

Delta Dental is submitting the following as potential cost saving ideas for the Colorado Medicaid adult benefit posted December 6, 2013. Our goal is simply to assist the state to pare down the benefit without sacrificing quality of care for the majority of covered individuals. We anticipate that the draft benefit will be found, based on the state's planned actuarial analysis to exceed the FY 2014/2015 budget.

We recommend the following services be eliminated:

1. Eliminate core build up for crowns – This service is already included in crown preparation and does not need unbundled payment
2. Eliminate partial denture cast metal frame – Cover a resin partial denture to achieve the same result
3. Eliminate Topical fluoride – We recommend that only fluoride varnish is covered based on efficacy.
4. Eliminate posterior composite fillings as these are prone to early failure and are technique sensitive; Recommend that HCPF continue to cover less costly and durable types of fillings

Limitation:

5. Single periodical film – limit of 4 periodical films per 12 month period, any combination of D0220 and D0230.
6. Prior to performing endodontic and crown work, ideally the dentist will have addressed any pain issues and form a prognosis based on two prior preventive care visits in the seven months prior to performing:  
Crowns, and  
Endodontic treatment.
7. Define the coverage rules for the number and position of teeth to qualify for removable partial denture
8. Sedation by IV only not by mouth to allow titration
9. Cover periodontal scaling and root planing only WITH anesthetic
10. Replacement frequency by same dentist, same office, SAME COMPANY e.g. Preclude companies with multiple offices from performing replacements that otherwise would not be covered.

Definition:

11. Deep sedation –we recommend that deep sedation only be performed if there is a qualifying medical condition

Eligible Place of Service:

12. Some of the places listed for the adult benefit, such as schools and Head Start programs, may not be providing services to adults.