



Responses to Public Comments: Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) for Adult Dental Rate Increase SPA

Public Comment Period: June 30, 2022 – July 30, 2022

Category	Nature of the Comments	EOHHS' Response
Nursing Home Encounter Rate	Adequate access to oral health care for persons on Medicaid and residing in nursing facilities requires adequate rates. Will the nursing home encounter rate be increased as part of this budget initiative?	EOHHS thanks you for your comments and understands the increased cost of providing dental care in nursing facilities. EOHHS believes that these rates, if billed using the individual procedure codes, will address that concern.
Impacted Codes	<p>Are all FFS rates for adult dental services being increased or only select service codes? All services, including preventive services from public health dental hygienists as well as mobile services, are critical to ensuring the oral health of the most vulnerable Rhode Islanders.</p> <p>Are the following adult dental codes being increased:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D0190 Screening • D0191 Limited Clinical Assessment • D1354 Interim Caries Arresting Meds (SDF) • D0601 Caries Risk Low • D0602 Caries Risk Moderate • D0603 Caries Risk High <p>The following codes are not active in RI but these services are needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D9996 Asynchronous Teledentistry. • D9932 Clean and inspect FUD • D9933 Clean and inspect FLD • D9934 Clean and inspect PUD • D9935 Clean and inspect PLD. 	<p>EOHHS thanks you for your comments. Any covered Rhode Island (RI) adult dental code that is lower than the October 2021 Massachusetts (MA) rate (as of October 2021) is being increased to match the MA rate. Any codes that were the same or higher than the MA rate are not changing.</p> <p>Both of the following codes are being increase from \$10 to \$20.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D0190 Screening • D0191 Limited Clinical Assessment <p>The other codes listed in this comment are not covered codes in RI and therefore are not included.</p>