

## CDT CODE ADDITIONS, REVISIONS & DELETIONS DELTA DENTAL OF KANSAS (DDKS) PROCESSING POLICY CHANGES

The American Dental Association (ADA) published the new procedure codes set for 2020. To order, contact the ADA at 800.947.4746 or visit [adacatalog.org](http://adacatalog.org). Changes in the CDT 2020 include: **37 new codes, 6 deleted codes, 5 revised nomenclatures/descriptors and 15 editorial (e.g. syntax; spelling) actions that clarify without changing the CDT code entry's purpose or scope.** The Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature is the national standard for reporting dental services and serves as the HIPAA standard code set. Any claim submitted electronically or on paper must use procedure codes from the current version of the CDT manual.

Please refer to Delta Dental of Kansas' Participating Dentist's Handbook with Processing Policies and Procedures Reference Guide (PPRG) found on your dentist account at [DeltaDentalKS.com](http://DeltaDentalKS.com) for the most current and complete procedure codes, and descriptions along with submission requirements. It should be understood that these guidelines are given as standards of payment and should not be construed as standards of care.

### ***Please note:***

- This is only a brief summary overview of the 2020 code changes and applicable Delta Dental policies and procedures. For a complete and comprehensive manual for the procedure codes, please contact the ADA.
- The listing of a procedure code does not mean that the procedure code is a covered or reimbursable benefit in a dental benefits plan.
- It is the responsibility of the patient, not the dental office, to know what is covered and what is excluded from the group's dental plan. The dentist should treat the patient and not the insurance coverage. Predeterminations are encouraged.
- It's easy to review patients benefits and eligibility. Log in to your dentist account at [DeltaDentalKS.com/Dentist](http://DeltaDentalKS.com/Dentist), select **Kansas Provider Toolkit**, then **Patient Benefits**, and then enter the primary subscriber's SSN or Member ID.



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## These new codes are generally covered (effective 1/1/20):

- D0419 assessment of salivary flow by measurement — (benefits allowed once every three years)
  - D1551 re-cement or re-bond bilateral space maintainer - maxillary
  - D1552 re-cement or re-bond bilateral space maintainer - mandibular
  - D1553 re-cement or re-bond unilateral space maintainer - per quadrant
  - D1556 removal of fixed unilateral space maintainer - per quadrant
  - D1557 removal of fixed bilateral space maintainer - maxillary
  - D1558 removal of fixed bilateral space maintainer - mandibular
  - D2753 crown - porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys
  - D5284 removable unilateral partial denture - one piece flexible base (including clasps and teeth) - per quadrant
  - D5286 removable unilateral partial denture - one piece resin (including clasps and teeth) - per quadrant
  - D6082 implant supported crown - porcelain fused to predominantly base alloys
  - D6083 implant supported crown - porcelain fused to noble alloys
  - D6084 implant supported crown - porcelain fused to titanium or titanium alloys
  - D6086 implant supported crown - predominantly base alloys
  - D6087 implant supported crown - noble alloys
  - D6088 implant supported crown - titanium and titanium alloys
  - D6097 abutment supported crown - porcelain fused to titanium or titanium alloys
  - D6098 implant supported retainer - porcelain fused to predominantly base alloys
  - D6099 implant supported retainer for FPD - porcelain fused to noble alloys
  - D6120 implant supported retainer - porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys
  - D6121 implant supported retainer for metal FPD - predominantly base alloys
  - D6122 implant supported retainer for metal FPD - noble alloys
  - D6123 implant supported retainer for metal FPD - titanium and titanium alloys
  - D6195 abutment supported retainer - porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys
  - D6243 pontic - porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys
  - D6753 retainer crown - porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys
  - D6784 retainer crown  $\frac{3}{4}$  - titanium and titanium alloys
  - D8703 replacement of lost or broken retainer - maxillary
  - D8704 replacement of lost or broken retainer - mandibular
- (benefits allowed once, subsequent submissions are denied)
- (not billable by the same dentist/dental office who placed the appliance, denied if different dentist/dental office)
- (subject to orthodontic coverage, once per lifetime 12 months after completion of orthodontic treatment)

## These new codes are generally denied unless covered by group contract:

(If the benefit for a procedure or service is denied, the procedure or service is not a benefit of the patient's coverage and the approved amount is collectable from the patient.)

