

**CODE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE – MARCH 12, 2020
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1 **Background:** The Code Maintenance Committee convened as scheduled on March 12, 2020 and all
2 agenda items were addressed on that day. Ninety-eight action requests of various types were on the
3 committee’s agenda. Of these, 59 were accepted for inclusion in CDT 2021, parsed as follows:

Additions	Revisions	Deletions	Editorial
26	7	4	22

4 Detailed information about each action request listed in Parts 1 and 2 of this summary report is in the files
5 posted at <https://www.ada.org/en/publications/cdt/code-maintenance-committee> and whose content
6 served as the CMC meeting’s agenda items. The content of all accepted actions (e.g., code numbers,
7 nomenclatures and descriptors) are in the publication titled CDT 2021 (© American Dental Association).

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

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

“E”#	CMC Decision		Remarks
	Accept	Reject	
1	X		All on “Consent Calendar”
2	X		
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1 **Table 2 – Summary of Actions on “Substantive” Requests By Inventory #:**

#	Type Of Change			CMC Decision		Remarks
	New	Revise	Delete	Accept	Reject	
01	X				X	CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: An oral cancer examination is a component of any oral evaluation; it is not a stand-alone or if-indicated procedure.
02		X		X		Descriptor revision clarifies that only the periodontal screening is a “where indicated” component of the procedure.
03		X		X		Approved as amended by CMC. Descriptor revision clarifies that only the oral cancer evaluation is not a “where indicated” component of the procedure.
04		X			X	CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: An oral cancer evaluation is a component of any oral evaluation; it is not a stand-alone or as-indicated procedure.
05		X			X	CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: The proposed addition creates a redundancy within the current descriptor, which addresses evaluation and recording of caries, and with the existing separate caries risk assessment codes (D0601-D0603).
06			X		X	CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: The term “dentist” is already inclusive of any provider delivering service within the scope of their state licensure (ref: CDT Manual Preface), and such licensure determines the ability of any practitioner to deliver any dental procedure.
07	X					Withdrawn by Submitter before any CMC action.
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10	X			X		The CMC, by consensus, considered Inventory #s 10 through 18 as a group of related action requests, with a single motion to accept all for inclusion in CDT 2021.
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	New	Revise	Delete	Accept	Reject	
19	X				X	<p>The CMC, by consensus, considered Inventory #s 19 and 20 as a pair of related action requests, with a single motion to accept both for inclusion in CDT 2021.</p> <p>CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: There is no procedural difference between acquiring an occlusal image from either arch, and the requests do not acknowledge that there are other perspectives for capture of an occlusal image; if the arch is required for documentation or reporting as needed this information can be captured with the applicable area of the oral cavity code.</p>
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21	X				X	<p>CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: The submission describes an instrument that is used as an aid to visualization for the delivery of a procedure; it does not describe a unique clinical procedure.</p>
22	X			X		<p>The CMC accepted a motion to amend the proposed nomenclature and descriptor before considering the requested action for inclusion in the code set.</p> <p>The nomenclature amendment clarifies that this is a per-tooth procedure and the descriptor as amended addresses the procedure's nature and scope.</p>
23	X			X		None
24	X				X	<p>CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: This is a duplication; prophylaxis procedures reported with their existing applicable codes address elimination of plaque, which includes biofilm.</p>
25		X		X		<p>The CMC, by consensus, considered Inventory #s 25 and 26 as a pair of related action requests, and accepted a motion to amend their proposed descriptor revisions before considering inclusion in the code set. There was a single motion to accept both as amended for inclusion in CDT 2021.</p>
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27		X			X	

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28						The CMC, by consensus, considered Inventory #s 27 and 28 as a pair of related action requests, with a single motion to accept both for inclusion in CDT 2021. CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: A prophylaxis procedure as delivered does not parse removal of plaque and disruption of biofilm. Acceptance of Inventory #s 25-26 addresses the descriptor revision to include prosthetic structures. Substituting “preserve health” for “control local irritational factors” would dilute the current descriptor’s specificity.
29		X			X	CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: The CDT code documents delivery of the procedure, not the individual providing the service. Adding the descriptor creates a CDT Code gap since removal by the dentist or practice that placed the appliance would require reporting with a “999” unspecified procedure by report code, which requires additional documentation.
30		X		X		Removing the descriptor eliminates a CDT Code gap – the need to report removal by the dentist or practice that placed the appliance with a “999” unspecified procedure by report code, one that requires additional documentation to report the procedure delivered.
31		X		X		
32	X			X		The CMC accepted a motion to amend the proposed nomenclature editorially before considering the requested action for inclusion in the code set.
33	X				X	The CMC, by consensus, considered Inventory #s 33 and 34 as a pair of related action requests, with a single motion to accept both for inclusion in CDT 2021. CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: The procedures are not the equivalent of an endodontic retreatment procedure as argued by the submitter; also the diagnostic information that the submitter says would be captured with this addition may be captured more precisely with an ICD-10-CM diagnosis code.
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35	X				X	The CMC, by consensus, considered Inventory #s 35 through 40 as a group of related action requests, with a single motion to accept all for inclusion in CDT 2021.
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39						CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: These are resubmissions of past action requests rejected by the CMC, and information included in these submissions does not significantly differ from that contained in prior submissions. The action requests describe techniques, not procedures, and parse components of restorative procedures that are appropriately reported with current CDT codes.
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41	X				X	CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: The proposed nomenclature and descriptor lack the clarity and specificity needed to describe the procedure's nature and scope.
42	X				X	CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: Placement of the barrier is a routine part of the endodontic therapy procedure – sealing after obturation to prevent leakage is not an "as indicated" procedure.
43			X			The CMC, by consensus, considered Inventory #s 43 through 46 as a group of related action requests, with a single motion to accept all for inclusion in CDT 2021. Suite of actions bring reporting consistency between reporting periradicular surgery and apicoectomy procedures.
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47	X			X		Suite of additions address, with consistency, the coding gap created by acceptance of Inventory # 43.
48	X				X	CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: The submission describes an instrument that is used as an aid to visualization for the delivery of a procedure; it does not describe a unique clinical procedure.
49		X			X	CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: The current D4346 nomenclature and descriptor appropriately describe the procedure's nature and scope. The proposed nomenclature and descriptor revisions add ambiguity.
50		X			X	CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: The proposed revisions eliminate information on the clinical scenario in which the procedure is delivered and reported with this CDT code.
51		X			X	CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: The proposed revisions eliminate information on the clinical scenario in which the procedure is delivered and reported with this CDT code.

