

# Annual changes to CDT codes

The American Dental Association (ADA) releases new and updated Current Dental Terminology (CDT) codes annually. We review the codes, determine which codes will be covered under our standard Dental Preferred Provider Organization (DPPO) plans, and retire deleted codes. This information is used to update our system, products and fee schedules to maintain compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

## Understanding the charts

The following charts will help you and your staff efficiently serve your patients.

- New, updated and retired CDT codes for 2022
- CDT codes added in 2021
- 2022 CDT codes should be used for services provided from Jan. 1, 2022 – Dec. 31, 2022
- The reference columns in the codes added in 2022 chart display:
  - Limitation
  - DDS review requirements
  - Price reference
  - Fee factor percentage calculated from an existing CDT code and applied to the 2022 code

2021 and 2022 CDT codes crosswalk							
Codes added, updated and covered in 2022 <sup>1</sup>							
CDT code	Nomenclature	Covered under standard plans	Coverage reference (cover if ____ is covered)	Limitation reference code	DDS review reference code	Price reference code	Fee factor to reference code
D3911	Intraorifice barrier	Y	D3430	D2391	D2391	D2391	100%
D3921	Decoronation or submergence of an erupted tooth	Not covered under standard UnitedHealthcare plans					
D4322	Splint – intra-coronal; natural teeth or prosthetic crowns	Y	D4320	D4320	D4320	D4320	100%
D4323	Splint – extra-coronal; natural teeth or prosthetic crowns	Y	D4321	D4321	D4321	D4321	100%
D5227	Immediate maxillary partial denture – flexible base (including any clasps, rests and teeth)	Y	D5221	D5221	D5221	D5221	100%
D5228	Immediate mandibular partial denture – flexible base (including any clasps, rests and teeth)	Y	D5222	D5222	D5222	D5222	100%
D5725	Rebase hybrid prosthesis	Y	D5710	D5710	D5710	D5710	100%
D5765	Soft liner for complete or partial removable denture – indirect	Y	D5850	D5850	D5850	D5850	100%
D6198	Remove interim implant component	Not covered under standard UnitedHealthcare plans					
D7298	Removal of temporary anchorage device [screw retained plate], requiring flap	Not covered under standard UnitedHealthcare plans					
D7299	Removal of temporary anchorage device, requiring flap	Not covered under standard UnitedHealthcare plans					

D7300	Removal of temporary anchorage device without flap	Not covered under standard UnitedHealthcare plans
D9912	Pre-visit patient screening	Not covered under standard UnitedHealthcare plans
D9947	Custom sleep apnea appliance fabrication and placement	Not covered under standard UnitedHealthcare plans
D9948	Adjustment of custom sleep apnea appliance	Not covered under standard UnitedHealthcare plans
D9949	Repair of custom sleep apnea appliance	Not covered under standard UnitedHealthcare plans

<sup>1</sup> New CDT code is covered ONLY if reference code is covered under the member's plan.

<b>Codes added in 2021<sup>2</sup></b>		
D0606	Molecular testing for a public health related pathogen, including coronavirus	Not covered under standard UnitedHealthcare plans
D1701	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine administration – first dose	Not covered under standard UnitedHealthcare plans
D1702	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine administration – second dose	Not covered under standard UnitedHealthcare plans
D1703	Moderna COVID-19 vaccine administration – first dose	Not covered under standard UnitedHealthcare plans
D1704	Moderna COVID-19 vaccine administration – second dose	Not covered under standard UnitedHealthcare plans
D1705	AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine administration – first dose	Not covered under standard UnitedHealthcare plans
D1706	AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine administration – second dose	Not covered under standard UnitedHealthcare plans
D1707	Janssen COVID-19 vaccine administration	Not covered under standard UnitedHealthcare plans

<sup>2</sup> The ADA released additional codes in 2021 to accommodate COVID-19 testing and vaccinations.

<b>Codes retired in 2022</b>	
D4320	provisional splinting - intracoronal
D4321	provisional splinting - extracoronal
D8050	Interceptive orthodontic treatment of the primary dentition
D8060	Interceptive orthodontic treatment of the transitional dentition
D8690	Orthodontic treatment (alternative billing to a contract fee)