



## **Delta Dental to manage children's dental benefits for Medicaid**

The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) and Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) recently announced children's dental benefits for Medicaid will be managed by Delta Dental and another dental benefits administrator starting July 1, 2021. The IME Information Letter (IL) can be found [here](#).

As stated in the IL, children in Iowa will continue to receive a comprehensive dental benefit, with no annual benefit maximum. This benefit will also continue to provide medically necessary orthodontia. Delta Dental will begin recruiting providers for the Children's Medicaid network. More information can be found [here](#).

Please note, the Hawki benefit will remain the same and there will be no changes.



## **Promoting healthy smiles with evidence-based care**

### **New Dentist Connection and faxback feature.**

We want to help you keep your patients healthy. That's why we're including proactive recommended dental treatments for your patients. This new feature in the Dentist Connection and faxback identifies services patients may need using evidence-based practices.

These services include:

- Sealants for children
- Fluoride treatments for at-risk adults and children
- Annual dental exam
- Periodontal maintenance

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## **CDT Changes**

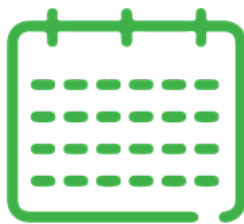
A number of CDT changes will be effective January 1, 2021. The changes include the implementation of 28 new procedure codes and the deletion of 4 codes. The

four deleted codes are being replaced by twelve new procedure codes.

The deleted codes and their replacement codes are:

- D3427 (periradicular surgery without apicoectomy) has been deleted and will be replaced by D3471, D3472, D3473, D3501, D3502, and D3503
  - o D3471, D3472, and D3473: surgical repair of root resorption – anterior, premolar, and molar, respectively
  - o D3501, D3502, and D3503: surgical exposure of root surface without apicoectomy or repair of root resorption – anterior, premolar, and molar, respectively
- D7960 (frenulectomy) will be replaced by D7961 and D7962
  - o D7961: buccal/labial frenectomy (frenulectomy)
  - o D7962: lingual frenectomy (frenulectomy)
- D0604 and D0605 have been created for antigen and antibody testing for the coronavirus; currently they are not covered benefits.

A printable two-page handout and a powerpoint presentation will be available on our website in December showing an overview of the CDT changes taking effect in the new year. The office manuals for commercial business and the Dental Wellness Program will also be available on our website in December.



**Updated PPO Schedule**

The updated PPO Fee Schedule effective January 1, 2021 will be available on the secure Dentist Connection on [Delta Dental's website](#) by December 1, 2020. Click on Resources at the top of the Dentist Home page and then select Forms.

If you need assistance registering on the Dentist Connection, please call Professional Relations at 800-544-0718.



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