

Capitol Dental

Newsletter

July 31

Sealants are Spectacular!

The Oregon Health Authority has charged Capitol Dental Care with ensuring that kids aged 6-14 have dental sealants placed. Our 2019 target is to place sealants on 26.8% of members in this age range. Because of this metric, our Capitol Dental Outreach team has been making outreach phone calls to members who have not had sealants to offer sealant appointments at various offices and community events. Please be aware that we might be contacting your patients to encourage them to attend these sealant events. These appointments are for dental sealants only and do not take the place of a routine exam and cleaning.

Please let us know if you'd like to participate in a sealant event in your office. We can provide you with a customized gap list of your Capitol Dental patients who are eligible for sealants!

One such community event occurred on July 8th in Yamhill County. The **Sealants with Superheroes** event was held at a local housing community. The team saw 20 children and sealed 14 of them. Children were greeted by superheroes and got to have their picture taken with them. A great time was had by all!





Replacement Denture Rules

It can be challenging for providers to know if and when replacement dentures are covered for Capitol Dental Care members. Below are the basic Oregon Health Plan guidelines that determine coverage eligibility:

Replacement of removable partial or full dentures, when it cannot be made clinically serviceable by a less costly procedure (e.g., reline, rebase, repair, tooth replacement), is limited to the following:

1. For clients at least 16 years of age, the Division shall replace:
 - Full dentures once every ten years, only if dentally appropriate;
 - Partial dentures once every five years, only if dentally appropriate.
2. The five- and ten-year limitations apply to the client regardless of the client's OHP or Dental Care Organization (DCO)/Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) enrollment status at the time the client's last denture or partial was received.

In summary, the provider should first assess if an issue with the existing denture can be addressed by reline, rebase, repair or tooth replacement. If not, then the member will be eligible for a new full denture 10 years after the existing one was delivered and eligible for a new partial denture 5 years after the existing one was delivered. These timelines apply even if the member was not enrolled with a DCO or CCO at the time of delivery of the existing appliance.

Frenectomy Coverage

We request that you preauthorize D7960 (frenectomy) and D7963 (frenulotomy) prior to delivering care. These services are only covered for members under the age of 21, once per lifetime per arch. Maxillary frenectomy is only covered for members between the ages of 12 and 20. To be covered, the member must have ankyloglossia or the frenum must be associated with gingival recession or movement under tension. The rules Oregon Health Plan rules are below.

CODE	DESCRIPTION	OHP PLUS BENEFIT PACKAGE			L=Medical, has CPT code or usually billed on medical claim/BR = BY REPORT	1/1/2018 Covered through 469-Status
		Under age 21	Age 21 and over, non-pregnant adults	Pregnant adults		
D7960	frenulectomy	Yes	No	No		Line 344: Dental conditions (e.g., severe caries, infection), GLN 34, 48 Line 18: Feeding problems in newborns
D7963	frenuloplasty	Yes	No	No		Line 344: Dental conditions (e.g., severe caries, infection) GLN 34, 48

Frenulectomy/frenulotomy (D7960) and frenuloplasty (D7963):

1. The Division covers either frenulectomy or frenuloplasty once per lifetime per arch only for clients under age 21;
2. The Division covers maxillary labial frenulectomy only for clients age 12 through 20;
3. The Division shall cover frenulectomy/frenuloplasty in the following situations:
 - When the client has ankyloglossia;
 - When the condition is deemed to cause gingival recession; or
 - When the condition is deemed to cause movement of the gingival margin when the frenum is placed under tension.

Compliance Corner

This year, for the first time in many years, the Oregon Health Authority will perform compliance monitoring reviews (CMRs) of each of the dental care organizations (DCOs) in the state. This will be accomplished through an external quality review organization—Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG). The review will consist of submissions of materials, on-site visits, and employee interviews to determine Capitol Dental's processes and policies surrounding several issues relating to the administration of oral health care to OHA's members.

Capitol is no stranger to audits, as the coordinated care organizations (CCOs) each audit CDC's activities on an annual basis. We are excited to show our work and explain our processes to HSAG in the coming months, as CDC has always maintained a strong commitment to compliance and providing the very best care to its members.

It is possible that we will require some information from your offices in preparing for our submissions. If this is the case, we will provide you as much notice as possible and work with you to make the process as painless as possible. Thank you in advance for any collaboration that may be required.

Should you have any Compliance-related questions, our Compliance Officer, Andrew Lee will be happy to assist you. You can reach him at leean@interdent.com.

Trauma Informed Care Continuing Education

Capitol Dental Care is proud to be hosting Dr. Teri Petterson for a Continuing Education experience on November 12 in Medford and November 13 in Salem. The topic of her presentation will be Trauma Informed Care in the context of dental care. The presentation begins at 6PM and ends at 8. We invite all of our dental providers to attend. If you are interested, please email Dr. Jennifer Clemens at clemensj@interdent.com to receive an invite.