

Summary of CDT 2020 changes

CDT 2020 is the newest version of the American Dental Association's code on dental procedures and nomenclature. Federal HIPAA law requires that CDT codes be used in electronic health care transactions. When the ADA changes the codes, carriers must adopt the changes. Please use CDT 2020 codes when submitting claims to Delta Dental for services you perform on or after January 1, 2020.

The CDT updates for 2020 include 37 new codes and seven code deletions. Following is a summary of the changes; please note that coverage for new codes is dependent on the patient's particular benefit plan. The Delta Dental Dentist Handbook has been updated to reflect CDT 2020 and is available by logging in at deltadentalsc.com/providers.

Important Notes:

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New CDT Codes

D0419 – assessment of salivary flow by measurement

This procedure is for identification of low salivary flow in patients at risk for hyposalivation and xerostomia, as well as effectiveness of pharmacological agents used to stimulate saliva production.

D2753 – crown – porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys

D5284 – removable unilateral partial denture – one piece flexible base (including clasps and teeth) – per quadrant

D5286 – removable unilateral partial denture – one piece resin (including clasps and teeth) – per quadrant

D6097 – abutment supported crown – porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys

A single metal-ceramic crown restoration that is retained, supported, and stabilized by an abutment on an implant.

D6082 – implant supported crown – porcelain fused to predominantly base alloys

A single metal-ceramic crown restoration that is retained, supported, and stabilized by an implant.

D6083 – implant supported crown – porcelain fused to noble alloys

A single metal-ceramic crown restoration that is retained, supported, and stabilized by an implant.

D6084 – implant supported crown – porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys

A single metal-ceramic crown restoration that is retained, supported, and stabilized by an implant.

D6086 – implant supported crown – predominantly base alloys

A single metal crown restoration that is retained, supported, and stabilized by an implant.

D6087 – implant supported crown – noble alloys

A single metal crown restoration that is retained, supported, and stabilized by an implant.

D6088 – implant supported crown – titanium and titanium alloys

A single metal crown restoration that is retained, supported, and stabilized by an implant.

D6195 – abutment supported retainer – porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys

A metal-ceramic retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support, and stability from an abutment on an implant.

D6098 – implant supported retainer – porcelain fused to predominantly base alloys

A metal-ceramic retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support, and stability from an abutment on an implant.

D6099 – implant supported retainer for FPD – porcelain fused to noble alloys

A metal-ceramic retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support, and stability from an implant.

D6120 – implant supported retainer – porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys

A metal-ceramic retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support, and stability from an implant.

New CDT Codes (continued)

D6121 – implant supported retainer for metal FPD – predominantly base alloys

A metal retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support, and stability from an implant.

D6122 – implant supported retainer for metal FPD – noble alloys

A metal retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support, and stability from an implant.

D6123 – implant supported retainer for metal FPD – titanium and titanium alloys

A metal retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support, and stability from an implant.

D6243 – pontic – porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys

D6753 – retainer crown – porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys

D6784 – retainer crown 3/4 – titanium and titanium alloys

D7922 – placement of intra-socket biological dressing to aid in hemostasis or clot stabilization, per site

This procedure can be performed at time and/or after extraction to aid in hemostasis. The socket is packed with a hemostatic agent to aid in hemostasis and/or clot stabilization.

D9997 – dental case management – patients with special health care needs

Special treatment considerations for patients/individuals with physical, medical, developmental or cognitive conditions resulting in substantial functional limitations, which require that modifications be made to delivery of treatment to provide comprehensive oral health care services.

Additions with Related Deletions

D1551 – re-cement or re-bond bilateral space maintainer – maxillary

D1552 – re-cement or re-bond bilateral space maintainer – mandibular

D1553 – re-cement or re-bond unilateral space maintainer – per quadrant

D1556 – removal of fixed unilateral space maintainer – per quadrant

D1557 – removal of fixed bilateral space maintainer – maxillary

Procedure performed by dentist or practice that did not originally place the appliance.

D1558 – removal of fixed bilateral space maintainer – mandibular

Procedure performed by dentist or practice that did not originally place the appliance.

~~D1550 – re-cement or re-bond space maintainer~~

~~D1555 – removal of fixed space maintainer~~

D8696 – repair of orthodontic appliance – maxillary

Does not include bracket and standard fixed orthodontic appliances. It does include functional appliances and palatal expanders.

D8697 – repair of orthodontic appliance – mandibular

Does not include bracket and standard fixed orthodontic appliances. It does include functional appliances and palatal expanders.

D8698 – re-cement or re-bond fixed retainer – maxillary

D8699 – re-cement or re-bond fixed retainer – mandibular

D8701 – repair of fixed retainer, includes reattachment – maxillary

D8702 – repair of fixed retainer, includes reattachment – mandibular

D8703 – replacement of lost or broken retainer – maxillary

D8704 – replacement of lost or broken retainer – mandibular

~~D8691 – repair of orthodontic appliance~~

~~D8692 – replacement of lost or broken retainer~~

~~D8693 – re-cement or re-bond fixed retainer~~

~~D8694 – repair of fixed retainers, include reattachment~~