

Connecticut Dental Health Partnership PROVIDER PARTNER NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2023

February is National Children's Dental Health Month

Dr. Tooth Fairy is Coming to Connecticut

February is National Children's Dental Health Month, and for a limited time, Dr. Tooth Fairy will be visiting Connecticut, sharing fun, educational messages about the importance of brushing and flossing, eating healthy snacks, and how the dentist and pediatrician can help keep teeth strong. Be on the lookout for Dr. Tooth Fairy's arrival on February 1st!

Dr. Tooth Fairy's visit to Connecticut is brought to you by The Connecticut Dental Health Partnership and the Connecticut State Dental Foundation.



About Us

The State of Connecticut's publicly funded dental care programs, HUSKY A, HUSKY B, HUSKY C and HUSKY D, and

Covered CT now have been combined into one dental plan: the Connecticut Dental Health Partnership - the Dental Plan for HUSKY Health (CTDHP). CTDHP oversees the dental plan for the Department of Social Services (DSS) HUSKY Health program which covers over 1 Million residents in Connecticut.

CTDHP Website

The Connecticut Dental Health Partnership, the Dental Plan for HUSKY Health has a useful and informative website. Please go to www.ctdhp.org to access provider resources, to upload prior authorizations, verify client history, download educational materials and much more!

Dental Sealants Proven to Be Very Beneficial

As we all know Dental Sealants are a very important part of dental treatment. Recently the ADA Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention released a new white paper on the purpose they serve.

For more detailed information please follow this [link](#) to the article.

CareQuest has also released information for School Based Dental Sealant programs that can be found [here](#).



Dentists Have A Place On Cancer Teams



It has been well documented that patients who have been diagnosed with “cancer” often place other health concerns off, including dental problems. This often results in the delay of treatment and recovery from the

side effects of treatment and effects on oral health. Dr. Dalal Alhajji, MSD, a clinical instructor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Radiology, and Medicine at the NYU College of Dentistry who works with cancer patients, states that dentists can counsel patients who experience unique issues related to oral health or who want to minimize side effects of their cancer therapies.

Chemo therapy and radiation treatments can change a patient's oral health. These therapies can cause changes to the mouth’s oral mucosa, tongue and salivary glands, negatively affecting saliva production and disrupting a healthy oral environment. These changes can result in tooth decay, dry mouth, infections, mouth sores, tooth loss and for people on biphosphanate therapy, osteonecrosis of the jaw.

“It's so important for dentists to talk to patients, because they are so concerned about putting out the cancer fire that they don't realize that they will be putting out another fire if they don't see a dentist,” Dr. Alhajji, who completed a fellowship in dental oncology at New York University School of Dentistry and who now specializes in treating cancer patients, said.

Updated Adult And Children Dental Fee Schedule - January 01, 2023

The Connecticut Dental Health Partnership has released the new dental fee schedule for children and adults that takes effect on January 01, 2023. The new fee schedule can be located @ https://www.ctdhp.com/documents/Adult_and_Children_Fee_Schedule_01-01-2023.pdf If you have questions, please call the call center at 1-855-283-3682. We are open Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 am until 5 pm. If you would like a printed copy please call Sue Wydra @ 860-507-2307.

2022 Dental Fee Schedule Update for CDT D1354

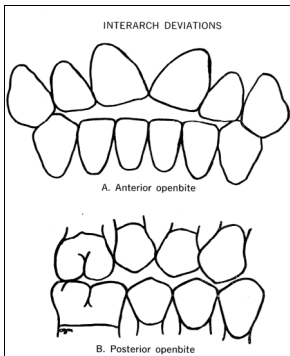
Effective for dates of service November 1, 2022, and forward, the Department of Social Services (DSS) is expanding the use for Current Dental Terminology (CDT) code, D1354 (Interim Caries Arresting Medicament). DSS is making these changes to ensure that the dental fee schedule remains compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and comport with the prevailing standards of care. The changes apply to services reimbursed under all the HUSKY Health programs. Effective for dates of service

November 1, 2022, and forward, code D1354 will be eligible for use on HUSKY A, B, C and D Members for both children and adults who are at risk for advancing caries. For more details please see Provider Bulletin 2022-23.

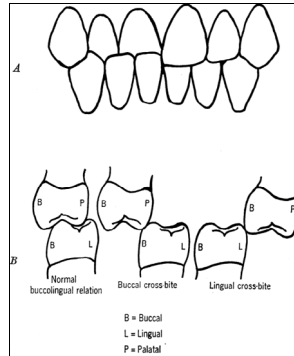


SALZMANN INDEX SCORING TRAINING FOR ORTHODONTIST

Open Bite Anterior/Posterior



Cross Bite Anterior/Posterior



Training for the Salzmänn Scoring Index is available for all Orthodontist enrolled in the CTDHP network. If you would like more details on the training or need assistance with an Orthodontic case please reach out to Norma Liistro @860-507-2319 and she can assist you.

Our Orthodontic Review Consultants are available to assist you.

ADULT DENTAL FEE INCREASE

Effective for dates of service July 1, 2022, and forward, the Department of Social Services (DSS) increased the dental rates for adults for endodontic services to equal the children's reimbursement rate and for all other services on the Adult Dental Fee Schedule by 25%.

The fee schedule rate changes went into effect for HUSKY A, C and D (for the increase in the Adult Fee Schedule Rates.) All current policies and regulations will continue to apply, including the annual dental benefit maximum of \$1,000.00 for adults. Please see Policy Bulletin 19-24 for additional information regarding the annual dental benefit maximum. Paid claims where the detailed billed amount is greater than or equal to the new allowed amount will be retroactively adjusted. Gainwell Technologies will identify and reprocess these claims without any additional work on the part of providers in the September 23, 2022 claim cycle. Providers are encouraged to bill their

usual and customary charge when submitting claims to ensure the systematic reprocessing of their claims whenever a rate change occurs.

A mass adjustment to retroactively identify paid claims where the detailed billed amount was greater than or equal to the new allowed amount without any additional work on the part of providers processed in the September 23, 2022 claim cycle. However, this mass adjustment failed to capture claims with procedure codes subject to the annual dental benefit maximum of \$1,000.00 for adults. Therefore, not all claims that should have been adjusted, were adjusted. The impacted claims have been identified and are tentatively scheduled to be mass adjusted in the March 2023 claim cycle. If providers wish to receive payment sooner than March 2023 for any paid claims with dates of service between July 2022 and September 2022, they may use the web claim tool to adjust their prior period claims

If we can be of any assistance
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