ADULT DENTAL CARE

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STARTING JANUARY 1, 2014...

- The Washington Medicaid Program resumed covering dental services for all adults with Medicaid.
- Includes people who already have Medicaid AND people who are eligible for "Expanded Medicaid," part of health care reform.
- Medicaid is now "Apple Health."

WHAT'S COVERED?
DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES

Exams
Initial Comprehensive Exam – Once per client, per provider or clinic
Periodic Exam – 1 every 12 months
Limited Exam – as needed

X-rays
Complete Series (FMX) – 1 every 3 years
4 Bitewings – every 12 months
Panorex – every 3 years
Periapical – as needed

WHAT'S COVERED?
PREVENTIVE SERVICES

<u>Prophylaxis (Cleaning)</u> – 1 every 12 months

<u>Fluoride Application (Varnish)</u>

- ➤ 21 and older– 1 every 12 months
- ➤ resident of alternative living facility – 3 every 12 months

WHAT'S COVERED?

Basic Restorative (Fillings)

Composite or Amalgam restorations - once per tooth in a 2 year period

Crowns – no coverage

Periodontal

Scaling and Root Planing – every 2 years per quadrant

Perio Maintanence – once every 12 months

Endodontics (Root Canal)

Anterior(front) teeth only – upper and lower

WHAT'S COVERED?
PROSTHODONTICS

Complete Dentures – covered, but prior authorization required

Partial Dentures – Resin Based (Acrylic) – covered, but prior authorization required

  ➢ At least one anterior tooth or 4 posterior teeth, not including 2nd or 3rd molars, missing per arch to be considered for approval.

  ➢ If in alternative living facility, requires medical diagnosis, prognosis, and documentation of medical necessity to be considered for approval.

Effective May 2012, clients are allowed one initial denture and one replacement denture per lifetime, per arch if existing prostheses are at least 5 years old.

Replacement of Partials – may be covered if existing prostheses are at least 3 years old.

Rebase and Reline of Dentures – once in a 3 year period, at least 6 months after original prosthesis inserted.

WHAT'S COVERED?
ORAL SURGERY

Simple extractions, Surgical extractions, Biopsies, Intraoral and Extraoral Incise and Drain

- Nitrous oxide sedation covered
- Oral and other sedation methods <u>not covered</u>

DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DDD)

- For adults with this designation, all coverage is the same with the following additions:
  - Topical Fluoride – 3 times per year
  - Sealants – covered for posterior teeth
  - Crowns – Stainless Steel only, covered for posterior teeth with supporting documentation
  - Prophylaxis, Scaling and Root Planing, and Perio Maintenance – any combination of the 3 in a 12 month period

COMMON QUESTIONS

- 1. For Adults will I still need to check for their eligibility code (L21,L22) and add an EPA number to my claim? Answer = No, you just need to verify the client is on an eligible program.

- 2. What is Apple Health? Answer: Apple Health is the new name for WA State Medicaid, it is not a separate insurance, it is not a managed care plan nor is it managed by WDS/Delta Dental

COMMON QUESTIONS (CONT)

- 3.   Do I have to take all Medicaid clients? Can I take only some? Can I take only children?

  - Answer: No you do not have to take all Medicaid clients, you can limit your amount of Medicaid clients based on your business model. Perhaps you are only a pediatric dentist – then you would only take children. Perhaps your practice can only absorb 15 Medicaid clients. Perhaps you only want to see Medicaid clients on Wednesday.

USEFUL RESOURCES

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Are you a provider who needs help with on-going billing issues or with use of the Provider One portal or registering in Provider One? If so you can send an e-mail to dentalprovhelp@hca.wa.gov and someone will assist you.

Medicaid Dental Services webpage:

http://www.hca.wa.gov/medicaid/dentalproviders/Pages/index.aspx

Medicaid Provider Guide for Dental-Related Services (PDF, 81 pages)

http://www.hca.wa.gov/medicaid/billing/Documents/guides/dental-related_services_bi.pdf

Medicaid Dental Fee Schedule

http://www.hca.wa.gov/medicaid/rbrvs/Pages/index.aspx#D

Find a Provider:

https://fortress.wa.gov/hca/p1findaprovider/

Choose the city or county and then the provider specialty (such as dentist) and a list will be produced showing providers who are accepting our clients.