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**To:** Dental providers  
Dental care organizations  
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**Subject:** Changes to fee-for-service dental coverage effective January 1, 2020

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has opened the following codes for fee-for-service payment, effective January 1, 2020:

Description	Code
Re-cement or re-bond bilateral space maintainer, maxillary	D1551
Re-cement or re-bond bilateral space maintainer, mandibular	D1552
Re-cement or re-bond unilateral space maintainer, per quadrant	D1553
Removal of unilateral space maintainer, per quadrant	D1556
Removal of bilateral space maintainer, maxillary	D1557
Repair of fixed retainer, includes reattachment, maxillary-with limitations	D8701
Replacement of lost or broken retainer, maxillary-with limitations	D8703
Dental case management-patients with special health care needs	D9997
Removal of fixed bilateral space maintainer, mandibular	D1558
Repair of orthodontic appliance, maxillary-with limitations	D8696
Repair of orthodontic appliance, mandibular-with limitations	D8697
Recement or re-bond fixed retainer, maxillary-with limitations	D9698
Recement or re-bond fixed retainer, mandibular-with limitations	D8699
Repair of fixed retainer, includes reattachment, mandibular-with limitations	D8702
Replacement of lost or broken retainer, mandibular-with limitations	D8704

OHA will include these codes in the next publications of the “Covered and Non-Covered Dental Services” list on the [Dental Services rules and guidelines page](#) (planned for January 1, 2020), and the [fee-for-service fee schedule](#) (planned for early 2020).

### Why is this happening?

The January 1, 2020, [Prioritized List of Health Services](#) lists these codes as covered (above line 471).

### What should you do?

Please bill OHA for these services when provided to members not enrolled in a coordinated care organization.

Also be aware of the coverage limitations for codes D7220, D7230, D7240, D7241 and D7250 on Line 344, as described in [Guideline Note 34](#) (Extraction of Impacted Wisdom Teeth). Extraction for pain or discomfort related to normal tooth eruption or for non-specific symptoms such as “headaches” or “jaw pain” is not considered medically or dentally necessary for treatment. As part of the Prioritized List, guideline notes are enforceable (see [Oregon Administrative Rule 410-123-1220](#)).

### **Questions?**

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Thank you for your continued support of the Oregon Health Plan and the services you provide to our members.