



## Medicaid Compliance Notice: Billing Procedures for Dental-Related Operating Room Services

Alaska Medicaid recently conducted a review of facility claims related to revenue code 036x, *Operating Room Services*. During this review, the Department identified incorrect billing practices for dental-related operating room services.

Incorrect billing may result in overpayments and could lead to provider recoupment actions. Additionally, a patient's annual dental benefits may be erroneously decremented due to incorrectly submitted dental-related services.

Facilities are required to bill all revenue codes in accordance with the current UB-04 Data Specifications Manual published by the National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC). This includes the use of appropriate coding conventions in form locator 44, *HCPCS/Accommodation Rates/HIPPS Rate Codes*, to correctly identify services delivered.

When billing for an operating room with revenue code 036x for dental services:

- Use revenue code 0360 with procedure code 41899, *Unlisted procedure, dentoalveolar structures*, on a single claim line to account for dental-related operating room charges.
- Submit an operative report supporting the unlisted procedure with claim.
- Do **not** bill revenue code 0360 for dental-related operating room services on multiple claim lines.
- Do **not** use Current Dental Terminology (CDT) codes in place of procedure code 41899. With the exception of evaluations and fluoride varnish, CDT codes are reserved for use by dental professionals.<sup>1</sup>

To review all published revenue codes and UB-04 submission requirements, refer to the UB-04 Data Specifications Manual available from the American Hospital Association at <http://www.nubc.org/>.

Alaska Medicaid UB-04 Claim Form Instructions, a supplement to the NUBC UB-04 Data Specifications Manual, are also available at <http://manuals.medicaidalaska.com/docs/ProviderReference.html>.

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<sup>1</sup> Evaluations and fluoride varnish applications can be performed by physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants who have completed oral health or caries risk assessment training.