

## **New 2014 Dental Codes Webinar: Questions submitted in the Chat during the session.**

- 1. Where / how do we access info re the medical codes? We have the CDT book for dental - is there one for medical codes?**

I can help you with routing slips that I have made for each group of codes or buy a book from Wasserman publishers called Medical Dental Coding and Fee Guide. The 2014 come out in March.

- 2. Can I use the codes D0190 or D0191 when I have to submit to medical before dental and how would I use it?**

When submitting to medical, if there is a cross code, you should use that. These two codes are new and are used for either schools, pedo doctors or the code D0191 can be used by a hygienist if she is in the field (school functions, nursing homes, health fair) to send a patient to office for care by doctor. It can also be used by medical profession for the patient to see dental profession.

- 3. Do we have to use the new claim form?**

You do not have to use the new claim form; however, the additional wellness benefits will be easier to ask for if you are using the new claim form. Remember, this year we will need to classify patients with the risk codes that start in January. If the patient is labeled with moderate or high it would help bill for all the other benefits.

- 4. How do we get the new form?** You can get the new form thru your software.

- 5. Can you bill medical codes without belonging to medical insurance carriers?**

Yes you can, however the deductibles are higher being out of network. I would only worry about signing up to bill thru Medicare. You do not need to participate you can be out of network, but without letting them know you will not get paid. Patients who are in need of sleep and more work will have medicare with a secondary, so if you don't bill medicare you cannot bill secondary. If you do sleep as out of network they still pay over \$2,000

- 6. It is my experience that we (a general dentist office) do not get reimbursed by the medical insurance, the patient does. Will this continue? Is that why you prefer to offer discount to pay in full as opposed to us billing the medical insurance?**

I always offer to help maximize their insurance (which helps more do treatment) but unless I am guaranteed payment before I start on a truth lending form I would want to be paid in full. If you are attending the meeting, please visit me so I can go over the form I use and the way I bill to help guarantee payment.

- 7. On the new form, we can bill medical and not have to use a medical form? I.e. for TMJ or sleep apnea?**

No you have to use the updated new medical form. I will also go over that with you if you are at meeting. The new dental form asks if you are going to bill medical.

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**8. Should be pre-authorized "anti-snoring device". Which code do you recommend?**

A snoring device is not medical or not a medical necessity, so if I was providing a snore device I would check with dental. Only sleep apnea is considered medical.

**9. We were informed that starting 2014 children will have additional dental coverage through medical insurance. How true is this?**

Well, yes however with all the issues around Obama Care I would wait before I even discussed with patients. However, if you have children who are listed as moderate to high, and you are using the risk assessment forms (you can get them on line thru the ADA).