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52	X				X	The CMC, by consensus, considered Inventory #s 52 and 53 as a pair of related action requests, with a single motion to accept both for inclusion in CDT 2021. CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: The current “resin base” partial denture codes (D5211 and D5212) do not specify the framework material and from the CDT Code’s Classification of Materials (used as an aid to code selection) PAEK is considered a resin.
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54		X		X		The CMC, by consensus, considered Inventory #s 54 through 59 as a group of related action requests, with a single motion to accept all for inclusion in CDT 2021.
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60		X		X		The CMC, by consensus, considered Inventory #s 60 and 61 as a pair of related action requests, with a single motion to accept both for inclusion in CDT 2021.
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62			X	X		The CMC, by consensus, (1) considered Inventory #s 62 through 64 as a group of related action requests, (2) agreed to editorial changes for consistency to the nomenclatures of #s 63-64, and (3) then entertained a single motion to accept all for inclusion in CDT 2021.
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65			X		X	CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: This is a request for a product- or device-specific procedure code and such specificity is not appropriate for a CDT Code entry.
66	X				X	The CMC, by consensus, considered Inventory #s 66 and 67 as a pair of related action requests, with a single motion to accept both for inclusion in CDT 2021. CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: This service may be reported with either D6080 when the prosthesis is removed, or with D1110 as revised for CDT 2021 when the prosthesis is not removed.
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68	X			X		The CMC, by consensus, considered Inventory #s 68 and 69 as a pair of related action requests, with a single motion to accept both for inclusion in CDT 2021.
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70			X	X		The CMC, by consensus, considered Inventory #s 70 through 73 as a group of related action requests, with a single motion to accept all for inclusion in CDT 2021.
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73		X				
74		X		X		The CMC, by consensus, accepted a motion to amend the proposed nomenclature revision before considering the requested action as amended for inclusion in CDT 2021. Nomenclature revision amendment returned the words “per attachment”
75	X			X		The CMC, by consensus, accepted a motion to amend the proposed nomenclature and exclude the proposed descriptor before considering the requested action for inclusion in CDT 2021.
76	X			X		The CMC, by consensus, accepted a motion to amend the requested code addition by excluding the proposed descriptor before considering the requested action for inclusion in CDT 2021.
77	X				X	CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: This procedure is incorporated into the approved CDT Code addition listed as Inventory #75.
77 a			X	X		CMC, by consensus, proposed the following action for inclusion in CDT 2021. Required to avoid potential reporting confusion resulting from addition of Inventory #s 75 and 76.
78		X			X	CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: The request seeks to add information that is not directly related to procedure delivery; proposed wording is considered content related to a standard of care, which is not within the CDT Code’s scope or purpose.
79		X			align="center"> X	The CMC, by consensus, considered Inventory #s 79 and 80 as a pair of related action requests, with a single motion to accept both for inclusion in CDT 2021.
80	X					CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: The services described in these submissions can be reported with the existing code D9630, and with the number of drugs or medicaments dispensed noted in the claim submission’s Quantity field.
81			X		X	

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82	X					<p>The CMC, by consensus, considered Inventory #s 81 and 82 as a pair of related action requests, with a single motion to accept both for inclusion in CDT 2021.</p> <p>CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: The services described in these submissions can be reported with the existing code D9630, and with the number of drugs or medicaments dispensed noted in the claim submission's Quantity field.</p>
83	X				X	<p>The CMC, by consensus, considered Inventory #s 83 through 85 as a group of related action requests, with a single motion to accept all for inclusion in CDT 2021.</p> <p>CMC Rationale for Rejecting the Request: The services described in these submissions can be reported with the existing code D9630, and with the number of drugs or medicaments dispensed noted in the claim submission's Quantity field.</p>
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86		X		X		<p>The CMC, by consensus, accepted a motion to amend the requested descriptor revision before considering the requested action for inclusion in CDT 2021.</p> <p>Descriptor revision as amended addresses the procedure's nature and scope.</p>