

# Blue Shield Report

A NEWSLETTER FOR PROFESSIONAL PROVIDERS AND THEIR STAFF MEMBERS

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## ADA Dental Codes CDT-3/2000

In 1997, BCBSKS began using a new dental claims system which required us to use the American Dental Association's CDT-2 codes. At that time, their codes all began with a 0 (zero); therefore, we asked that you submit your claims using the CDT-2 codes, with the 0 instead of D.

With the release of the ADA's CDT-3/2000, the American Dental Association has opted to change the codes back to D. To remain consistent with the ADA and other dental insurers, BCBSKS will use the CDT-3/2000.

On January 1, 2000, we will begin accepting the D codes for dental services provided on January 1 and after.

We will also continue to accept the 0 codes up through March 31, 2000. However, as of April 1, 2000, claims with 0 codes will be denied for invalid codes.

- If you have not already done so, you can order a CDT-3/2000 Users Manual through the American Dental Association.
- An updated Dental Manual Section VIII, Policies and Guidelines, will be distributed in the near future.

### QUESTIONS:

Contact your Professional Relations Representative, or the Professional Relations Hotline at **1.800.432.3587**, or in the Topeka area, **785.291.7060**.

### OUR WEB ADDRESS:

<http://www.bcbsks.com>

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## Year 2000 FEP PPO Dental Fee Schedule Changes

The 2000 FEP (Federal Employee Program) PPO Dental Network Maximum Allowance Charge and FEP Payment Schedule was distributed with Blue Shield Report D-3-99, dated August 18, 1999.

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Because of the revisions the American Dental Association (ADA) made for the year 2000, please note the following changes to the covered Dental Procedure Codes, which will be effective for services rendered on and after January 1, 2000.

**Added - D0277** Vertical bitewings –7 to 8 films

**Added - D2388** Resin-based composite – four or more surfaces, posterior permanent

**Deleted - D2210** Silicate cement – per restoration

An updated schedule dated January 2000 has been included with this newsletter. Please disregard the schedule dated 12/09/1999.

If you are not currently contracting with the FEP PPO Dental Network but would like to, please contact your Professional Relations Provider Representative for contractual information.

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