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Connecticut Dental Health Partnership PROVIDER PARTNER NEWSLETTER



About Us

The State of Connecticut's publicly funded dental care programs—HUSKY A, HUSKY B, HUSKY C, HUSKY D, and Covered CT—have now 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 more than 900,000 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, upload prior authorizations, verify client history, download educational materials, and much more!

Season's Greetings

As we conclude 2025, we extend our sincere appreciation and warm holiday wishes to dentists, hygienists, assistants, and administrative staff across all dental practices. Your commitment to excellence in patient care and oral health education continues to make a profound impact on our communities.

- **Professional dedication:** Upholding the highest standards of clinical practice and patient safety.
- **Educational leadership:** Guiding patients toward healthier habits and preventive care.
- **Community service:** Strengthening public health through outreach and accessibility.
- **Team collaboration:** Demonstrating professionalism and compassion in every aspect of care delivery.

On behalf of The Connecticut Dental Health Partnership, we wish you a joyful holiday season and a successful year ahead. May 2026 bring continued achievement, innovation, and fulfillment in your vital work.

Updates to Orthodontic Benefits Under HUSKY Health

Effective July 1, 2025—with changes applied retroactively—the Department of Social Services (DSS) has updated the orthodontic benefits covered under the HUSKY Health programs. These updates include two significant changes that impact both providers and members.

Key Changes

- **Removal of Lifetime Limits for HUSKY B Members**
Effective retroactively as of July 1, 2025, lifetime limits on orthodontic treatment have been removed for all members enrolled in the HUSKY B program.
- **Expanded List of Mental Health Professionals Eligible to Attest**

The following licensed mental health professionals may now attest that orthodontic treatment will significantly improve a member's psychological

condition caused by malocclusion (for patients in continuous therapy for six months or more):

- Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)
- Licensed Psychologist (PhD or Psy.D)
- Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC)
- Licensed Psychiatrist (MD or DO)
- Licensed Psychiatric–Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMH APRN)

Full Bulletin

To review the complete policy update, please visit:

https://www.ctdssmap.com/CTPortal/Information/Get-Download-File?Filename=pb25_61.pdf&URI=Bulletins/pb25_61.pdf

Understanding Billing Restrictions for D0180 and D4355

The **D0180 Comprehensive Periodontal Evaluation** and **D4355 Full Mouth Debridement** each have specific billing limitations that providers must follow.

Key Points About D0180

Purpose: D0180 is used for a comprehensive periodontal evaluation, typically for patients showing signs of periodontal disease or with risk factors such as **diabetes**.

Key Coding Rules

D0180 – Comprehensive Periodontal Evaluation

- A D0180 evaluation should include a **comprehensive dental examination, probing of all six aspects of each tooth, periodontal charting, and a review of the patient's medical history.**
- May be billed independently; however, **D4355 cannot be billed on the same date of service** as D0180.
- This restriction applies **only** to the same day combination of these two codes.
- D0180 should be used **only when your office or clinic will be providing the periodontal scaling and root planning services.**

D4355 – Full Mouth Debridement

D0180 – Comprehensive Periodontal Evaluation

- Used to remove heavy plaque and calculus deposits when they prevent a proper evaluation.
- When D4355 is performed, **no other periodontal codes** (including D0180, probing, or scaling codes) may be billed on that same date of service.
- A comprehensive evaluation (D0180) is typically scheduled **at a later appointment** once adequate visibility has been achieved.

Simplified Rule of Thumb

- **When D0180 is performed, D4355 cannot be billed on the same day.**
- **When D4355 is performed, no additional periodontal codes may be billed on that date of service.**

Additional Resources

For more information about providing periodontal services, please review the following:

• Provider Bulletin 12/23

https://ctdhp.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/pb24_08.pdf

• Provider Bulletin 02/24

https://www.ctdssmap.com/CTPortal/Information/Get-Download-File?Filename=pb23_69.pdf&URI=Bulletins/pb23_69.pdf

• Provider Bulletin 02/24

<https://ctdhp.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Provider-Perio-Benefit-FAQs.pdf>



Provider Survey Now Open

Our provider survey launched on **October 1st** and is now available online. When you sign in to the CTDHP website, you will be prompted to complete the survey.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to participate. Your feedback helps us better match clients with an appropriate dental home that meets their needs and reduces unnecessary phone calls to your office.

If we can be of any help please reach out to us at

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