

Patient Dental Screening and Assessment

CDT[®] CODE:

D0190 – Screening of a Patient

- A screening, including state or federally mandated screenings, to determine an individual's need to be seen by a dentist for diagnosis.

D0191 – Assessment of a Patient

- A limited clinical inspection that is performed to identify possible signs of oral or systemic disease, malformation, or injury, and the potential need for referral for diagnosis and treatment.

Who are these services for?

Dental screening and assessments are for children and adults.

- They can be done at the time of a well child visit/Health Tracks screening
- They can also be done in a school setting or
- Via teledentistry
- They can be performed in addition to dental services such as fluoride varnish or prophylaxis

What kinds of professionals can perform these services?

- Only the following professionals may perform the procedure:
 - a. Dentists
 - b. Registered Nurses (RNs) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) under the direct supervision of a physician, family nurse practitioner, or physician assistant (claim must be submitted under the enrolled practitioner's NPI)
 - a. RNs that complete these services must bill utilizing code T1002. This service must be billed electronically on a professional claim form (CMS-1500).
 - b. LPNs that complete these services must bill utilizing code T1003. This service must be billed electronically on a professional claim form (CMS-1500).
 - c. Registered Dental Hygienist or Registered Dental Assistant under the direct or general supervision of a licensed dentist (claim must be submitted under the enrolled practitioner's NPI)

Are there limits to these services?

Yes.

Dental screening and assessment services are not allowed when billed in conjunction with dental oral evaluation codes: D0120-D0180. Dental Screening and Assessment services are considered inclusive when performed in conjunction with any dental exam or evaluation on the same date of service.

Each service is limited to one per calendar year.

What kind of record-keeping requirements are there?

- Use and maintain a screening or risk assessment tool in the dental record
 - Child Example: https://www.smilesforlifeoralhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Oral_Health_Assessment_Tool-1.pdf
 - Adult Example: <https://tctoolkit.rnao.ca/sites/default/files/resources/Sample%20Oral%20Health%20Assessment%20Tool%20%28OHAT%29.pdf>

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