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DENTAL CHANGES - DENTURES AND PANORAMIC RADIOGRAPHS

The Department is pleased to announce that, with the passage of Senate Bill 199, recipients requiring upper and lower dentures and/or partials may be eligible to obtain both during one fiscal year. The proposed regulations, available at <http://www.hss.state.ak.us/publicnotice/regulations.cfm> are open to public comment through August 23, 2010. Once adopted, these regulations will allow eligible Medicaid recipients age 21 and over to use two years worth of dental benefits in order to obtain both an upper and lower dentures/partial at the same time.

Prior authorization is required for all Adult Enhanced Dental services. Prior authorizations for services covered under SB 199 must include a request for both an upper and lower denture and/or partial.

The codes that will be covered under this provision are:

- D5110 Complete denture – maxillary
- D5120 Complete denture – mandibular
- D5130 Immediate denture – maxillary
- D5140 Immediate denture – mandibular
- D5213 Maxillary partial denture – cast metal framework in denture resin
- D5214 Mandibular partial denture – cast metal framework in denture resin

Panoramic Radiographs

Effective for services rendered on and after September, 1, 2010, coverage of panoramic radiographs for recipients age 21 and over will be covered under Adult Enhanced Dental services only and will require prior authorization. Panoramic radiographs will no longer be covered under Adult Emergent Dental services. Panoramic radiograph will continue to be limited to once in a twelve (12) month period.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Watson at (907) 334-2431.