

# MEDICAID FACTS: *For dentists in New York State*

As a result of the New York State Dental Association's 1998 lawsuit against New York State, the state agreed to add an additional \$576 million to the Medicaid dental fee-for-service budget over a four year period. New York State made three of the four promised increases to the dental Medicaid budget between 2000 and 2003, more than doubling the state's annual expenditures.

Procedure	Code	1999 Fee	New Fee
Periodic oral evaluation	D0120	\$ 10.00	\$ 29.00
Intraoral radiographs; complete series	D0210	\$ 15.00	\$ 58.00
Prophylaxis; adult	D1110	\$ 15.40	\$ 58.00
Sealant (per tooth)	D1351	\$ 18.00	\$ 43.00
Resin-based composite; two surfaces	D2331	\$ 17.00	\$ 87.00

## Need Help?

### Enrollment:

DOH Medicaid Provider

Enrollment:

518-486-9440

### Claim forms/manuals/ updates/training:

Computer Sciences Corp.

800-522-5518

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Must dentists accept all Medicaid patients seeking care?

Dentists enrolled in the program are not compelled to see all Medicaid patients that request care.

### Must dentists perform all covered procedures for Medicaid recipients?

Dentists enrolled in the program are not required to perform all procedures covered by the Medicaid program for all patients. Patients may be directed to seek care from other dentists or advised that the dentist will establish a "private pay arrangement." All private pay arrangements should be documented in writing with the patient's signature. **Medicaid does not allow balanced billing.**

### Can I charge for nitrous oxide?

Medicaid recipients cannot be charged for nitrous oxide independently of charges for the accompanying treatment when the dentist submits a claim to Medicaid for that treatment. (This also is true for Novocain or other oral anxiety or analgesic medication).

### Claim validity?

Claims submitted must accurately reflect the actual treatment rendered. The dentist cannot perform a more expensive service and submit a claim for a less expensive procedure.

### Prior approval protocols?

Dentists must be familiar with prior approval requirements and other restrictions in the Medicaid Policy Manual.

### Is training available?

Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) will provide technical assistance to help train office staff in Medicaid patient eligibility verification and billing procedures.

### Record keeping?

Patient records must clearly document the need for care as well as the treatment provided accurately.

### Is electronic claims software available?

CSC will provide software for electronic claims submission and patient eligibility verification.



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## AUDITS



If contacted by any agency requesting patient records or other documentation for an audit, contact your attorney or the NYSDA Legal Services Panel, 800-255-2100, immediately.