

# Senior Dental News Bulletin

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## Program Overview

The [Colorado Dental Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors](#) grants funds to agencies to provide low cost dental care to low-income seniors, age 60 and over, who are not enrolled in Medicaid and do not have dental insurance. Grantees determine if a senior qualifies to receive services under the program.

## Invoices

Remember that all invoices must be submitted by the deadline! If the invoice is late it will be paid with the following month's invoices.

| Invoice Month | Due Date   |
|---------------|------------|
| September     | 10/15/2015 |
| October       | 11/13/2015 |
| November      | 12/15/2015 |
| December      | 1/15/2016  |
| January       | 2/12/2016  |
| February      | 3/15/2016  |
| March         | 4/15/2016  |
| April         | 5/13/2016  |
| May           | 6/15/2016  |
| June          | 7/15/2016  |

## Seniors Served to Date

Many grantees began serving seniors in July, with some serving more seniors than originally anticipated. In total, through July and August, 568 seniors have received dental services and the program has been billed \$185,602. As grantees implement the program, I expect more seniors to be served each month.

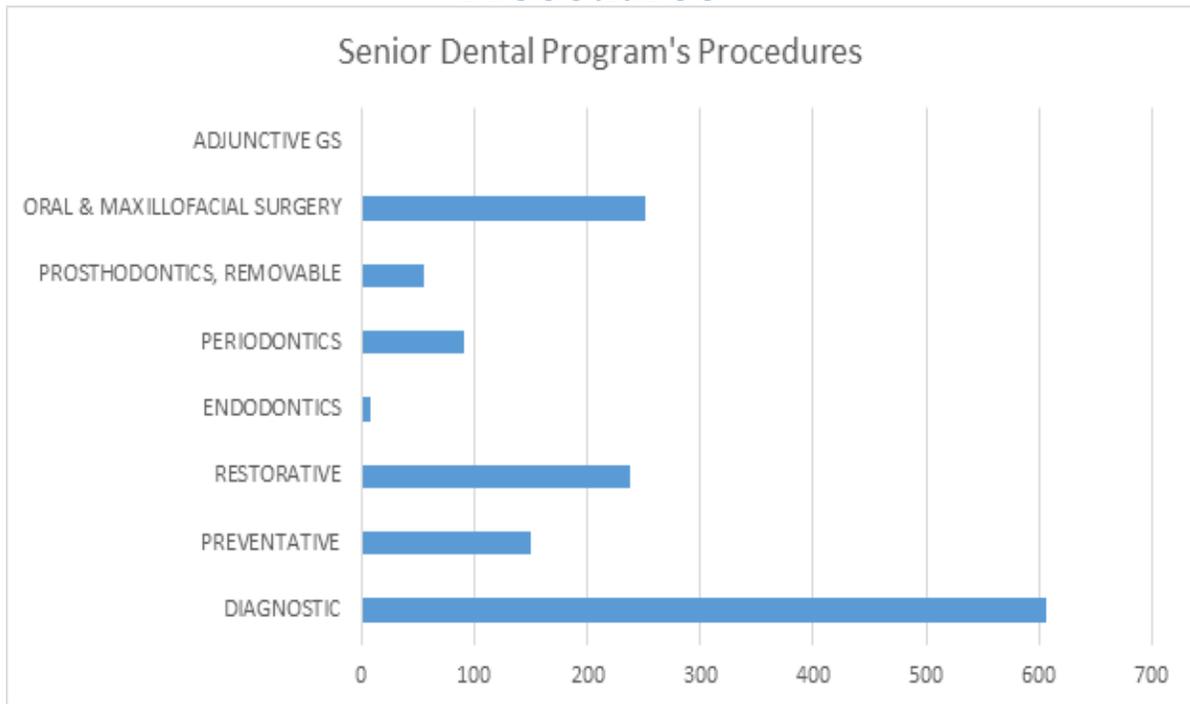
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# Procedures



## Frequently Asked Questions

**If the portal shows Medicaid under Eligibility but under THIRD PARTY LIABILITY it indicates the client has “Medicare covered services only, no drug benefits” do we need to request a Medicaid denial letter?**

No. If the portal shows “Medicare covered services only” then a letter is not required. This means the client does not receive Medicaid benefits.

**Can a provider substitute a metal partial for a resin base partial if the dentist deems it would be a better option for the patient?**

Yes this can be done; however, it can only be billed as a resin base partial and the dentist will need to absorb the cost as the Department will not reimburse for this. Also, ensure that the information is updated in the patient’s file to show what exactly was done.

**Is the age limit the same for an individual on the Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP)?**

Yes, all clients must be 60 years of age or older.

**If a person is uninsured and has applied for Medicaid, does the provider wait for the Medicaid eligibility determination or provide dental services?**

If the client appears to be “**categorically**” eligible for Medicaid he or she must produce a Medicaid denial letter before receiving services under the Senior Dental Program.

**Can a client who is currently on Veterans Administration (VA) benefits qualify for the Senior Dental Program?**

Yes, provided the VA benefits do NOT include dental benefits.

**Can we wait to pay the dentist until the entire treatment plan is complete instead of paying procedure by procedure?**

Yes, that can be decided between the Grantee and the dentist performing the services. However, please inform the dentist that this is a decision of the Grantee and not the Department.

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