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1 **Background:** The Code Maintenance Committee convened as scheduled on March 12, 2021 and all
2 agenda items were addressed on that day. Ninety action requests of various types were on the
3 committee’s agenda. Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency eight of these (additions for
4 vaccination and molecular test procedures) were accepted for inclusion in *CDT 2021*; 45 were accepted
5 for inclusion in *CDT 2022*.

6 The accepted actions for *CDT 2022* are parsed as follows:

<u>Additions</u>	<u>Revisions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Editorial</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>

7 Detailed information about each action request listed in Parts 1 and 2 of this summary report are in files
8 posted is in the files posted on the [Code Maintenance Committee \(CMC\)](#) web page.

9 Please direct requests for additional information concerning this meeting activity to the CMC Secretariat
10 via email (dentalcode@ada.org) or surface mail (American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago
11 Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611).

12 **Table 1 – Summary of Actions on “Editorial” Requests By Inventory #:**

“E”#	CMC Decision		Remarks
	Accept	Reject	
1	X		After Discussion
2	X		After Discussion
3	X		Consent Calendar
4	X		After Discussion
5	X		After Discussion
6	X		After Discussion
7	X		Consent Calendar
8	X		Consent Calendar
9	X		Consent Calendar
10	X		Consent Calendar

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1 **Table 2 – Summary of Actions on “Substantive” Requests By Inventory #:**

#	Type of Change			CMC Decision		Remarks
	Add	Revise	Delete	Accept	Reject	
01a	X			X		None – CMC considered the action request rationale to be persuasive.
01b			X	X		
01c		X			X	Request rendered moot by CMC’s acceptance of Inventory #s 01a and 01b.
02a	X			X		None – CMC considered the action request rationale to be persuasive.
02b			X	X		
02c		X			X	Request rendered moot by CMC’s acceptance of Inventory #s 02a and 02b.
03a		X		X		None – CMC considered the action request rationale to be persuasive.
03b	X			X		
04a		X		X		
04b	X			X		
05a		X		X		
05b	X			X		
06a		X		X		The CMC, before considering a motion to accept #06a, approved amending the proposed revision, to reads as follows – D6012 surgical placement of interim implant body for transitional prosthesis: endosteal implant Includes removal during later therapy to accommodate the definitive restoration, which may include placement of other implants.
06b		X		X		None – CMC considered the action request rationale to be persuasive.
06c	X			X		

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07a	X					By voice consensus the CMC addressed #s 07a and 07b together.
07b	X				X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> CMC consensus is that there is no CDT Code gap and the submitter's rationale for these additions was not considered persuasive. The current suite of bitewing image capture and interpretation procedure codes is adequate, and image orientation (vertical or horizontal) is not relevant to the procedure delivery.
07c		X				By voice consensus the CMC addressed #s 07c through 07f together.
07d		X				<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> CMC consensus is that the submitter's rationale for these revisions was not considered persuasive. The current suite of bitewing image capture and interpretation procedure codes is adequate as the image orientation (vertical or horizontal) is not relevant to the procedure delivery.
07e		X				
07f		X			X	
08a	X				X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> The procedure as described may appropriately be reported with CDT code "D1355 caries preventive medicament – per tooth" that is not product specific.
08b	X				X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> The procedure as described appears to be a component step of another dental procedure and is not unique as described in the action request rationale section.
08c	X				X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> The action request appears to describe delivery of a particular product; use of the word "application" in the nomenclature is generic and non-specific (e.g., the unique manner in which the agent is applied), and does not describe a specific type of procedure.
09a	X					By voice consensus the CMC addressed #s 09a and 09b together. CMC considered the action request rationale to be persuasive.
09b	X				X	
10a	X				X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> Current CDT codes "D9610 therapeutic parenteral drug, single administration" or "D9612 therapeutic parenteral drugs, two or more administrations, different medications" may be used, as applicable, to document the delivery procedure.

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10b	X				X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> Current CDT code “D9630 drugs or medicaments dispensed in the office for home use” is applicable to this delivery procedure as the full entry for this procedure does not specify the type of drug or medicament that could be dispensed.
11a	X				X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> Use of personal protective equipment is dictated by infection control standards deemed necessary at any point in time. The ADA has issued a statement that addresses coding for PPE during the COVID pandemic, and the CMC does not see a need for a unique code for PPE.
11b	X				X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> Rendered moot as 11a was also rejected.
12a	X				X	By voice consensus the CMC addressed #s 12a and 12b together.
12b	X					<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> The procedure as submitted appears product-specific and the delivery procedure may be reported with “D9610 therapeutic parenteral drug, single administration.” If there is more than a single delivery on a date of service the number of procedures delivered is reported in the claim’s “Quantity” field.
13a	X					Before consideration for inclusion in CDT 2022 the CMC accepted the submitter’s withdrawal request to enable further development in anticipation of a new submission for inclusion in a later CDT Code version.

