



## Dental Wellness Plan Kids

Delta Dental of Iowa and Managed Care of North America will be the administrators of the children's Medicaid dental benefit, beginning July 1, 2021. Read more on the announcement in [Informational Letter \(IL\) 2189-FFS-D](#). Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) will begin to notify members in late June with managed care assignments. The DWP Kids benefit will not change with this transition.

## Important Updates

- **Save the date - DWP Kids provider trainings**  
Delta Dental will be hosting DWP Kids provider trainings on June 4 and June 9. Look for more information next week.
- **Office manual updates**  
The DWP and DWP Kids Office Manual will be available on or before June 1, 2021.

A few things to help with the transition for DWP Kids:

1. Delta Dental will honor existing IME approved prior

September 30, 2021). IME will be sending a data file for all the IME approved PA to Delta Dental prior to July 1, 2021. You can also send in the IME approved PA with your claim.

2. Delta Dental is required to ensure continuity of care for members whose current provider is not part of Delta Dental's DWP provider network. Delta Dental will pay non-participating providers for 90 days to help with transition of care to a DWP Kids participating provider.

Stay up-to-date with DWP Kids information on [our website](#).



## **New COVID-19 CDT Codes**

The Code Maintenance Committee (CMC) met in March 2021 and approved 8 new dental codes associated with COVID-19. These codes include 7 vaccination codes and one additional testing code.

Unlike most years where the codes are not effective until the following year, these codes are effective immediately for dentistry. Please understand that each dental benefits company will take some time for these codes to appear in their claims processing system. It is also important to note that just because there is a new CDT code, that doesn't mean a dental insurance company will benefit the new procedure.

Delta Dental will have these new codes in our system in June 2021. For 2021, these codes will not be covered as these are traditionally covered by the medical

carrier. We will continue to monitor potential coverage for the future.

The new vaccination (and molecular testing) codes are:

- D1701 Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine administration – first dose.
- D1702 Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine administration – second dose.
- D1703 Moderna COVID-19 vaccine administration – first dose.
- D1704 Moderna COVID-19 vaccine administration – second dose
- D1705 AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine administration – first dose.
- D1706 AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine administration – second dose.
- D1707 Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine administration.
- D0606 Molecular testing for a public health related pathogen, including coronavirus.



## Teledentistry Coding

When services are completed via teledentistry the following must be completed on the ADA form: the Place of Treatment (Box 38) should always be coded as 02.

This is the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Health Information Portability and

Accountability Act (HIPAA) standard code for telehealth.

Additionally, the CDT code for synchronous (D9995) or asynchronous (D9996) teledentistry must be on the claim form. Refer to the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise [Informational Letter 2124-MC-FFS-D-CVD](#).



## **Welcome Jill Stuecker**

Jill Stuecker has joined Delta Dental of Iowa as the professional relations director. In her new role, Jill is responsible for developing relationships with providers and offices while overseeing the daily activities of the professional relations team. Jill has a master's degree in public administration and international relations from Seton Hall University. For

the past seven years she has served as the Executive Director of the Iowa Dental Board.

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