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The purpose of this bulletin is to announce changes to comprehensive and periodic exam coverage in conjunction with full mouth debridement to align with the American Dental Association (ADA) Current Dental Terminology (CDT) guidance.

Debridement and Exam Coverage

Revisions are being made to the coverage of full mouth debridement, which is performed as a therapeutic, not a preventive, treatment for beneficiaries to aid in the evaluation and diagnosis of their oral condition. It involves the preliminary removal of subgingival and/or supragingival plaque and calculus that interferes with the ability of the dental provider to perform an oral evaluation.

Full mouth debridement is a benefit for beneficiaries aged 14 and over once every 365 days. It may be performed the same day as a comprehensive or periodic oral evaluation when all the required components of the evaluation have been accomplished and documented in the beneficiary's record.

Full mouth debridement is not a covered benefit when performed on the same date of service as a comprehensive periodontal evaluation (D0180) or when a prophylaxis is completed on the same day.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mailed to ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, NPI number, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Typical Providers may phone toll-free 800-292-2550. Atypical Providers may phone toll-free 800-979-4662.

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