2019 CDT Code Updates

New CDT 2019 procedure codes:

1. **D0412** blood glucose level test – in-office using a glucose meter. This procedure provides an immediate finding of a patient's blood glucose level at the time of sample collection for the point-of-service analysis.
2. **D1516** space maintainer – fixed – bilateral, maxillary
3. **D1517** space maintainer – fixed – bilateral, mandibular
4. **D1526** space maintainer – removable – bilateral, maxillary
5. **D1527** space maintainer – removable – bilateral, mandibular
6. **D5282** removable unilateral partial denture – one-piece cast metal (including clasps and teeth), maxillary
7. **D5283** removable unilateral partial denture – one-piece cast metal (including clasps and teeth), mandibular
8. **D5876** add metal substructure to acrylic full denture (per arch)
9. **D9130** temporomandibular joint dysfunction – noninvasive physical therapies. Therapy including but not limited to massage, diathermy, ultrasound or cold application to provide relief from muscle spasms, inflammation or pain, intending to improve freedom of motion and joint function. This should be reported on a per session basis.
10. **D9613** infiltration of sustained release therapeutic drug – single or multiple sites. Infiltration of a sustained-release pharmacologic agent for long-acting surgical-site pain control. Not for local anesthesia purposes.
11. **D9944** occlusal guard – hard appliance, full arch. Removable dental appliance designed to minimize the effects of bruxism or other occlusal factors. Not to be reported for any type of sleep apnea, snoring or TMD appliances.
12. **D9945** occlusal guard – soft appliance, full arch. Removable dental appliance designed to minimize the effects of bruxism or other occlusal factors. Not to be reported for any type of sleep apnea, snoring or TMD appliances.
13. **D9946** occlusal guard – hard appliance, partial arch. Removable dental appliance designed to minimize the effects of bruxism or other occlusal factors. Provides only partial occlusal coverage such as anterior deprogrammer. Not to be reported for any type of sleep apnea, snoring or TMD appliances.
14. **D9961** duplicate/copy patient's records
15. **D9990** certified translation or sign-language services – per visit

CDT 2019 Revisions:

1. **D5211** maxillary partial denture – resin base (including ~~any conventional clasps~~ retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth). ~~Includes acrylic resin base denture with resin or wrought wire clasps.~~
2. **D5212** mandibular partial denture – resin base (including ~~any conventional clasps~~ retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth). ~~Includes acrylic resin base denture with resin or wrought wire clasps.~~
3. **D5630** repair or replace broken ~~clasp~~ retentive/clasping materials – per tooth
4. **D7283** placement of device to facilitate eruption of impacted tooth. Placement of an ~~orthodontic bracket, band or other device~~ attachment on an unerupted tooth, after its exposure, to aid in its eruption. Report the surgical exposure separately using D7280.
5. **D9219** evaluation for moderate sedation, deep sedation or general anesthesia

CDT 2019 Deletions:

1. **D1515** space maintainer – fixed – bilateral
2. **D1525** space maintainer – removable – bilateral
3. **D5281** removable unilateral partial denture – one-piece cast metal (including clasps and teeth)
4. **D9940** occlusal guard, by report. Removable dental appliances, which are designed to minimize the effects of bruxism (grinding) and other occlusal factors.

When coding, remember to code for what you have done, not what is covered under the patient's benefit plan. If you can't find a code to describe a procedure, use the appropriate unspecified procedure, by report code, commonly known as the 999 code, e.g., D4999 unspecified periodontics procedure, by report, but do not forget to include the supporting narrative describing the service provided.

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