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DENTAL SERVICES MANUAL TRANSMITTAL NO. 15-1

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SUBJECT: **DENTAL SERVICES MANUAL**, Chapter III, *Provider-Specific Policies*, pages 6 and 23, revised.

Summary

The **DENTAL SERVICES MANUAL** is revised to:

- ◆ Align with current ICD-10 policies, procedures, and terminology.
- ◆ Update links due to the Department's new website.

Effective Date

October 1, 2015

Material Superseded

This material replaces the following pages from the **DENTAL SERVICES MANUAL**:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Chapter III 6, 23	November 1, 2013

Additional Information

The updated provider manual containing the revised pages can be found at:

<http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Dental.pdf>

If any portion of this manual is not clear, please contact the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise Provider Services Unit at 800-338-7909 or locally (in Des Moines) at 515-256-4609, or email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.



The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's "Guideline on Periodicity of Examination, Preventive Dental Services, Anticipatory Guidance/Counseling and Oral Treatment for Infants, Children, and Adolescents" is applied. This information is available online at: http://www.aapd.org/media/Policies_Guidelines/G_Periodicity.pdf

The I-Smile Dental Home program provides assistance to families with children to enable them to access early and regular dental care. Information about the I-Smile program and the I-Smile oral health coordinators is available online at: <http://www.ismiledentalhome.iowa.gov/>

Local I-Smile oral health coordinators can be found online at: <http://www.idph.iowa.gov/ohds/oral-health-center/coordinator>

3. Restorative Services

Restorative services are payable when there is a fair to good prognosis for maintaining the tooth. Treatment of dental caries is covered in those areas that require immediate attention.

Restoration of incipient or nonactive carious lesions is not a covered benefit. Carious activity may be considered incipient when there is no penetration of the dentoenamel junction as demonstrated in diagnostic X-rays. Prophylactic fillings are not a Medicaid benefit.

Medicaid covers amalgam or composite resin filling material. Restorations are payable benefits for treatment of dental caries and are reimbursable only once in a two-year period.

a. Restorations

Any multi-surface restoration, regardless of the location should be combined and billed as follows:

- ◆ One, two, or more restorations on one surface of a tooth should be billed as a one-surface restoration, i.e., mesial occlusal pit and distal occlusal pit on a maxillary molar, or mesial and distal occlusal pits of a lower bicuspid.
- ◆ Two separate one-surface restorations should be combined and billed as a two-surface restoration, i.e., an occlusal pit restoration and a buccal pit restoration should be billed as a two-surface restoration.



Important Information Regarding ICD-10

On October 1, 2015, the ICD-9 code sets used to report medical diagnoses and inpatient procedures will be replaced by ICD-10 code sets.

The transition to ICD-10 is required for everyone covered by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Please note that the change to ICD-10 does not affect CPT coding for outpatient procedures and physician services.

E. BILLING POLICIES AND CLAIM FORM INSTRUCTIONS

Claims for dental services are billed using the Dental Claim Form published by the American Dental Association.

To view a sample of the Dental Claim Form online, click [here](#).

To view billing instructions for the Dental Claim Form online, click [here](#).

Refer to Chapter IV. *Billing Iowa Medicaid*, for claim form instructions, all billing procedures, and a guide to reading your Iowa Medicaid Remittance Advice statement. To access the manual online, click [here](#).