
M. DENTAL SERVICES AND DENTURES

The dental rates were established by professional judgment, discount from local professional fees, and Medicaid historical data. The State developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of dental services. The State rates were set as of May 25, 2009 with a 4.5 percent reduction, and are effective for services on or after that date. The State rates are being adjusted July 1, 2009 to include the enhancement for services rendered to children and pregnant women, and are effective for services on or after that date. Payments are based on the established fee schedule unless a lower amount is billed. Providers may access fee schedules at the Utah Medicaid website located at www.health.utah.gov/medicaid.

Enhanced Payments

Children and Pregnant Women

Payments for children and pregnant women are at an enhanced reimbursement level of 124% of the established dental fee, effective March 15, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and are in addition to the incentives provided to urban and rural counties below. An example of a payment to a dentist qualifying for both enhanced payments is $((\text{Rate} \times 1.2) \times 1.24)$.

Urban Counties

As an incentive to improve client access to dental services in urban counties (Weber, Davis, Salt Lake, and Utah counties), dental providers (excluding state-funded clinics) willing to sign an agreement to see 100 or more clients during the next year will be reimbursed at the lesser of billed charges or 120 percent of the established fee schedule.

Rural Counties

As an incentive to improve client access to dental services in rural counties (all counties except Weber, Davis, Salt Lake, and Utah), dental providers in these counties including state-funded clinics will be reimbursed at the lesser of billed charges or 120 percent of the established fee schedule.

T.N. # 13-030

Approval Date 10/30/13

Supersedes T.N. # 09-002

Effective Date 9-15-13