



# TEXAS ROUNDUP



## Program Updates for Texas Dentists

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### Upcoming 2021 CDT Code Changes

Stay tuned for upcoming notification on which codes specifically applies to the Medicaid/CHIP benefits.

The following codes will be deleted and replaced.

Code	Nomenclature	Fee/Addition Recommendation
D3427	periradicular surgery without apicoectomy	replaced by D3471,D3472,D3473,D3501,D3502,D3503
D5994	periodontal medicament carrier with peripheral seal – laboratory processed	replaced by D5995/D5996
D6052	semi-precision attachment abutment	replaced by D6191/D6192
D7960	frenulectomy - also known as frenectomy or frenotomy - separate procedure not incidental to another procedure	replaced by D7961, D7962



## 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.

If you would like more information regarding DentaQuest's Value-Based Care model, please contact your regional Provider Partner or Brenda Walker ([brenda.walker@dentaquest.com](mailto:brenda.walker@dentaquest.com)).

## Update: Texas Credentialing Alliance for Dental Providers (CVO)

Effective 1/1/2021

Effective January 1, 2021, only CAQH or the "Texas Dental Credentialing Application" will be accepted for TX dentists applying for credentialing or recredentialing.

As of October 1, 2020, all dental providers are required to credential with 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 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.

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