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## CANADIAN DENTAL CARE PLAN (CDCP) COVERAGE UPDATES

With the release of the 2024 CDCP Dental Benefit Grids, the CDCP will implement some adjustments to service coverage, in addition to fee increases. Additional changes may be implemented at a later time.

The changes to service coverage that will be implemented for 2024 are:

### Procedures Clarified:

- Provisional/transitional complete dentures will be eligible once per lifetime without preauthorization.
- Denture labelling for new dentures by denturists will be eligible with preauthorization.
- Some procedures have been added to the list of procedures that will be eligible without preauthorization for independent dental hygienists:
  - First dental hygiene visit/orientation - once per lifetime
  - Microbiological test for the determination of pathological agents - 1 in any 12 months
  - Cytological smear from the oral cavity - 1 in any 12 months
  - Fluoride treatment - topical - all other products applied in office - frequency combined with fluoride varnish frequency:
    - Under age 17: 1 in any 6 months
    - Age 17+: 1 in any 12 months
  - Interim stabilization therapy (IST) in additional provincial grids (previously available in some but not all provincial grids) - once per tooth per lifetime.
- Provisional/transitional partial acrylic dentures will have separate frequency limits from other permanent forms of dentures, allowing for a permanent partial acrylic denture to be fabricated after a provisional/transitional partial denture, within frequency limits. Frequency limits for partial dentures:
  - Removable partial transitional/provisional dentures are covered once in any 5 year period (60 months) per arch
  - Removable partial acrylic dentures are covered once in any 5 year period (60 months) per arch
  - Removable partial cast dentures are covered once in any 8 year period (96 months) per arch

### **Increases to Frequency Limitations:**

- Specialist exams, complete, will have a frequency of 2 in any 60 months per speciality with preauthorization.
- Specialist exams, limited, will have a frequency of 2 in any 12 months per speciality without preauthorization.

### **Removal of Preauthorization Requirements:**

- Cytological smears and microbiological tests will not require preauthorization up to a limit of 1 per procedure in any 12 months.
- Desensitization will not require preauthorization up to a limit of 2 in any 12 months.

## **IMPLICATED CODES**

### **Procedures Clarified:**

#### **Complete Dentures, Provisional/Transitional:**

GPSP Codes: 51601, 51602, 51603

QC GPSP Codes: 51600, 51610, 51620

DD Codes: 31510, 31520

#### **Denture Labelling:**

DD Code: 70150

#### **Independent Dental Hygienist additions:**

DH Codes: 00131, 00321, 00331, 00616, 00666, 00667

#### **Partial Acrylic Dentures, Provisional/Transitional:**

GPSP Codes: 52101, 52102, 52103, 52121, 52122, 52123

QC GPSP Codes: 52101, 52102, 52103, 52180, 52181, 52182

DD Codes: 41710, 41712, 41720, 41722

### **Increases to Frequency Limitations:**

#### **Specialist Exam – Complete (2 in any 60 months):**

GPSP & OMFS Codes: 01410, 01501, 01601, 01603, 01701, 01801

QC GPSP & OMFS Codes: 01515, 01135, 01610, 01725, 01801

#### **Specialist Exam – Limited (2 in any 12 months):**

GPSP & OMFS Codes: 01402, 01502, 01503, 01602, 01702, 01802

QC GPSP Codes: 01405, 01716, 01802

### **Removal of Preauthorization Requirements:**

#### **Microbiological Test and Cytological Smear:**

GPSP & OMFS Codes: 04101, 04401

QC GPSP & OMFS Codes: 04100, 04110, 04101, 04105, 04106, 04401, 04335, 04335, 04335, 04334, 04535

**Desensitization:**

GPSP Code: 41301

QC GPSP Code: 41306, 41305

DH Code: 00641