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Distribution: Dentists, Dental Clinics, Dental Health Plans, Medicaid Health Plans, Integrated Care Organizations, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Tribal Health Centers, Local Health Departments

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Subject: Removal of Radiograph Requirement for Partial Dentures

Effective: January 1, 2022

Programs Affected: Medicaid, MICHild, Healthy Michigan Plan, Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)

This policy applies to Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS). Dental Health Plans (DHPs), Medicaid Health Plans (MHPs) and Integrated Care Organizations (ICOs) must provide the full range of covered services described in this policy at a minimum and may choose to provide services over and above those specified. For beneficiaries enrolled in a DHP, MHP, or ICO, the provider must check with the beneficiary's health plan for prior authorization (PA) requirements.

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers of changes to Medicaid policy regarding the radiograph requirement for partial dentures. The term of radiograph used in this policy applies to both digital images and traditional film. The changes in this policy are effective for PA requests received on or after January 1, 2022.

Radiographs are no longer required to be submitted with PA requests for partial dentures. The dentist should provide additional detailed information in the Other Pertinent Dental or Medical History section of the MSA-1680-B to document occlusion, pertinent medical information, etc. when the services requested may leave unresolved questions. The dentist is responsible for ensuring the completeness and accuracy of all documentation and tooth charting submitted with a PA request. (Refer to the Dental chapter of the MDHHS [Medicaid Provider Manual](#) for additional policy and coverage information.)

Reminder: Providers should not send radiographs with PA requests for complete or partial dentures. Radiographs that are not specifically requested by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) may not be returned to the provider. (Refer to the Dental chapter MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual for additional information regarding return of radiographs.)

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mailed to ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, NPI number, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

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