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Subject: Clarification about reimbursement of licensed dentists for orthodontic care

In January 2024, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) updated the fee-for-service claim processing system to allow licensed dentists to bill for and receive reimbursement for orthodontic care within their scope of practice. This includes pediatric dentists, general dentists and others acting within their scope of practice.

Why is this happening?

This is clarification to the [January 2024 memo](#), which mentioned general practice dentists only. OHA has confirmed with the Oregon Board of Dentistry that orthodontic care is within the scope of practice for both pediatric dentists and general dentists.

What should you do?

Providers whose scope allows should provide orthodontic treatment to qualifying members.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, contact the Medicaid Dental Policy Analyst Jessica Dusek at Jessica.D.Dusek@oha.oregon.gov or 503-510-0252.

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