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New and Revised Adjudication Reason Codes for the Quarterly Orthodontic Reimbursement Process

As part of the quarterly orthodontic reimbursement process, two new Adjudication Reason Codes have been created and read as follows:

- 200B** Procedure D8670 is payable the next calendar month following the date of service for Procedure D8080.
- 200C** Procedure D8670 and D8680 are not payable for the same date of service.

Additionally, Adjudication Reason Code 198 has been revised to read as follows:

- 198** Procedure is not a benefit when the active phase of treatment has not been completed.

More information about quarterly orthodontic reimbursements and Notices of Authorization can be found in [Bulletin v.25, Number 4](#).

Billing for Incomplete Work

Denti-Cal providers may not bill or submit claims for incomplete services. For example, if a provider begins a root canal or laboratory procedure but is unable to finish because the beneficiary does not show for appointments, has become uncooperative, etc., then the provider cannot bill for the procedure. As indicated on the back of the Treatment Authorization Request (TAR)/Claim form (DC-217), the provider or the person authorized to sign for the provider is certifying that services listed on the form have been provided to the beneficiary.

Statutes and Regulations pertaining to providers, their designated agents, all public and private agencies and/or individuals that are engaged in planning, providing, or securing Denti-Cal services for or on the behalf of recipients or applicants are covered in the [Medi-Cal Provider Handbook, Section: 8, Fraud](#). Providers who bill for services that were not completed are subject to recovery of the amounts paid for incomplete work, and may be subject to punitive actions.

The only service that can be billed prior to delivery is a custom-made prosthesis. [Title 22](#), Section 51470(b) states Denti-Cal will pay 80 percent of the amount if the provider was unsuccessful in delivering a completed prosthesis to the beneficiary. The remaining 20 percent will be paid upon successful delivery to the beneficiary if delivery is made within one year of the service date.

Denti-Cal Seminars Scheduled for January 2010

Ortho/D253	Burbank	January 7, 2010	Register Now!
Advanced/D254	Burbank	January 8, 2010	Register Now!
Workshop/D255	Sacramento	January 13, 2010	Register Now!

For questions, please contact the Denti-Cal Telephone Service Center at (800) 423-0507.