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Silver Diamine Fluoride – Added Benefit

Effective 9/1/2020

As part of our value-added service offerings, effective September 1, 2020 Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) will be added to CHIP and Medicaid as an extra benefit to members. Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) limits the progression of some cavities, providing a painless, non-invasive, efficient treatment for caries arrest.

Details of the value-added benefit are as follows:

- CDT Code – D1354
- Reimbursement Rate - \$14.12 per tooth
- Limited to ages 6 months to 6 years old
- Two applications, per lifetime of tooth
- 30 days minimum separation between application dates
- Not allowed on same day as D1206 or D1208

Please refer to the Office Reference Manual (ORM) for complete benefit limitation(s).



Value-Based Care

DentaQuest is currently collaborating with network dentists to move dental care in a more sustainable, collaborative direction through Value-Based Care.

In a value-based system, quality and outcomes should improve while costs remain the same or fall because the healthier a person is, the less they require expensive services. We know people are both in need of dental care and concerned about the cost of care — just as before the pandemic. We process claims for services delivered in response to an already present dental disease. Fillings and extractions address the impact of disease but do not address or eliminate its cause — said another way, restorative care is more costly to the system and the person, while preventive care is more valuable for people and communities.

Taking this wholistic, whole-body, prevention-first approach to health care will importantly afford better access and improved health outcomes for patients. DentaQuest is uniquely positioned to drive this change by:

- Redesigning payment models to provide a more predictable monthly revenue stream through a monthly capitation payment combined with a reduced fee for service payment PLUS the potential to earn a quality incentive.
- Enabling you and your dental teams to develop individualized, interactive care plans that allow the patient and their families to play a more active and engaged role in improving their own oral health.

If you would like more information regarding DentaQuest's Value-Based Care model, please contact Brenda Walker (brenda.walker@dentaquest.com) or Penny Louviere (penny.louviere@dentaquest.com).

PPE Billing

PPE is considered a non-covered service, meaning it cannot be billed to the patient. The provision of PPE is a responsibility of the practice to maintain infection control standards as directed by OSHA. Please contact your Regional Provider Partner via email or phone with any questions. As always, we greatly appreciate your continued partnership and your commitment to serving the TX members in your community.

Reminder: Provider Portal Update: Interim Care Transfer (ICT)

DentaQuest is excited to announce an added feature to the interactive provider portal. Effective Friday, April 10th, 2020, each registered user will have the capability to submit and view Internal Care Transfers (ICTs) on the portal. This newly added feature will help simplify the ICT process and enable faster processing.

Interim Care Transfer (ICT) is a process that is to be utilized when a Main Dentist Dental Home Provider (Main Dentist) determines that it is necessary for another Main Dentist (general or pediatric dentist) to provide interim care to a Member.