- D8696 repair of orthodontic appliance - maxillary
  - D8697 repair of orthodontic appliance - mandibular
  - D8701 repair of fixed retainer, includes reattachment - maxillary
  - D8702 repair of fixed retainer, includes reattachment - mandibular
- (see DDKS Dentist Handbook for benefit details)

## A separate fee is not billable to the patient for these new codes:

- D7922 placement of intra-socket biological dressing to aid in hemostasis or clot stabilization, per site
  - D8698 re-cement or re-bond fixed retainer - maxillary
  - D8699 re-cement or re-bond fixed retainer - mandibular
  - D9997 dental case management - patients with special health care needs
- (denied if different dentist/dental office)

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## These codes are deleted effective 12/31/2019:

- D1550** re-cement or re-bond space maintainer *(replaced by D1551 and D1552)*
- D1555** removal of fixed space maintainer *(replaced by D1557 and D1558)*
- D8691** repair of orthodontic appliance *(replaced by D8696 and D8697)*
- D8692** replacement of lost or broken retainer *(replaced by D8703 and D8704)*
- D8693** re-cement or re-bond fixed retainer *(replaced by D8698 and D8699)*
- D8694** repair of fixed retainer, includes reattachment *(replaced by D8701 and D8702)*

## Revisions for the following codes and category descriptors:

*(See section 2 of the 2020 CDT Code book, pgs. 85-98 for change details. Current processing policies remain in place. Reference the Delta Dental of Kansas Dentist Handbook for details.)*

- D1510** space maintainer - fixed, unilateral - per quadrant
- D1520** space maintainer - removable, unilateral - per quadrant
- D1575** distal shoe space maintainer - fixed, unilateral - per quadrant

Category descriptor revisions for “Site”:

- If two contiguous teeth have areas of soft tissue recession, each tooth is a single site.
- Up to two contiguous edentulous tooth positions may be considered a single site.

## Editorial revisions that clarify without changing the CDT code entry’s purpose or scope:

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- D2794** crown titanium and titanium alloys
- D5213** maxillary partial denture - cast metal framework with resin denture bases (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth)
- D5214** mandibular partial denture - cast metal framework with resin denture bases (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth)
- D5221** immediate maxillary partial denture - resin base (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth)
- D5222** immediate mandibular partial denture - resin base (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth)
- D5223** immediate maxillary partial denture - cast metal framework with resin denture bases (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth)
- D5224** immediate mandibular partial denture - cast metal framework with resin denture bases (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth)
- D6066** implant supported crown - porcelain fused to high noble alloys
- D6067** implant supported crown - high noble alloys  
*A single metal crown restoration that is retained, supported and stabilized by an implant.*
- D6076** implant supported retainer for FPD - porcelain fused to high noble alloys
- D6077** implant supported retainer for metal FPD - high noble alloys  
*A metal retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support, and stability from an implant.*
- D6094** abutment supported crown titanium and titanium alloys
- D6194** abutment supported retainer crown for FPD - titanium and titanium alloys  
*A retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support, and stability from an abutment on an implant.*
- D6214** pontic - titanium and titanium alloys
- D6794** retainer crown - titanium and titanium alloys

# 2020 Processing Policy Changes

Important DDKS processing policy changes  
EFFECTIVE 1-1-2020

CDT Code	ADA CDT Nomenclature	ADA CDT Descriptor	Delta Dental Processing Policy
D4355	Full mouth debridement to enable a comprehensive oral evaluation and diagnosis on a subsequent visit	Full mouth debridement involves the preliminary removal of plaque and calculus that interferes with the ability of the dentist to perform a comprehensive oral evaluation. <b>Not to be completed on the same day as D0150, D0160 or D0180.</b>	<p>a. Benefits are available if the patient has not been to the dentist in several years, debridement is necessary in order to do a proper evaluation and diagnosis, and the dentist is unable to accomplish an effective routine prophylaxis.</p> <p>b. D4355 is not billable to the patient when performed by the same dentist/dental office on the same day as D0150, D0160 or D0180.</p>

**Note:** Comprehensive evaluation codes are not allowed on same date of service as a D4355, according to the ADA descriptor. Please reach out to your Delta Dental Professional Relations representative if you have questions.

D9941	Fabrication of athletic mouthguard	None	<p>a. Benefit once every 24 months for patients 18 and younger.</p> <p>b. For patients over age 18, benefits for D9941 are denied.</p>
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**Note:** As with all procedures, groups can exclude individual procedure codes as they deem appropriate. Please verify coverage.

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