

Summary of CDT 2022 changes

CDT 2022 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 2022 codes when submitting claims to Delta Dental for services you perform on or after January 1, 2022.

The CDT updates for 2022 include 17 new codes, six revised codes and five 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 2022 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

- D3911** – intraorifice barrier
- D3921** – decoronation or submergence of an erupted tooth
- D5227** – immediate maxillary partial denture - flexible base (including any clasps, rests and teeth)
- D5228** – immediate mandibular partial denture - flexible base (including any clasps, rests and teeth)
- D5725** – rebase hybrid prosthesis
- D5765** – soft liner for complete or partial removable denture indirect
- D6198** – remove interim implant component
- D7298** – removal of temporary anchorage device [screw retained plate], requiring flap
- D7299** – removal of temporary anchorage device, requiring flap
- D7300** – removal of temporary anchorage device without flap
- D9912** – pre-visit patient screening
- D9947** – custom sleep apnea appliance fabrication and placement
- D9948** – adjustment of custom sleep apnea appliance
- D9949** – repair of custom sleep apnea appliance

Additions with Related Deletions

- D4322** – splint – intra-coronal; natural teeth or prosthetic crowns
- ~~D4320 – provisional splinting – intracoronal~~
- D4323** – splint – extra-coronal; natural teeth or prosthetic crowns
- ~~D4321 – provisional splinting – extracoronal~~

Revised Descriptions

- D2971** – additional proc customize crown under exist partial dent
- D6051** – interim implant abutment placement
- D6100** – surgical removal of implant body
- D7292** – placement of temp anchorage device (screw) requiring flap
- D7293** – placement of temporary anchorage device requiring flap
- D7294** – placement of temporary anchorage device without flap

Code Deletions

- ~~D8050 – interceptive orthodontic treatment of the primary dentition~~
- ~~D8060 – interceptive orthodontic treatment of the transitional dentition~~
- ~~D8690 – orthodontic treatment (alternative billing to a contract fee)~~