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TO: Dental Providers

SUBJECT: Dental Procedure Fee Inclusions

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is clarifying the policy for dental procedure fee inclusions.

The reimbursement fee for a dental procedure is inclusive of any items or related activities/services that are considered necessary to accomplish the procedure, which may include but are not limited to: materials, supplies, trays, surgical trays, equipment, topical or local anesthesia and post-operative care. None of these items or related activities/services are separately billable to SCDHHS, the beneficiary or to the beneficiary's representative.

Please refer to the SCDHHS Dental Office Reference Manual (ORM) for details on dental procedure reimbursement fee inclusions by procedure category available on SCDHHS website at: <https://www.scdhhs.gov/internet/pdf/manuals/dental/Manual.pdf> or DentaQuest web portal at <http://www.dentaquest.com/state-plans/regions/southcarolina/dentist-page/>

A summary of the dental procedure reimbursement fee inclusions by procedure category is listed below:

Preventive and Diagnostic

Reimbursement fee for the preventive or diagnostic dental procedure includes any items or related activities/services that are necessary to accomplish the procedure, which may include but are not limited to: materials, supplies, trays or equipment.

Restorative

Reimbursement fee for the restorative procedure includes any items or related activities/services that are necessary to accomplish the procedure, which may include but are not limited to: tooth preparation, all adhesives (including amalgam and resin bonding agents), acid etching, copalite, liners, bases, direct and indirect pulp caps, curing, polishing, supplies, trays, equipment, topical/local anesthesia and post-operative care up to 30 days from the date of service.

Endodontics

Reimbursement fee for the endodontic procedure includes any items or related activities/services that are necessary to accomplish the procedure, which may include but are

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not limited to: extirpation treatment, temporary fillings, filling and obturation of root canals; progress radiographs and a completed fill radiograph; supplies, materials, trays, equipment; topical/ local anesthesia and post-operative care up to 30 days from the date of service.

Prosthodontics

Reimbursement fee for the prosthodontic procedure includes any items or related activities/services that are necessary to accomplish the procedure, which may include but are not limited to: impressions, try-in appointments, delivery; materials, supplies, trays, equipment, topical or local anesthesia and post-operative care up to 30 days from date of service.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Reimbursement fee for the surgical procedure includes any items or related activities/services that are necessary to accomplish the procedure, which may include but are not limited to: supplies, materials, trays, surgical trays, equipment, topical/ local anesthesia and post-operative care up to 30 days from date of service.

Adjunctive

Reimbursement fee for the adjunctive procedure includes any items or related activities/services that are necessary to accomplish the procedure, which may include but are not limited to: materials, supplies, trays, equipment, topical or local anesthesia.

Medical Procedures

Reimbursement fee for the medical procedure performed by an oral surgeon includes any items or related activities/services that are necessary to accomplish the procedure, which may include but are not limited to: supplies, materials, trays, surgical trays, equipment, topical/ local anesthesia and post-operative care up to 30 days from date of service.

For questions regarding this alert, please contact the DentaQuest Provider Service Center at (888) 307-6553.

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