

The American Dental Association (ADA) published the new procedure codes set for 2021. To order, contact the ADA at 800.947.4746 or visit adacatalog.org. Changes in the CDT 2021 include: **28 additions, 4 deletions, 7 revisions and 22 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 the National Processing Policies and Procedures Reference Guide (PPRG) in section two of the Delta Dental of Kansas' Participating Dentist Handbook found on your dentist account at DeltaDentalKS.com for the most current 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.

These codes are deleted effective 12/31/2020:

- D3427 periradicular surgery without apicoectomy
- D5994 periodontal medicament carrier with peripheral seal - laboratory processed
- D6052 semi-precision attachment abutment
- D7960 frenulectomy - also known as frenectomy or frenotomy - separate procedure not incidental to another procedure

These new codes are generally covered (effective 1/1/2021):

- D2928 prefabricated porcelain/ceramic crown - permanent tooth — *(benefits allowed once every two years)*
 - D3471 surgical repair of root resorption - anterior
 - D3472 surgical repair of root resorption - premolar
 - D3473 surgical repair of root resorption - molar
 - D3501 surgical exposure of root surface without apicoectomy or repair of root resorption - anterior
 - D3502 surgical exposure of root surface without apicoectomy or repair of root resorption - premolar
 - D3503 surgical exposure of root surface without apicoectomy or repair of root resorption - molar
 - D7961 buccal/labial frenectomy (frenulectomy)
 - D7962 lingual frenectomy (frenulectomy)
- (not billable by the same dentist/dental office who placed the appliance, denied if different dentist/dental office)*
- (not billable to the patient when billed on the same date as any other surgical procedure(s) in the same surgical area by the same dentist/dental office.)*

These new codes are generally denied unless covered by group contract (effective 1/1/2021):

(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.)

- D0604 antigen testing for a public health related pathogen, including coronavirus
- D0605 antibody testing for a public health related pathogen, including coronavirus
- D1321 counseling for the control and prevention of adverse oral, behavioral, and systemic health effects associated with high-risk substance abuse
- D1355 caries preventive medicament application - per tooth
- D5995 periodontal medicament carrier with peripheral seal - laboratory processed - maxillary
- D5996 periodontal medicament carrier with peripheral seal - laboratory processed - mandibular
- D6191 semi-precision abutment - placement
- D6192 semi-precision attachment - placement
- D7993 surgical placement of craniofacial implant - extra oral
- D7994 surgical placement: zygomatic implant

These new codes are not billable to the patient and are considered part of the radiographic image capture and interpretation codes:

- D0701 panoramic radiographic image - image capture only
- D0702 2-D cephalometric radiographic image - image capture only
- D0703 2-D oral/facial photographic image obtained intra-orally or extra-orally - image capture only
- D0704 3-D photographic image - image capture only
- D0705 extra-oral posterior dental radiographic image - image capture only
- D0706 intraoral - occlusal radiographic image - image capture only
- D0707 intraoral - periapical radiographic image - image capture only
- D0708 intraoral - bitewing radiographic image - image capture only
- D0709 intraoral - complete series of radiographic images - image capture only

Revisions for the following codes:

(See section 2 of the 2021 CDT Code book, pgs. 85-100 for change details. Current processing policies remain in place. Reference the Delta Dental of Kansas Dentist Handbook for details.)

D1110	prophylaxis - adult
D1120	prophylaxis - child
D1557	removal of fixed bilateral space maintainer - maxillary
D1558	removal of fixed bilateral space maintainer - maxillary
D6011	surgical access to an implant body (second stage implant surgery)
D6091	replacement of replaceable part of semi-precision or precision attachment (male or female component) of implant/abutment supported prosthesis, per attachment
D9971	odontoplasty - per tooth

Editorial actions that clarify without changing the CDT code entry's purpose or scope:

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D0120	periodic oral evaluation - established patient
D0150	comprehensive oral evaluation - new or established patient
D2960	labial veneer (resin laminate) - direct
D2961	labial veneer (resin laminate) - indirect
D2962	labial veneer (porcelain laminate) - indirect
D5225	maxillary partial denture - flexible base (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth)
D5226	mandibular partial denture - flexible base (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth)
D5282	removable unilateral partial denture - one piece cast metal (including retentive/clasping materials, rests, and teeth), maxillary
D5283	removable unilateral partial denture - one piece cast metal (including retentive/clasping materials, rests, and teeth), mandibular
D5284	removable unilateral partial denture - one piece flexible base (including retentive/clasping materials, rests, and teeth) - per quadrant
D5286	removable unilateral partial denture - one piece resin (including retentive/clasping materials, rests, and teeth) - per quadrant
D5730	reline complete maxillary denture (direct)
D5731	reline complete mandibular denture (direct)
D5740	reline maxillary partial denture (direct)
D5741	reline mandibular partial denture (direct)
D5750	reline complete maxillary denture (indirect)
D5751	reline complete mandibular denture (indirect)
D5760	reline maxillary partial denture (indirect)
D5761	reline mandibular partial denture (indirect)
D5820	interim partial denture (including retentive/clasping materials, rests, and teeth), maxillary
D5821	interim partial denture (including retentive/clasping materials, rests, and teeth), mandibular
D6098	implant supported retainer - porcelain fused to predominantly base alloys