1206, and D1208 will be denied when billed as an emergency claim.
- Procedure codes D1110 and D1120 will no longer be reimbursed to orthodontist and oral maxillofacial surgeon providers.
- Procedure code D1208 will no longer be reimbursed to orthodontist and oral maxillofacial surgeon providers for services rendered in the office setting and to all provider types for services rendered in the inpatient and outpatient hospital setting.

Dental Sealants (D1351 & D1352)

The following changes will be implemented for dental sealants:

- The age range for procedure code D1351 will be updated to clients who are 1 year through 20 years of age.
- Procedure codes D1351 and D1352 are limited to once per lifetime, per tooth ID, by any provider.



- Reimbursement for procedure codes D1351 and D1352 will be on a per-tooth basis, regardless of the number of surfaces sealed. Tooth ID and surface identification (SID) must be indicated on the claim form.
- Procedure code D1351 will be denied if billed on the same date of service for the same permanent tooth ID as procedure code D1352, by any provider.
- Procedure codes D1351 and D1352 will be denied if billed as an emergency claim.
- Procedure code D1351 will no longer be reimbursed to orthodontists and oral maxillofacial surgeon.

Space Maintainers

The following changes will be implemented for space maintainers:

- Procedure codes D1510, D1520, D1553, D1556 and D1575 are limited to once per lifetime, per quadrant, by any provider.
- Procedure codes D1516, D1517, D1526, and D1527 are limited to once per lifetime, same procedure code, by any provider.
- Procedure code D1553 will be denied if procedure code D1510 was reimbursed within the previous rolling year, same quadrant, by the same provider.
- Procedure code D1551 will be denied if procedure code D1516 was reimbursed within the previous rolling year, by the same provider.
- Procedure code D1552 will be denied if procedure code D1517 was reimbursed within the previous rolling year, by the same provider.
- Procedure codes D1551 and D1552 are limited to once per lifetime, by the same provider.

Fraud, Waste and Abuse

Let us know if you think a doctor, dentist, pharmacist at a drug store, other health care provider, or person, getting benefits is doing something wrong. Doing something wrong could be waste, abuse or fraud, which is against the law. For example, tell us if you think someone is:

- Getting paid for Medicaid and CHIP services that weren't given or necessary.
- Not telling the truth about a medical condition to get medical treatment.
- Using someone else's Medicaid or CHIP Dental ID.
- Letting someone else use a Medicaid or CHIP Dental ID.
- Not telling the truth about the amount of money or resources he or she has to get benefits.

Public Health Emergency (PHE)

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government declared a public health emergency (PHE); which allowed Medicaid recipients to have continuous coverage. The continuous coverage ended on May 11, 2023. Coverage will end for Medicaid recipients that fails to respond to the renewal notices or submits requested information to HHSC.

Reminder: Mobile App for Members

DentaQuest recently launched **myDentaQuest**, a mobile app for Texas Medicaid and CHIP members.

With the app head of households can:

- View the plan's benefits.
- Change their Main Dentist
- Find a dentist.
- Download or view their ID card.

The release of this app is part of DentaQuest' s ongoing "Dental Done Better" effort to improve the member experience with digital improvements and communications. The effort is rooted in DentaQuest' s experience and knowledge of member expectations regarding digital communications and tools.

The app is available for members to download on IOS or Android devices. To learn more about the app visit

<https://www.dentaquest.com/texas/members/mobile-app>



Reminder: 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. As a reminder, the Member's Head of Household can only make Main Dentist changes.

- 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.
- 16-digit reference number provided on the confirmation page.

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




www.dentaquest.com/texas

Important Reminders

Provider Resource Documents	<p>The following documents are listed on the Provider Resources tab on the Texas Provider microsite.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Reference Manuals (ORM) • Provider Training Schedule • Quarterly Newsletters <p style="text-align: center;">https://dentaquest.com/texas/providers/provider-resources</p>
Contact Your Regional Provider Partner	<p style="text-align: center;">To locate the Provider Partner for your region, visit</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://dentaquest.com/texas/providers/provider-resources/provider-relations-contacts</p>
DentaQuest Holiday Closures	<p>In observance of the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holidays, DentaQuest will be closed for the following days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, November 23 • Friday, November 24 • Monday, December 25 • Monday, January 1