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Dear Vermont Medicaid Dental Provider:

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) would like to thank you for your participation in Vermont Medicaid's dental program. DVHA is appreciative of your efforts to provide dental care to the pediatric and adult populations of our state.

Act 72 was signed into Vermont law on June 18, 2019, which modified the adult dental benefit. Here is a list of the **adult dental benefit changes** effective January 1, 2020:

1. The annual dental cap increased from $510 to $1,000 per calendar year.

2. The preventative visit codes listed below may be utilized twice per year without affecting the cap.
   - D0120 Periodic Oral Evaluation
   - D1110 Adult Prophylaxis
   - D1206 Topical Application of Fluoride Varnish
   - D1208 Topical Application of Fluoride
   - D1320 Tobacco Cessation Counseling

3. A co-payment does not apply to preventative dental visits.

Prior Authorization for the codes listed above is no longer required. Additional services may be provided if deemed medically necessary and should include concise medical documentation that provides and supports clinical determination and evidence to support medical necessity for additional dental services. Such documentation should be evident in the medical record. For example: Post payment clinical audits would expect medical documentation such as: pocket depth inflammation, excessive plaque, and calculus. These are examples and do not represent an all-inclusive list.

Thank you for your continued participation in the Vermont Medicaid Dental Program.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Scott Strenio MD
Chief Medical Officer
What is EDI?
EDI stands for Electronic Data Interchange. When computers exchange data using EDI, the data is transmitted in EDI Standard format so that it is recognizable by other systems using the same EDI Standard format. Companies who use EDI have their own translator software package to convert the data from the EDI Standard format to their computer system's format.

What Information is transmitted via EDI?
EDI can involve many types of information. Currently, the State of Vermont uses EDI standards to define the format of healthcare related information (claims, payments, eligibility) when it is transferred from healthcare providers, to their Trade Partners and to the State of Vermont.

What is the Vermont EDI Project?
The Sybase EDI Translator, a component of the current DXC MMIS, is no longer supported and needs to be replaced. The new EDI Translator is called OXi and includes more adherence to the written EDI standards than previously but are aligned with standards used in other states and other payors. The new EDI translator is scheduled to be launched in early fall of 2020.

What does this mean for me as a Dental Healthcare Provider?
Most Dental Providers use PES for their EDI translator and there will be no change to this system. Provider Electronic Solutions (PES) is a proprietary Windows-based software that enables providers to submit claims electronically, receive claim status, and verify beneficiary eligibility in a batch mode. This method eliminates re-entry of certain data.

If you are not using PES, please work with your clearing house or third-party translation service to ensure that they will be ready for the transition to the new OXi translator.

For more Information
Please contact the DXC EDI Coordinator (802) 879 4450 Option 3, or vtedicoordinator@dxc.com.
Visit the DVHA/VT Medicaid Website Often for Current Information

At the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) website, https://dvha.vermont.gov/, click on the COVID 19 Red Ribbon across the top of the page. Scroll through the COVID 19 Provider and Member Communication for the most current information available. Information is updated frequently, as necessary.

A couple of items of interest:

1) Visit or revisit our letter (4/10/20) on Telemedicine Coverage for Dental Services & Temporary New Telephonic Coverage for Brief Communication Services for Dental Providers. Vermont Medicaid is encouraging Medicaid-participating providers, including dentists, to utilize telemedicine for delivery of medically necessary and clinically appropriate services to Medicaid members when possible. See the letter to dental providers for complete information.

2) There is also new coverage for interprofessional consultations when delivered through store and forward technology (i.e., provider to provider store and forward); it is also available for dental providers. More info here: https://humanservices.vermont.gov/sites/ahsnew/files/documents/MedicaidPolicy/GCRFinalPolicies/20-075-Final-GCR-Interprofessional-Consults.pdf

Keep Your Provider Information Up to Date!

Following practice “restarts” during the COVID 19 emergency period, it is more important than ever that all existing provider information is up to date and accurate. As a reminder, providers are required to notify DXC of changes specific to demographics, group affiliation, address and other information. The current Provider Information Change Form is available on the Vermont Medicaid Web Portal at: http://www.vtmedicaid.com/assets/provEnroll/VTMedProviderInfoChangeForm.pdf or you may also report changes online at https://vermont.hppcloud.com/Home/Index/.

This fall, DVHA will outreach to all of our enrolled dental practices to see how everyone is doing following the restart period and determine if any assistance can be provided. Thanks again for your continuing service to improve the health of Vermonters!