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SUBJECT: Supernumerary Tooth Enumeration and Quadrant Designation on the American Dental Association Claim Form (ADA Claim Form – Version 2000)

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide dentists with information on how to enumerate supernumerary teeth and designate quadrants on the American Dental Association (ADA) Claim Form – Version 2000 (ADA Claim Form – Version 2000).

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all dentists enrolled in the Medical Assistance (M A) Program who provide services to eligible M A recipients under the Fee-for-Service delivery system.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) became public law on August 21, 1996 (P.L. 104-191). The primary goal of the law is to make it easier for people to keep health insurance and to help the industry control administrative costs by standardizing health care transactions for all health plans, clearinghouses and providers who submit claims electronically.

HIPAA is divided into five Titles or Sections. Title II is called Administrative Simplification. The goal of Administrative Simplification is to reduce health care administrative costs and promote quality and continuity of care by facilitating electronic data interchange. One of the standards established by HIPAA is national transaction and code sets.

The Department of Public Welfare has already adopted the HIPAA compliant code set for dentists, the ADA's Current Dental Terminology, fourth edition. The national transaction for dentists is the American National Standards Institute 837 Dental (ANSI 837D). The ADA Claim Form – Version 2000 most closely resembles the data required by the ANSI 837D transaction.

The ADA has been working on how to identify supernumerary teeth on a dental claim. This information is necessary for any dentist who plans to submit a HIPAA compliant dental claim involving supernumerary teeth.

The ADA House of Delegates in Resolution 5H-2002 amended the policy on Definitions of Tooth Designation Systems to add the following:

Permanent Dentition – Supernumerary teeth are identified by the numbers 51 through 82, beginning with the area of the upper right third molar, following around the upper arch and continuing on the lower arch to the area of the lower right third molar (for example, supernumerary number 51 is adjacent to the upper right molar number 1; supernumerary number 82 is adjacent to the lower right third molar number 32).

Primary Dentition – Supernumerary teeth are identified by the placement of the letter “S” following the letter identifying the adjacent primary tooth (for example, supernumerary “AS” is adjacent to “A”; supernumerary “TS” is adjacent to “T”).

In addition, the ADA has identified the following quadrant designations for use on the dental claim form. The quadrant designation is necessary for any dentist who plans to submit a HIPAA compliant dental claim involving periodontal services.

10 – Upper Right Quadrant	30 – Lower Left Quadrant
20 – Upper Left Quadrant	40 – Lower Right Quadrant

PROCEDURE:

Effective October 16, 2003, all providers must use the tooth designations indicated above when billing for supernumerary teeth and the quadrant designations indicated above when billing for periodontal services.

Please replace pages VII-11 and VII-12, pages VIII-3 through VIII-6, and pages X-11 through X-18 of your Dental Services Handbook with the attached corrected pages.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Dental Services Handbook, Pages VII-11 and VI-12
- Dental Services Handbook, Pages VIII-3 through VIII-6
- Dental Services Handbook, Pages X-11 through X-18

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