

HDS

Hawaii Dental Service

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Enclosed is a summary of revisions for the *CDT 2021 Dental Procedure Codes* manual and the *HDS Procedure Code Guidelines (PCG)* that take effect on January 1, 2021. These revisions incorporate code changes in CDT-2021 and clarification of the PCG to facilitate better understanding of the procedure codes, clinical criteria, and policies.

- **Notable changes for CDT 2021 and the 2021 Procedure Code Guidelines include:**
 - 28 new codes
 - 4 deleted codes
 - 7 revised codes
 - 17 editorial/verbiage changes to the nomenclature/descriptor
- **Deleted Codes:** the following codes are no longer applicable on January 1, 2021.
 - D3427 periradicular surgery without apicoectomy
 - D5994 periodontal medicament carrier with peripheral seal-laboratory processed
 - D6052 semi-precision attachment
 - D7960 frenulectomy-also known as frenectomy or frenotomy
- **New codes:** Enclosure (1) *CDT 2021 New Procedure Codes* lists all 28 new codes and indicates if they are covered, denied, or considered not billable to the patient as well as the 4 deleted procedure codes in 2021.
- **Policy Change:** Effective January 1, 2021, HDS is required to follow and comply with long standing national Delta Dental Plans Association clinical policies. Procedure code **D4921 gingival irrigation-per quadrant** performed on the same day with scaling/root planing or any other periodontal procedure will be considered **NOT BILLABLE TO THE PATIENT** and **D0330 panoramic radiographic image** taken on children under age six (6) will be **DENIED**.

Dental offices are strongly advised to verify each patient's benefit status in advance of planned or expected treatment as implementation dates for new benefits may vary based on individual group contract renewal dates.

Please review the attached Enclosure (1) "**CDT 2021 New Procedure Codes**" and Enclosure (2) "**Summary of 2021 Revisions**" for more details. A complete version of the 2021 PCG is also available online. If you do not have access to HDS Online, you may contact HDS Professional Relations at 808-529-9222 or toll free 844-379-4324 to request a copy. Any questions regarding the PCG should be directed to an HDS Customer Service representative at 529-9248 or toll-free 1-844-379-4325.

Dental offices should refer to the *CDT 2021 Dental Procedure Codes* manual available from the American Dental Association (www.ada.org) for additional information on code revisions and editorial changes.

**HDS PROCEDURE CODE GUIDELINES (PCG)
MAJOR SUMMARY OF 2021 REVISIONS**

Guideline Page Reference	Procedure Code	Procedure Description	Type of Change	Description of Change or Revised Guideline
Diagnostic	D0330	Panoramic radiographic image	PCG Policy Change	Panoramic radiographic images taken on children under age 6 are DENIED
Diagnostic	D0604	Antigen testing for a public health related pathogen includes corona virus	New CDT Code	DENIED as a non-covered service
Diagnostic	D0605	Antibody testing for a public health related pathogen includes corona virus	New CDT Code	DENIED as a non-covered service
Diagnostic	D0701 D0702 D0703 D0704 D0705 D0706 D0707 D0708 D0709	Image Capture Only of various radiographic images noted in Enclosure (1)	New CDT Code	NOT BILLABLE TO PATIENT
Preventive	D1321	Counseling for the control and prevention of adverse oral, behavioral and systemic health effects associated with high-risk substance abuse	New CDT Code	DENIED as a non-covered service
Preventive	D1355	Caries preventive medicament application - per tooth	New CDT Code	DENIED as a non-covered service
Restorative	D2928	Prefabricated porcelain/ceramic crown - permanent tooth	New CDT Code	Alternate Benefit of D2931 will be applied
Endodontics	D3427	Periradicular surgery without apicoectomy	Deleted CDT Code	Code D3427 is no longer a valid code

