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## Remittance Advice (RA) Message

**Title: Regulation Changes: Dental Coverage and Screening Guidelines**

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Message: Effective May 1, 2016, new dental coverage regulations were adopted that outline additional conditions for approving orthodontic services, new guidelines for EPSDT dental screenings, and clarification of denture coverage limits.

When requesting a service authorization (SA) for orthodontic services, providers must now submit a Dental SA Request, the Handicapping Labiolingual Deviation (HLD) Index Report, and the Orthodontic Referral Oral Health and Hygiene Assessment form. The Orthodontic Referral Oral Health and Hygiene Assessment is a new form that must be completed by the referring dentist and then forwarded to the evaluating orthodontist. All three documents required for requesting orthodontic services are available at <http://manuals.medicaidalaska.com/docs/forms.htm>.

For additional information on orthodontic services, refer to the revised Orthodontic Services Statement of Coverage now available at <http://manuals.medicaidalaska.com/docs/ProviderReference.html>.

The following American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry guidelines were adopted for EPSDT dental screenings

- [Recommendations for Pediatric Oral Health Assessment, Preventive Services, and Anticipatory Guidance/Counseling](#)
- [Guideline on Periodicity of Examination, Preventive Dental Services, Anticipatory Guidance/Counseling, and Oral Treatment for Infants, Children, and Adolescents](#)

For new denture coverage limits, refer to the adopted regulations temporarily available at <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=180729>.

The Alaska Medicaid Dental Services Billing Manual will be updated to reflect these regulation changes.