

Notice of MaineCare Reimbursement Methodology Change

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services

AFFECTED SERVICES: Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 25, Dental Services

NATURE OF PROPOSED CHANGES: The Department is requesting approval to amend coverage of dental services by including reimbursement of the following procedure codes at the rates listed below:

| PROCEDURE CODE | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
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| D1575 | Distal Shoe Space Maintainer – fixed-unilateral, Fabrication and delivery of fixed appliance extending subgingivally and distally to guide the eruption of the first permanent molar. | \$95.00 |
| D3221 | Pulpal Debridement, primary and permanent teeth, Pulpal debridement for the relief of acute pain prior to conventional root canal therapy. | \$88.00 |
| D4346 | Scaling in presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation – full mouth, after oral evaluation. The removal of plaque, calculus and stains from supra-gingival and sub-gingival tooth surfaces when there is generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation in the absence of periodontitis. | \$40.00 |
| D9248 | Non-intravenous conscious sedation. This includes non-IV minimal and moderate sedation. | \$98.50 |

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGES: These changes are being made to provide coverage for the services listed, when appropriate.

ESTIMATE OF ANY EXPECTED INCREASE OR DECREASE IN ANNUAL AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES: The Department is unable to determine the fiscal impact of these additional services at this time.

ACCESS TO PROPOSED CHANGES AND COMMENTS TO PROPOSED CHANGES: The public may review the proposed methodology changes and written comments at any Maine DHHS office in every Maine county. To find out where the Maine DHHS offices are located, call 1-800-452-1926. The Department will hold a hearing for the proposed rulemaking and will be publishing a notice which includes information on the hearing date and location.

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See <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/rules/index.shtml> for rules and related rulemaking documents.