



Texas RoundUp

Program Updates for Our Texas Dentists

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Dear Doctor,

In this week's edition of the Texas RoundUp, we'd like to address some upcoming program changes.

- Changes Effective 9/1/12
 - Main Dental Home Claims Restrictions
 - Interim Care Transfer Process
- Change Effective 1/1/13
 - New anesthesia permit regulations

Main Dental Home Claim Restrictions

For the past six months, HHSC has delayed implementing the Main Dental Home claim restriction to ensure continuity of care. However, beginning on September 1, 2012, you will only be reimbursed for treatment performed on members who are assigned to you.

In preparation for this change, DentaQuest completed an audit of member assignments. We are taking the following steps to ensure a smooth transition:

- Member assignments will be updated to reflect all claim history received since program inception and the prior 365 days
- New ID cards will be issued accordingly

Please note that members who have requested a specific dentist either at the time of enrollment or directly through DentaQuest will remain assigned to this dentist.

Interim Care Transfer Process

As of September 1, 2012, general and pediatric dentists referring a member to another general or pediatric dentist for treatment must submit an interim care transfer (ICT) form. The form must be submitted prior to treatment. At this time, it can only be faxed to DentaQuest. You can access the form on the web portal or www.dentaquesttexas.com under "Provider Information - Important Documents."

A form is not necessary for a referral to a specialist with the exception of a pediatric dentist. Please refer to page three of this document to see a sample of the document. To verify if a member has an ICT form on file, please call the contact center at 1-800-896-2374.

New Anesthesia Permit Regulations

As of January 1, 2013, anesthesia permits will reflect the level of sedation a dentist is qualified to perform. Most dentists who hold nitrous, parenteral, and/or deep sedation permits will not be impacted.

Dentists who hold an enteral sedation permit as of June 1, 2011, and who wish to administer more than a minimal combination, have until January 1, 2013 to upgrade to the new Level 2 (moderate sedation) permit. Until that time, you can continue administering combinations of enteral drugs.

The new rules also require continuing education and possible advanced life support certifications for permit holders. Continuing education requirements for anesthesia permits will be imposed following the 2012 license renewal. Additionally, you will be required to hold a pediatric advanced life support (PALS) certificate if a patient 12 or younger requires sedation.

The following table outlines the anesthesia procedure codes and permit level requirement. Please keep in mind that if you do not meet the minimum requirements, you will not receive payment for the procedure.

Procedure Code	Minimum Anesthesia Permit Level
D9211	Level 3
D9212	Level 3
D9215	Level 1
D9220	Level 4
D9221	Level 4
D9230	Stand-alone permit for nitrous oxide/oxygen inhalation conscious sedation or Level 1
D9241	Level 3
D9242	Level 3
D9248	Level 2

Please don't hesitate to contact to your local provider relations representative if you have questions regarding these upcoming changes.