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13b	X			X	<p>Before consideration for inclusion in CDT 2022 the CMC accepted the submitter's request to amend the submission by substituting the following suite of seven codes for the above-noted single code.</p> <p>Dxxxx Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine administration – first dose SARSCOV2 COVID-19 VAC mRNA 30mcg/0.3mL IM DOSE 1</p> <p>Dxxxx Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine administration – second dose SARSCOV2 COVID-19 VAC mRNA 30mcg/0.3mL IM DOSE 2</p> <p>Dxxxx Moderna Covid-19 vaccine administration – first dose SARSCOV2 COVID-19 VAC mRNA 100mcg/0.5mL IM DOSE 1</p> <p>Dxxxx Moderna Covid-19 vaccine administration – second dose SARSCOV2 COVID-19 VAC mRNA 100mcg/0.5mL IM DOSE 2</p> <p>Dxxxx AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine administration – first dose SARSCOV2 COVID-19 VAC rS-ChAdOx1 5x10¹⁰ VP/.5mL IM DOSE 1</p> <p>Dxxxx AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine administration – second dose SARSCOV2 COVID-19 VAC rS-ChAdOx1 5x10¹⁰ VP/.5mL IM DOSE 2</p> <p>Dxxxx Janssen Covid-19 vaccine administration SARSCOV2 COVID-19 VAC Ad26 5x10¹⁰ VP/.5mL IM SINGLE DOSE</p> <p>A suite of codes is needed for granular reporting into state and national vaccination tracking mechanisms for surveillance purposes; claims submitted electronically or on paper (i.e., HIPAA standard 837Dv5010; ADA Dental Claim Form ©2019) are examples of reporting methods.</p>
14a		X		X	None – CMC considered the action request rationale to be persuasive.
14b			X	X	

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15a		X		X		<p>The CMC, before considering a motion to accept #15a, approved an amended descriptor revision, to reads as follows –</p> <p>This procedure is indicated for patients showing signs or symptoms of periodontal disease and for patients with risk factors such as smoking or diabetes. It includes evaluation of periodontal conditions, probing and charting, <u>an evaluation for oral cancer, the</u> evaluation and recording of the patient's dental and medical history, and general health assessment. It may include the evaluation and recording of dental caries, missing or unerupted teeth, restorations, <u>and</u> occlusal relationships and oral cancer evaluation.</p>
15b		X			X	<p><u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> Rendered moot by CMC Approval of #15a.</p>
16a	X					<p>Before discussion the CMC accepted the submitter's request to withdraw this request and not consider it for inclusion in CDT 2022.</p>
16b	X					<p>Before discussion the CMC accepted the submitter's request to withdraw this request and not consider it for inclusion in CDT 2022.</p>
17a	X					<p>Before discussion the CMC accepted the submitter's request to withdraw #s 17a through 17c to enable further development with other CMC member organizations in anticipation of new submissions for a later CDT Code version.</p>
17b	X					
17c	X					
18a		X		X		<p>The CMC, before considering a motion to accept #15a, approved an amended descriptor revision, to reads as follows –</p> <p>An evaluation performed on a patient of record to determine any changes in the patient's dental and medical health status since a previous comprehensive or periodic evaluation. This includes an oral cancer evaluation, periodontal screening where indicated, and may require interpretation of information acquired through additional diagnostic procedures. All <u>The findings are discussed with the patient.</u> Report additional diagnostic procedures separately.</p>
18b	X					<p>Before discussion the CMC accepted the submitter's request to withdraw this request and not consider it for inclusion in CDT 2022.</p>

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19a		X			X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> When this procedure is delivered in a virtual encounter it is reported along with the applicable teledentistry procedure code (D9995 or D9996) which indicates that electronic communications were involved.
19b		X			X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> When this procedure is delivered in a virtual encounter it is reported along with the applicable teledentistry procedure code (D9995 or D9996) which indicates that electronic communications were involved.
20a		X		X		The CMC, before considering a motion to accept #20a, approved an amended descriptor revision, to reads as follows – Special treatment considerations for individuals with physical, medical, developmental, or cognitive conditions resulting in substantial functional limitations <u>or incapacitation</u> , which require that modifications be made to delivery of treatment to provide <u>customized or</u> comprehensive oral health care services. CMC considered the action request rationale to be persuasive.
20b	X				X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> Rendered moot by acceptance of 20a.
21	X			X		None – CMC considered the action request rationale to be persuasive.
22		X				The CMC, before considering a motion to accept #22, approved an amended nomenclature revision, to reads as follows – D2971 additional procedures to <u>customize-construct a new crown to fit under an existing partial denture framework</u>
23	X			X		The CMC, before considering a motion to accept #23, approved an amended nomenclature, to reads as follows – Dxxxx <u>custom sleep apnea appliance fabrication and placement</u> CMC considered the action request rationale to be persuasive. After acceptance the CMC determined that there is now a CDT Code gap since there is not a code for the appliance adjustment or repair.

