



# Processing Policy Changes and CDT-2009 Updates

Effective January 1, 2009 | The following changes will be effective for our standard groups

## Definitions:

**Denied** – If the fee for a procedure or service is denied and chargeable to the patient, the procedure or service is not a benefit of the patient's plan. The approved amount is not payable by Delta Dental, but is collectable from the patient.

**Disallowed** – If the fee for a procedure or service is disallowed, it is not benefited by Delta Dental nor collectable from the patient by a Participating Dentist.

## New CDT 2009 Procedure Codes:

1. **D0417 – collection and preparation of saliva sample for laboratory diagnostic testing** - DENIED and the approved amount is collectable from the patient.
2. **D0418 – analysis of saliva sample** - DENIED and the approved amount is collectable from the patient.
3. **D3222 – partial pulpotomy for apexogenesis – permanent tooth with incomplete root development** - Benefited under individual consideration and only on permanent teeth with incomplete root development. The fee for D3222 is DISALLOWED when performed on the same day or within 30 days/same tooth/same dentist/same office as root canal therapy or procedure codes D3351-D3353.
4. **D5991 – topical medicament carrier** - DENIED and the approved amount is collectable from the patient.

## Changes to DeltaUSA Processing Policies:

1. **D0210 – intraoral – complete series (including bitewings)** - When bitewings are processed as part of an intraoral complete series, a separate benefit for bitewings will not be allowed if the full mouth time limitation has been met within the benefit period.
2. **D1555 – removal of fixed space maintainer** - DISALLOWED when submitted with recementation of space maintainer by the same dentist/dental office.
3. **D3333 – internal root repair of perforation defects** - If submitted on a primary tooth, D3333 is DENIED; and, if submitted on a permanent tooth, D3333 is DISALLOWED with no reference to time when submitted with apicoectomy.
4. **D4275 – soft tissue allograft and D4276 – combined connective tissue and double pedical graft** - Fees for a frenulectomy (D7960) or frenuloplasty (D7963) are DISALLOWED when performed in conjunction with D4275 or D4276 by the same dentist/dental office.
5. **D9930 – treatment of complications (postsurgical) – unusual circumstances, by report** - The fee for dry socket is DISALLOWED and included in the fee for the extraction by the same dentist/dental office.

## Delta's Choice Update:

Delta Dental of Oklahoma *will not* be making any changes to the current Delta's Choice Fee tables. The reverse fee tables you received for January 2007 will remain in effect for 2009.