



**To:** AmeriHealth Caritas DC Dental Providers

**Date:** March 16, 2016

**Subject:** Additional Information Regarding the Dental Implant Benefit

**Summary:** Please read the following information regarding the newly implemented dental implant benefit.

**Impact:**

Dental providers were previously notified of the dental implant benefit for Medicaid members, which was implemented in 2015. As a reminder, note that some dental codes are not associated with procedures involving Implants. These codes are listed below. Claims using these codes in association with a dental implant procedure will be denied, and will not be subject to appeal. Please further note that the CDT code descriptions are not subject to adaptation or adjustment.

These codes will be automatically denied because they, by definition, are not related to dental implant procedures (with the exception of D7953):

Dental Code and Description	Denial Reason
The following code will automatically deny when submitted in conjunction with a dental implant procedure code as they are related to periodontal procedures in the D4000 series by definition.	
D4263/D4264 Bone Replacement Graft	This procedure involves the use of grafts to stimulate periodontal regeneration when the disease process has led to a deformity of the bone. This code is otherwise covered,
The following code will automatically deny as it is, by definition, related to surgical procedures to assist in the healing process and not as a surgical guide for implant placement.	
D5982 Surgical Stent	Stents are utilized to apply pressure to soft tissues to facilitate healing and prevent cicatrization or collapse. This code is otherwise covered.
Please note of the following codes that also have claims implications.	
D7995 Synthetic Graft	This code is not a covered benefit.
D7953 Bone Replacement Graft for Ridge Preservation – Per Site	A graft is placed in an extraction or implant removal site at the time of extraction or removal to preserve ridge

	integrity. Please note that this Code <i>is a covered benefit only</i> when the clinical procedure fits the CDT description.
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**Action Needed:**

Please alert any necessary personnel in your dental office of these specifications when submitting claims for dental implant authorizations.

**Questions:**

If you have questions about this communication, please contact Scion Provider Services at 1-855-609-5170.