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MEMORANDUM

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TO: General Dentists, Pedodontists, Endodontists, and Oral Surgeons
FROM: Steven S. Kawada, Med-QUEST Division Assistant Administrator
SUBJECT: DENTAL COVERAGE FOR ADULTS

In June 2004, an audit was conducted on the dental reference databases in the Hawaii Prepaid Medical Management Information System. As a result, many codes were updated to correctly and appropriately reflect Medicaid dental policy as documented in Chapter 14 of the Provider Manual.

The system has been updated to correctly reflect the urgent nature of adult dental coverage. Effective immediately only the following codes are covered under ICD-9 CM diagnosis code 525.9:

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| D0140 | Limited oral evaluation, problem focused |
| D0220 | Intraoral – periapical, first film |
| D0230 | Intraoral – periapical, each additional film |
| D7000 + codes | Single tooth |
| D9110 | Palliative (emergency) treatment of dental pain, minor |
| D9241 | Intravenous conscious sedation/analgesia, first 30 minutes |
| D9242 | Intravenous conscious sedation/analgesia, each additional 15 minutes |
| D9310 | Consultation (diagnostic service provided by a dentist or physician) |
| D9420 | Hospital call |
| D9440 | Office visits, after regularly scheduled hours |

Claims for adults 21 or older, billed with codes other than those listed above, will deny for exceeding the age limit.

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Comprehensive care is not covered. Therefore, some codes are no longer covered. Panoramic radiographs (D0330) will not be covered for adults in any situation. This is considered an x-ray used for comprehensive care, and is generally not required to extract a single tooth. For a single tooth extraction, Medicaid covers a single x-ray (D0220). Nitrous oxide is also generally not needed to remove a single tooth for urgent care. Exceptions may be made for oral surgeons.

Attached are the Medicaid Billing Requirements for the ADA 1999 v. 2000 claim form. Please use these billing requirements as a guideline when completing claims for payment from Medicaid.

For questions or clarification, please contact Lynette Honbo, M.D., MQD Medical Director at 692-8106 or Christopher Dung, DDS, MQD Dental Consultant at 692-8128.

Attachment 1: Medicaid Billing Requirements for the ADA 1999 v. 2000