



# Texas RoundUp

Program Updates for Our Texas Dentists

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Dear Doctor,

In this week's Texas RoundUp:

- Rate increases for restoration codes
- Billing reminder for orthodontists
- Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) marketing policies

## Rate Increases for Restoration Codes

Many of you expressed concern with DentaQuest's rates for posterior restoration codes. After careful consideration, we have decided to increase the reimbursement rate for several codes. The new rates will be effective for dates of service on and after September 1, 2012. An amendment will be sent in the next few weeks.

Please see the updated reimbursement rates for Medicaid and CHIP in the tables below.

### Medicaid

Code	Current rate	New rate
D2140	\$64.41	No change
D2150	\$85.71	No change
D2160	\$109.19	No change
D2161	\$60.02	\$125
D2391	\$82.40	No change
D2392	\$108	No change
D2393	\$101.18	\$121
D2394	\$75.06	\$135

### “ In Your Words

*DentaQuest has been of great help with coping with this new transition. When we need help they are there to answer any questions that we have in a timely manner. We have found their work to be extremely satisfactory.*



## CHIP

Code	Current rate primary tooth	Current rate permanent tooth	New rate for primary and permanent
D2140	\$61.98	\$65.72	\$64.41
D2150	\$82.90	\$87.46	\$85.71
D2160	\$90.01	\$111.42	\$109.19
D2161	\$77	\$77	\$125
D2391	\$76.98	\$84.08	\$82.40
D2392	\$98.98	\$110	\$108
D2393	\$112	\$112	\$121
D2394	\$120	\$120	\$135

### Billing Reminder for Orthodontists

If you have an approved authorization from TMHP but have not received an approval from DentaQuest, please continue to provide adjustments (D8670) for these members and submit claims. We will continue to pay these claims until a review has been completed.

### HHSC Marketing Polices

HHSC's marketing guidelines prohibit dentists from conducting direct marketing or recruiting members on behalf of individual plans or dental practices. Such practices are also in violation of your contract with DentaQuest.

Should we find evidence that a dental office has violated HHSC marketing policies, DentaQuest will take disciplinary action. Depending on the severity of the violation, this may include termination from the network. For information on marketing guidelines, please refer to section 10 (k) of your provider agreement. You can also reference Chapter 4 of the Uniform Managed Care Manual.

### Back to School!

With school year right around the corner, we know your office will be busy. DentaQuest's customer service and provider relations staff will continue to provide responsive service so you can focus on your patients.

Thank you for your continued participation.

