



Tobacco Cessation

Capitol Dental Care believes that dental professionals play an important role in assisting members to prevent tobacco use and to engage in tobacco cessation activities for members who already use tobacco. The entire dental team can play a role – tobacco cessation conversations aren't limited only to dentists and hygienists.

If you are interested in learning more about tobacco cessation, you may take the online tobacco cessation training, "[Treating Tobacco Use in Oregon](#)" from the Oregon Health Authority. You will be asked to enter some basic information to access the training module. The module takes about 45 minutes to complete.

Tobacco Cessation Counseling is a covered service for Oregon Health Plan members (D1320). Capitol Dental Care encourages all providers to screen all patients for tobacco use and bill the code when Tobacco Cessation Counseling is delivered. The process must be documented within the chart notes.

Dental teams should follow the Brief Tobacco Intervention's **2 As and an R** (Ask, Advise and Refer):

- ASK:** **Ask patients about their tobacco-use status at each visit and record information in the dental record.**
- ADVISE:** **Advise patients about their oral health conditions that are related to tobacco use. Give direct advice to quit using tobacco along with a strong personalized message to seek help.**
- REFER:** **Refer patients who are ready to quit, utilizing internal and external resources, to complete the remaining three A's (assess, assist, arrange) of the standard intervention for tobacco.**

Ask. Advise. Refer.
Three Minutes Or Less Can Save Lives



Caries Risk Assessments

In 2018, Caries Risk Assessment codes were added to the CDT dental procedure codebook.

D0601 – Low caries risk

D0602 – Moderate caries risk

D0603 – High caries risk

Caries Risk Assessments are a valuable tool that dental providers can use in the clinical decision-making process to:

- identify a patient's risk of future caries
- determine the appropriate level of patient care
- treat the caries disease process instead of the outcome of the disease
- understand disease factors for a specific patient
- individualize preventive and behavior modification conversations
- individualize, select, and determine appropriate frequency of preventive and restorative treatment for each patient
- Anticipate caries progression or stabilization.

The American Dental Association has developed Caries Risk Assessment tools for patients [0-5 years old](#) and [6 years and older](#). The American Association of Pediatric Dentistry also has developed a [tool for children](#).

In 2019, regular utilization of Caries Risk Assessment will become more important as the State Sealant Metric changes to measure placement of sealants on children aged 6-15 who are High Caries Risk or have had a filling placed within the previous 12 months.

Capitol Dental Care encourages its providers to utilize a Caries Risk Assessment tool as part of a comprehensive treatment planning approach. Capitol Dental Care currently reimburses \$5 for codes D0601, D0602 or D0603 once per year. Effective November 1, the fee reimbursement will increase to \$10.

Sealants

Reminder: we have a performance metric around dental sealants! It is very important for Capitol to reach this metric. Strategies to increase placement rates should include: placing sealant material on every restorative tray so that they can be easily placed along with another procedure, empower your EFDA's and RDH's to place sealants anytime there is a need and patient is in the chair (do not reschedule for sealants), create an office friendly competition between providers to increase sealants placed.

Newly Covered CDT Codes

Effective 11/1, the following codes are covered services. Please contact CDC Member Services at 1-800-525-6800 if you have any questions about the coverage package.

D0251	extra-oral posterior dental radiographic image	
D5221	immediate maxillary partial denture - resin base (including any conventional clasps, rest and teeth)	Requires preauth.
D5222	immediate mandibular partial denture - resin base (including any conventional clasps, rests, and teeth)	Requires preauth.
D5511	repair broken complete denture base, mandibular	
D5512	repair broken complete denture base, maxillary	
D5611	repair resin partial denture base, mandibular	
D5612	repair resin partial denture base, maxillary	
D5621	repair cast partial framework, mandibular	
D5622	repair cast partial framework, maxillary	
D7280	surgical access unerupted tooth	Requires preauth.
D7283	placement of device to facilitate eruption of impacted tooth	Requires preauth.
D7472	remove torus palatinus	Requires preauth.
D7473	remove torus mandibularis	Requires preauth.
D9110	palliative treatment dental pain	Requires review.
D9222	deep sedation/general anesthesia – first 15 minutes	Requires preauth.
D9239	intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia- first 15 minutes	Requires preauth.

Corporate Compliance and Ethics Week

Did you know that Corporate Compliance and Ethics Week is just around the corner? It is November 4-10. This is a time that is observed nationally to bring awareness to compliance and ethics, thank those who are committed to furthering those ideals, and reinforce the values that companies hold.

Capitol Dental Care is firmly committed to doing the right things in the right ways. We strive to always put our member first—following policies and procedures that lead to predictable, consistent, safe, and efficient outcomes. We want to thank each and every one of you for your commitment to those ideals.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about the compliance or ethics of any part of our organization, we ask you to call (844) 688-0097.

