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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1380

**DATE:** April 18, 2014

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Screening Centers and Maternal Health Centers (MHC)

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Modifier for Dental Screening Provided by a Registered Nurse (RN)

**EFFECTIVE:** May 1, 2014

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require that the oral health services provided by a RN be reported separately from services provided by a dentist or dental hygienist on the CMS 416 report. The process below only applies to members receiving traditional Medicaid benefits.

When a RN provides the following oral health services, the **TD** modifier must be used when billing the following codes:

- D0190 screening
- D1206 topical application of fluoride varnish
- D1310 nutritional counseling for control of dental disease
- D1320 tobacco counseling for the control and prevention of oral disease (MHC only)
- D1330 oral hygiene instructions

Claims submitted without a TD modifier will be reported on the CMS 416 as having been provided by a dentist or dental hygienist.

The IME appreciates your partnership as we work to improve claim processing. If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, or locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or by email at [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).