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Endodontics	D3471 D3472 D3473 D3501 D3502 D3503	Surgical repair of root resorption-anterior Surgical repair of root resorption-premolar Surgical repair of root resorption-molar Surgical exposure of root surface w/o apicoectomy or repair of root resorption - anterior Surgical exposure of root surface w/o apicoectomy or repair of root resorption - premolar Surgical exposure of root surface w/o apicoectomy or repair of root resorption - molar	New CDT Codes	These codes replace D3427 and are benefits in HDS plans
Periodontics	D4921	Gingival irrigation-per quadrant	PCG Policy Change	Gingival irrigation is NOT BILLABLE TO THE PATIENT when completed on the same day as scaling/root planing or any other periodontal procedure.
Maxillofacial Prosthetics	D5994	Periodontal medicament carrier with peripheral seal-laboratory processed	Deleted CDT Code	Code D5994 is no longer a valid code
Maxillofacial Prosthetics	D5995 D5996	Periodontal medicament carrier with peripheral seal-FDA cleared medical device laboratory processed-maxillary Periodontal medicament carrier with peripheral seal-FDA cleared medical device laboratory processed-mandibular	New CDT Codes	These codes replace D5994 and remain non-covered services in HDS plans

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Implant Services	D6052	Semi-precision attachment abutment	Deleted CDT Code	Code D6052 is no longer a valid code
Implant Services	D6191 D6192	Semi-precision-abutment-placement Semi-precision attachment - placement	New CDT Code	These codes replace D6052 and are non-covered services in HDS plans
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	D7960	Frenulectomy - also known as frenectomy or frenotomy	Deleted CDT Code	Code D7960 is no longer a valid code
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	D7961 D7962	Buccal/labial frenectomy (frenulectomy) Lingual Frenectomy (frenulectomy)	New CDT Code	These codes replace D7960 and are benefits in HDS plans
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	D7993	Surgical placement of craniofacial implant - extra oral	New CDT Code	DENIED as a non-covered service
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	D7994	Surgical placement: zygomatic implant	New CDT Code	DENIED as a non-covered service

CDT 2021 New Procedure Codes

Code	Procedure Code	Status
D0604	Antigen testing for a public health related pathogen includes corona virus	DENY
D0605	Antibody testing for a public health related pathogen includes corona virus	DENY
D0701	Panoramic radiographic image-image capture only	NBP
D0702	2-D cephalometric radiographic image- image capture only	NBP
D0703	2-D oral/facial photographic image obtained intra-orally or extra-orally-image capture only	NBP
D0704	3-D photographic image-image capture only	NBP
D0705	Extra-oral posterior dental radiographic image- image capture only	NBP
D0706	Intraoral-occlusal radiographic image-image capture only	NBP
D0707	Intraoral-periapical radiographic image-image capture only	NBP
D0708	Intraoral -bitewing radiographic image- image capture only	NBP
D0709	Intraoral-complete series of radiographic images-image capture only	NBP
D1321	Counseling for the control and prevention of adverse oral, behavioral, and systemic health effects associated with high risk substance use	DENY
D1355	Caries preventive medicament application-per tooth	DENY
D2928	Prefabricated porcelain/ceramic crown-permanent tooth	ALT BEN
D3471	Surgical repair of root resorption - anterior	BEN
D3472	Surgical repair of root resorption - premolar	BEN

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D3473	Surgical repair of root resorption - molar	BEN
D3501	Surgical exposure of root surface w/o apicoectomy or repair of root resorption - anterior	BEN
D3502	Surgical exposure of root surface w/o apicoectomy or repair of root resorption - premolar	BEN
D3503	Surgical exposure of root surface w/o apicoectomy or repair of root resorption - molar	BEN
D5995	Periodontal Medicament carrier with peripheral seal-FDA cleared medical device laboratory processed-maxillary	DENY
D5996	Periodontal Medicament carrier with peripheral seal-FDA cleared medical device laboratory processed-mandibular	DENY
D6052	Semi-precision abutment-placement	DENY
D6191	Semi-precision- abutment-placement	DENY
D6192	Semi-precision attachment-placement	DENY
D7961	Buccal/labial frenectomy (Frenulectomy)	BEN
D7962	Lingual frenectomy (Frenulectomy)	BEN
D7993	Surgical placement of craniofacial implant-extraoral	DENY
D7994	Surgical placement: zygomatic implant	DENY

BEN - denotes a benefit in 2021 HDS dental plans effective 1 January 2021

DENY - denotes a non-benefit in 2021 HDS dental plans that can be billed to the patient

ALT BEN - denotes an alternate benefit will be applied (see PCG for specific code)

NBP - denotes Not Billable to the Patient. It may be considered part of a primary procedure or a contractual requirement.

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CDT 2021 Deleted Procedure Codes

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