



TO: Dentists, Dental Specialists, Dental Hygienists, Dental Groups, Dental Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospitals and all Administrative Service Organizations

**RE: 1) Tobacco Cessation
2) New Screening Code and Program for Dental Hygienists**

This bulletin is intended to provide guidance for the use of newly added codes to the dental fee schedule, effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2014.

1) D1320 Tobacco Counseling for the Control and Treatment of Disease:

Each dental practitioner enrolled in the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) is eligible to receive reimbursement for counseling members to cease use of tobacco products in any form. Members may receive counseling at dental visits or in person and not in association with a dental appointment. The Connecticut Dental Health Partnership (CTDHP) has material related to tobacco cessation available on the Connecticut Dental Health Partnership Web site:

www.ctdhp.com

Click on “**Provider Partners**”;
Click on “**Clinical References**”;
Click on “**Tobacco Cessation Resources**”.

The site contains professional information for both providers and patients and referral materials to the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health sponsored programs. You can download reference and referral material from the Web site.

Chart Documentation Required for the Smoking Cessation Code

The member’s chart must confirm that the member uses tobacco products and cite the form (i.e. smoking, chewing, or holds in vestibule), the quantity used in a 24 hour period, and type of counseling provided (oral, written and/or referral). All charts must be signed and dated on the date of service.

2) New Screening Codes for Dental Hygienists:

Effective October 1, 2014, the D0120 Periodic Oral Examination code will no longer be available for use by public health dental hygienists for children under the age of 21. In lieu of the D0120 code, the following codes will be used:

D0601 Caries Risk Assessment, Low Risk;

D0602 Caries Risk Assessment, Moderate Risk; and

D0603 Caries Risk Assessment, High Risk.

Please note the three new screening codes cannot be used in dental offices, dental clinics, or Federally Qualified Health Centers. The only exceptions are off – site locations such as schools or long term care facilities or events designed to provide dental screenings for HUSKY Health members.

The three new screening codes will be used to assess and communicate a member's oral health status via the claims adjudication process. Any combination of the three screening codes can be used only *one time per member every six months*. For example: If a member receives an assessed oral status of "moderate" (D0602) on October 15, 2014, then the member is not eligible to receive another assessment until April 15, 2015, regardless if the oral health status remains the same or changes to "low" (D0601) or "high" (D0603).

Hygienists will assess each child and complete the CTDHP Caries Risk Assessment Tool (CRAT) and the CTDHP Parent/Guardian Report Form appropriately. The form will be distributed to you on a thumb drive/flash drive at the training session scheduled by the CTDHP staff. A copy of the completed and signed CTDHP Parent/Guardian Report Form must be given to the client or parent/guardian within a reasonable time after the screening and a copy maintained in the member's permanent dental record.

A copy of both the completed and signed CTDHP CRAT form and the CTDHP Parent/Guardian Report form must be kept in the client's records/chart for auditing purposes. Other documentation from the screening encounter must also be kept in the client's permanent records/chart.

For further information about attending a CRAT calibrating class, please contact the CTDHP Call Center at 855 – CT – DENTAL [(855) – 283 – 3682].

Provider Bulletins Provider bulletins can be downloaded from the Web site at www.ctdssmap.com. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Balaski, DMD, at (860) 424-5342.

