

Summary of CDT 2021 changes

CDT 2021 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 2021 codes when submitting claims to Delta Dental for services you perform on or after January 1, 2021.

The CDT updates for 2021 include 28 new codes, seven revised codes and four code deletions. The 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 2021 and is available by logging in at deltadentalsc.com/providers.

Important Notes:

- CDT coding and nomenclature are the copyright of the American Dental Association and a trademark of the ADA; all rights reserved. There are important differences between Delta Dental's plan benefits and processing policies and the descriptors found in the CDT code.
- Fees for denied services are the responsibility of the patient.

New CDT Codes

D0604 – antigen testing for a public health related pathogen includes coronavirus

D0605 – antibody testing for a public health related pathogen includes coronavirus

D0701 – panoramic radiographic image – image capture only

D0702 – 2-D cephalometric radiographic image – image capture only

D0703 – 2-D oral/facial photographic image obtained intra-orally or extra-orally – image capture only

D0704 – 3-D photographic image – image capture only

D0705 – extra-oral posterior dental radiographic image – image capture only

D0706 – intraoral – occlusal radiographic image – image capture only

D0707 – intraoral – periapical radiographic image – image capture only

D0708 – intraoral – bitewing radiographic image – image capture only

D0709 – intraoral – complete series of radiographic images – image capture only

D1321 – counseling for the control and prevention of adverse oral, behavioral, and systemic health effects associated with high-risk substance use

D7993 – surgical placement of craniofacial implant – extra oral

D7994 – surgical placement: zygomatic implant

D1355 – caries preventive medicament application – per tooth **replaces D1354**

D2928 – prefabricated porcelain/ceramic crown – permanent tooth **replaces D2929**

Additions with Related Deletions

D3471 – surgical repair of root resorption – anterior

D3472 – surgical repair of root resorption – premolar

D3473 – surgical repair of root resorption – molar

D3501 – surgical exposure of root surface without apicoectomy or repair of root resorption – anterior

D3502 – surgical exposure of root surface without apicoectomy or repair of root resorption – premolar

D3503 – surgical exposure of root surface without apicoectomy or repair of root resorption – molar

~~**D3427** – periradicular surgery without apicoectomy~~

D5995 – periodontal medicament carrier with peripheral seal –laboratory processed – maxillary

D5996 – periodontal medicament carrier with peripheral seal – laboratory processed mandibular

~~**D5994** – periodontal medicament carrier with peripheral seal –laboratory processed~~

D6191 – semi-precision abutment – placement

D6192 – semi-precision attachment – placement

~~**D6052** – semi-precision attachment abutment~~

D7961 – buccal/labial frenectomy (frenulectomy)

D7962 – lingual frenectomy (frenulectomy)

~~**D7960** – frenulectomy – also known as frenectomy or frenotomy – separate procedure not incidental to another procedure~~