



# TEXAS ROUNDUP

## Program Updates for Texas Dentists

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### Coding Guidelines - D1352

Although it has been 10 years since the introduction of code D1352 in the CDT 2011 Current Dental Terminology, questions remain on the proper coding of active carious lesions that do not extend into dentin. This serves as a primer on three current CDT Codes, and the indications for their use.

- Sealants, code D1351 are used to prevent decay and are used in deep pits and fissures. Sealants can reduce the risk of decay by nearly 80%.
- Preventive Resin Restorations (PRR), sometimes called conservative resin restorations or minimally invasive resin restorations are described by code D1352. PRRs are conservative restorations of an active cavitated lesion that does not extend into the dentin, placed in patients with moderate to high caries risk.
- Resin-based composites differ from PRRs in that they are used to restore carious lesions that do extend into the dentin. Per the code descriptor, this is not a preventive procedure.

Many dentists perform PRRs, or minimally invasive resin restorations but have been unclear on their proper coding. When removing decay and restoring a tooth, if the decay is confined to enamel and has not reached the dentin, the proper code is D1352.

For additional information, please review the Office Reference Manuals (ORM) posted to the Provider Resources section of the Texas Dentist Micro website at [www.dentaquest.com/texas](http://www.dentaquest.com/texas).



## Behavior Management

DentaQuest must assure that all dental services are appropriately provided and billed according to the guidelines of the State Medicaid Program. In addition, we want to help network providers take the appropriate steps to assure that all treatment rendered is appropriate, medically necessary, and has a good long-term prognosis. DentaQuest routinely monitors dental service utilization and cost among providers. The overall objective of the Behavior Management program is to build and strengthen our relationship with the provider community, with emphasis on gaining an understanding about the membership base and approach to treatment. Based on the review of the dental offices utilization and cost analysis, a Behavior Management Representative will meet with the office to discuss results of cost analysis review, performance quality, provide education on program policies and procedures, and implement a plan to address deficiencies and compliance concerns if necessary.

## Reminder – Provider Credentialing/Recredentialing

A reminder that as of October 1, 2020, all contracted Medicaid dental providers will be required to credential with their DMOs using the CVO “Credentialing Verification Organization.” The CVO is a legislatively mandated initiative and contractually required of MCOs & DMOs by HHSC. The goal of the CVO is to reduce administrative burden for providers by consolidating recredentialing due dates and moving the entire process to an electronic format through CAQH that retains application data and eliminates the need to fill out multiple DMO-specific paper applications. Using the CVO, providers will only need to fill out the newly created “Texas Dental Credentialing Application” rather than an individual application for each plan. Please contact your Regional Provider Relations Representative if you have additional questions.

### CAQH – Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare

CAQH: The Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) offers a single credentialing application and an online database that contains information necessary for insurance companies to credential a provider. This allows you to submit and maintain your credentialing information at one location rather than filing with many organizations. There is no cost to file an application with CAQH and it can be completed online. Visit the CAQH website at [www.caqh.org](http://www.caqh.org) or download the CAQH submission form

### Texas Dental Credentialing Application

If CAQH is not used, the “Texas Dental Credentialing Application” will be required. Rather than filling out a unique application for each Dental Plan, one newly created application will be required that satisfies the requirements of all Dental Plans. A downloadable copy of the Texas Dental Credentialing Application is posted to the Join our Network section Texas Dentist Micro website at [www.dentaquest.com/texas](http://www.dentaquest.com/texas).