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MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO.
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TO: Medicaid Dental Providers

FROM: Judy Mohr Peterson, PhD 
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SUBJECT: INTERIM CARIES ARRESTING MEDICAMENT APPLICATION - D1354
ADULT DENTAL EMERGENCY COVERAGE

In an effort to reduce aerosolizing generating procedures associated with tooth extractions, and the burden of treating tooth related pain in Emergency Room departments, the Med-QUEST Division (MQD) is allowing the use of silver diamine fluoride (SDF) as an eligible procedure to address adult dental emergencies. SDF's desensitizing and antimicrobial properties may provide temporary pain relief for teeth diagnosed with reversible pulpal inflammation. Therefore, effective July 1, 2020, dental providers may use CDT code D1354 for adults 21 years and older when appropriately used to treat tooth related discomfort.

Conditions for reimbursement are as follows:

1. Billing
 - a. Use CDT code D1354 - Interim caries arresting medicament.
 - b. The D1354 code is limited to the use of silver diamine fluoride only.
 - c. D1354 is reimbursed per tooth. Tooth/Teeth number(s) must be indicated on the claim form.
 - d. D9110 cannot be billed concurrently on the same date of service.
 - e. When submitting a claim, the provider must document the nature of the emergency, clinical diagnosis, and the area of the oral cavity and/or teeth involved.

- f. Eligible teeth: A-T; 2-15, 18-31
- g. Reimbursement is limited to one application/tooth/day and allowed up to two times per recipient within a 12-month period.
- h. Per tooth reimbursement for D1354 is \$6.33.

2. Limitations:

- a. Benefit may be allowed on functional third molars only when clinically necessary. A narrative is required in those situations.
- b. Reimbursement for fluoride varnish, if used with SDF remains subject to the age (20 years old and under) limitation.
- c. Reimbursement may be recouped when used on teeth with either severe bone loss or poor short term prognosis (6 months or less) that results in an extraction.

FQHCs are being provided this memo to inform them of changes to benefit coverage and limits.

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