

CDT 2026 Procedure Code Changes

The American Dental Association (ADA) published the new procedure codes set for 2026. To order, contact the ADA at 800.947.4746 or visit adacatalog.org. Changes in the CDT 2026 include: **31 additions, 6 deletions, 14 revisions and 9 editorial actions**. 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' Processing Policies and Procedures Reference Guide (PPRG) found in your dentist account at DeltaDentalKS.com for the most current and up to date procedure codes and descriptors with the corresponding National Processing Policies and submission requirements. These guidelines are given as standards of payment and should not be construed as standards of care.

These codes are deleted after 12/31/2025:

D1352	preventive resin restoration in a moderate to high caries risk patient – permanent tooth
D1705	AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine administration – first dose
D1706	AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine administration – second dose
D1707	Janssen Covid-19 vaccine administration
D1712	Janssen Covid-19 vaccine administration – booster dose
D9248	non-intravenous conscious sedation

These new codes are generally covered (effective 1/1/2026):

D9224	administration of general anesthesia with advanced airway – first 15 minute increment, or any portion thereof
D9225	administration of general anesthesia with advanced airway – each subsequent 15 minute increment, or any portion thereof

These new codes are generally denied unless covered by group/individual contract (effective 1/1/2026):

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

D0426	collection, preparation, and analysis of saliva sample – point-of-care
D1720	influenza vaccine administration
D5877	duplication of complete denture – maxillary
D5878	duplication of complete denture – mandibular
D5909	maxillary guidance prosthesis with guide flange
D5930	maxillary guidance prosthesis without guide flange
D5938	resection prosthesis, maxillary complete removable
D5939	resection prosthesis, mandibular complete removable
D5940	resection prosthesis, maxillary partial removable
D5941	resection prosthesis, mandibular partial removable
D5942	resection prosthesis, maxillary implant/abutment supported removable prosthesis for edentulous arch
D5943	resection prosthesis, mandibular implant/abutment supported removable prosthesis for edentulous arch
D5944	resection prosthesis, maxillary implant/abutment supported removable prosthesis for the partial edentulous arch
D5945	resection prosthesis, mandibular implant/abutment supported removable prosthesis for the partial edentulous arch
D5946	resection prosthesis, maxillary implant/abutment supported fixed prosthesis for edentulous arch
D5947	resection prosthesis, mandibular implant/abutment supported fixed prosthesis for edentulous arch
D5948	resection prosthesis, maxillary implant/abutment supported fixed prosthesis for the partial edentulous arch
D5949	resection prosthesis, mandibular implant/abutment supported fixed prosthesis for the partial edentulous arch
D6280	implant maintenance procedures when a full arch removable implant/abutment supported denture is removed and reinserted, including cleansing of prosthesis and abutments – per arch
D6049	scaling and debridement of a single implant in the presence of peri-implantitis inflammation, bleeding upon probing and increased pocket depths, including cleaning of the implant surfaces, without flap entry and closure
D9244	in-office administration of minimal sedation – single drug – enteral
D9245	administration of moderate sedation – enteral
D9246	administration of moderate sedation – non-intravenous parenteral – first 15 minute increment, or any portion thereof
D9247	administration of moderate sedation – non-intravenous parenteral – each subsequent 15 minute increment, or any portion thereof
D9936	cleaning and inspection of occlusal guard – per appliance

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

- D0461 testing for cracked tooth
- D6196 removal of an indirect restoration on an implant retained abutment
- D9128 photobiomodulation therapy – first 15 minute increment, or any portion thereof
- D9129 photobiomodulation therapy – subsequent 15 minute increment, or any portion thereof

Revisions for the following codes:

(See section 2 of the 2026 CDT Code book, pgs. 95-113 for revision and editorial action details. Current processing policies remain in place. Reference the Delta Dental of Kansas Dentist Handbook for details.)

- D0180 comprehensive periodontal evaluation – new or established patient
- D0417 collection and preparation of saliva sample for laboratory analysis
- D0418 analysis of saliva sample – laboratory
- D2391 resin-based composite – one surface, posterior
- D5876 add metal substructure to acrylic complete denture – per arch
- D5934 mandibular guidance prosthesis with guide flange
- D5935 mandibular guidance prosthesis without guide flange
- D7285 incisional biopsy of oral tissue – hard (bone, tooth)
- D7286 incisional biopsy of oral tissue – soft
- D9222 administration of deep sedation/general anesthesia – first 15 minutes increment, or any portion thereof With or without co-administration of nitrous oxide.
- D9223 administration of deep sedation/general anesthesia – each subsequent 15 minute increment, or any portion thereof
- D9230 administration of nitrous oxide When nitrous oxide is administered as a single agent
- D9239 intravenous administration of moderate (conscious) sedation/ analgesia – intravenous – first 15 minutes increment, or any portion thereof When moderate sedation is achieved by administration and titration of drug(s) intravenously. With or without co-administration of nitrous oxide
- D9243 administration of moderate sedation-intravenous – each subsequent 15 minute increment, or any portion thereof
- Category XIII. Sleep Related Breathing Disorders and Airway Management Service

Editorial action for the following codes:

- D4263 bone replacement graft – retained natural tooth – first site in quadrant
- D4264 bone replacement graft – retained natural tooth – each additional site in quadrant
- D5863 overdenture – complete maxillary – natural tooth borne
- D5864 overdenture – partial maxillary – natural tooth borne
- D5865 overdenture – complete mandibular – natural tooth borne
- D5866 overdenture – partial mandibular – natural tooth borne
- D5867 replacement of replaceable part of semi-precision or precision attachment of natural tooth borne prosthesis, per attachment
- D5982 surgical stent for soft tissue healing
- D6080 implant maintenance procedures when a full arch fixed hybrid prosthesis is removed and reinserted, including cleansing of prosthesis and abutments