

July 9, 2020

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Dear Medicaid Provider:

RE: Reimbursement for Dental Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The COVID-19 pandemic has posed many new challenges for dental providers. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is issuing this letter to address provider questions regarding reimbursement for PPE.

On April 21, 2020, the American Dental Association (ADA) updated a statement on Third Party Payer Reimbursement for Costs Associated with Increased Standards for Personal Protective Equipment. The statement suggested dental offices may wish to use CDT code D1999, "unspecified preventive procedure, by report," to document and report the use and cost of PPE associated with performing dental procedures. The ADA suggested dentists can use this code once per patient visit to attempt to cover the cost of PPE.

Using procedure code D1999 for the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 is not an appropriate use of the code. According to CDT 2020, D1999 is used for an unspecified preventive procedure. PPE is not a procedure to prevent dental pathologic processes. CDT code D1999 does not appear on the MDHHS Dental Fee Schedule.

Michigan Medicaid does not separately reimburse the cost of PPE. It is considered an administrative cost of doing business and is included in the reimbursement for the service provided. Therefore, providers must not bill a Medicaid beneficiary for PPE costs.

Questions about this letter can be directed to Heather Beavers, Medicaid Dental Policy Specialist, at [beaversh1@michigan.gov](mailto:beaversh1@michigan.gov). Thank you for your continued service to Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sincerely,



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