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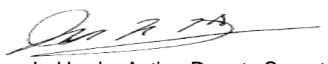
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SUBJECT:

Dental Behavior Management Fee Increase

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## PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify dentists of a fee increase for dental behavior management.

## SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all dentists enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program who provide dental services in the fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system.

## DISCUSSION:

Effective January 1, 2006, the Department of Public Welfare (Department) is increasing the fee for dental behavior management to support continued access to dental services for MA recipients with developmental disabilities as follows:

PROCEDURE CODE	Description of Service	LIMITS	FEE
D9920	Behavior Management (a visit fee for difficult to manage persons with development disabilities)	4 per 365 days	\$125.00

For purposes of billing procedure code D9920, developmental disability is defined as a substantial handicap having its onset before the age of 18 years of indefinite duration and attributed to neuropathy.

Providers are also reminded that the guidelines for the use of this procedure code are set forth in MA Bulletin 03-92-03.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll-free number for your provider type.

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs website at [www.dpw.state.pa.us/omap](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/omap)

**PROCEDURE:**

Providers should make the following pen and ink change to page 15 of the MA Program Schedule Fee Schedule for Dental Services (Attachment A to MA Bulletin 27-05-02, titled "Dental Fee Increase for Anesthesia and Behavior Management Services" issued August 22, 2005 and effective July 1, 2005). Change the fee for procedure code D9220 from \$78.00 to \$125.00.