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SEALANT UPDATE

Effective August 1, 2015, the following changes have been made to the review process:

- Codes D1351 – Review is not required on teeth A, B, I, J, K, L, S, T for members of any age.
- Codes D1351 – Photos are only required (along with a narrative) for submission on teeth 6–11, 22–27, 51–82, C–H, M–R, AS–TS, and 1, 16, 17, 32 for members of any age.
NOTE: This requirement has been in place since February 1, 2014.
- Codes D1352 – Photos are only required (along with a narrative) for submission on teeth 6–11, 22–27, 51–82, and 1, 16, 17, 32 for members of any age.
NOTE: This requirement has been in place since February 1, 2014

The following pre-payment review requirements remain, as they were previously communicated on May 5, 2015 and July 1, 2015:

- Codes D1351 and D1352 – For members between the ages of 1 through 5 and 15 through 20, review is required on bicuspids, teeth 4–5, 12–13, 20–21, 28–29.
- Codes D1351 and D1352 – For members between the ages of 1 through 5 and 15 through 20, review is required on permanent molars, teeth 2–3, 14–15, 18–19, 30–31.
- Documentation requirements for submission of services in this section include a narrative of medical necessity, e.g., history of dental caries. For those members without a history of caries or restorations within the past year, such narrative should describe the tooth anatomy of the area to be sealed to support that the tooth is at risk for dental caries and the effectivity of placing a sealant outside of the 6–14 age band. Documentation can also include patient-centric risk factors that may exist.

