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New Reimbursement Process for CCS Orthodontists Certified by Denti-Cal

New law resulting from Assembly Bill (AB) 383 changed the monthly reimbursement process for CCS orthodontists certified by Denti-Cal. Beginning July 1, 2008 all Denti-Cal, and therefore all CCS orthodontists, no longer need to see a child monthly in order to receive full reimbursement for orthodontic treatment.

For service dates on or after July 1, 2008, Notices of Authorization (NOAs) sent by Denti-Cal to the orthodontic provider that are related to the active phase of orthodontic treatment, CDT-4 code D8670, (or local procedure codes 554, 564, 572, 582, 593, 597, and 598) will be paid on a quarterly basis. This means:

1. The treatment visits may occur at any frequency deemed necessary by the orthodontist during the quarter to complete the active phase of treatment, i.e., monthly, bimonthly, quarterly.
2. It is no longer necessary to see the patient each month of a given quarter to receive payment.
3. Only one Denti-Cal NOA (claim form) should be submitted by the provider to Denti-Cal per quarter to receive the equivalent fee of what were previously three monthly visits.
4. The provider may submit a completed NOA back to Denti-Cal any time during the quarter.
5. If more than one NOA is received by Denti-Cal during the quarter, the additional NOAs will be denied.
6. If the patient turns 21 during the quarter, or otherwise loses CCS eligibility, he/she must be eligible on the date of service for that quarter.

Until the Denti-Cal system has been updated to reflect the quarterly process, providers will continue to receive monthly NOAs (Notices of Authorization) from

Denti-Cal. The provider should submit only one of these NOAs per quarter to Denti-Cal.

See Denti-Cal Bulletin Volume 24, Number 22, June 2008 for complete information. View it online at www.denti-cal.ca.gov. Questions may be addressed to the Denti-Cal Telephone Service Center at (800) 423-0507.