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23a	X					The following new codes were prepared and submitted for consideration during the meeting, and addressed simultaneously.
23b	X			X		<p>23a) Dxxxx adjustment of custom sleep apnea appliance</p> <p>23b) Dxxxx repair of custom sleep apnea appliance</p> <p>The CMC notes that adjustment includes titration.</p>
24	X			X		<p>The CMC, before considering a motion to accept #24, approved an amended descriptor, to reads as follows –</p> <p>Rebase by Replacing the base material married connected to the framework connector bar.</p> <p>CMC considered the action request rationale to be persuasive.</p>
25	X			X		None – CMC considered the action request rationale to be persuasive.
26		X		X		
27	X			X	X	<p><u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> The CMC’s opinion is that if the depth of the restoration’s margin would be as described in the submission then crown lengthening is the appropriate treatment provided, and would be reported with “D4249 clinical crown lengthening – hard tissue.”</p>
28	X			X		<p>The CMC, before considering a motion to accept #28, approved an amended nomenclature and descriptor, to reads as follows –</p> <p>Dxxxx decoronation or submergence of an erupted tooth</p> <p>Intentional removal of coronal tooth structure for preservation of the root and surrounding bone.</p> <p>CMC considered the action request rationale to be persuasive.</p>
29	X			X		None – CMC considered the action request rationale to be persuasive.
30	X				X	<p><u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> The CMC considers the proposed addition too broadly written, and reflects what is considered to be part of current evaluation procedures and an integral part of patient record keeping.</p>
31	X				X	<p><u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> The CMC considers this action a routine part of standard office practice procedures.</p>

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32	X				X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> Current CDT Codes D1110 and D4910 are available to report this service as the descriptors for both indicate that these procedures are applicable to both natural teeth and implants.
33	X				X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> There is an inconsistency in the submission; the procedure is described as “full mouth” and the condition being treated described as localized.
34	X				X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> There is an inconsistency in the submission; the procedure is described as closure of an endodontic access opening in the nomenclature, and in the descriptor notes that the procedure is applicable to the closure of a screw access hole in an implant. Also, the difference between this procedure and a single surface restoration is not understood.
35	X				X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> Requests for “...each additional” procedure codes is not consistent with changed views on procedure documentation and reporting. When a procedure may be delivered to a patient more than once on a given date of service, the number of deliveries noted on the patient’s record is reported in the claim’s “Quantity” field.
36			X	X		None – CMC considered the action request rationale to be persuasive.
37		X			X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> The treating dentist determines, after considering the CDT code’s nomenclature and descriptor, whether D0140 is the appropriate code to document the service provided – without regard to whether the encounter is in-person or virtual. When virtual, the applicable procedure code and the applicable teledentistry procedure code are documented in the patient’s record and reported on the claim submission.
38		X			X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> This is an established and understood procedure code entry whose current descriptor wording – “...may include...” and “...Examples include...” – clearly indicate that the listed attributes of oral hygiene instructions is not exclusive. The proposed additions do not add an exhaustive list of attributes and therefore do not bring additional clarity.
39		X			X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> This is an established and understood procedure code entry. The proposed descriptor revision is seen as “wordsmithing” that does not bring additional clarity.

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40		X			X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> This is an established and understood procedure code entry. The submission's argument that adding a descriptor to bring clarity is not persuasive.
41		X		X		None – CMC considered the action request rationale to be persuasive.
42		X		X		
43		X				The CMC accepted a motion to table any action on D4355 in order to form an ad-hoc work group of CMC member organizations. Tabled to a time definite – March 2022 CMC Annual Meeting.
44		X			X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> This revision creates and inconsistency with other codes whose descriptors indicate that the procedure does not include obtaining graft material (e.g., D4263; D6104; D7955); collection of autogenous graft material (i.e., bone) is a procedure with its own unique code – D7295.
45		X			X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> “Dentist” is considered an inclusive term as state laws concerning scope of professional licensure determine whether or not an individual may engage in a consultation.
46		X		X		None – CMC considered the action request rationale to be persuasive.
47		X			X	<u>Rationale for Rejection:</u> The descriptor's current wording (“Includes, but is not limited to...”) is a non-inclusive statement that precludes the need for an exhaustive list of drugs or medicaments that may be dispensed; the submission's argument that oral analgesics should be removed from the descriptor was not persuasive.
48	X			X		None – CMC considered the action request rationale to be persuasive.