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Dental Coding Coach Coding Tips

2018 Dental Arch and Quadrant Code Change Effective March 1, 2018

When the CDT codes listed below are submitted with a tooth number but no arch or quadrant code, we will map the appropriate arch or quadrant based on the tooth number submitted on the claim.

This only affects the following arch or quadrant procedure codes:

Arch codes:	D7960 and D7970
Quadrant codes:	D4210, D4211, D4230, D4231, D4240, D4241, D4260, D4261, D4268, D4341, D4342, D4921, D7310, D7311, D7320, D7321, D7340, D7350 and D7471

The codes listed above are based on 2018 ADA codes. These codes are subject to change from year to year, so always check the most current ADA coding manual for up-to-date codes to ensure proper billing.

Dental Cone Beam 3-D Technology Reimbursement Changes Effective January 1, 2018

Effective January 1, 2018, we will cover Cone Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT) services when medically necessary for most plans, excluding Blue Advantage[®]. CBCT is a medical imaging technique that uses a cone-shaped X-ray beam to produce three-dimensional (3-D) images.

Reimbursement is available for these specific Current Dental Terminology (CDT) codes: **D0364, D0365, D0366, D0367, D0368**

It is important to check Eligibility and Benefits to verify if reimbursement for CBCT is applicable for each patient.

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