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Do Not Bill "O" Codes



Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas (BCBSKS) requires D codes to be billed for dental services.

With the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) implementation scheduled for the fall of 2002, BCBSKS is advising providers that

"O" codes will be recognized as CPT anesthesia codes; therefore, it is imperative that providers make the necessary changes to bill "D" codes and not "O" codes.

Billing Crowns and Prosthetics

Two quick reminders about billing crowns and prosthetics:

- Fillings, core build-ups and pins will be denied as content of service when provided on the same day as crowns and prosthetics.
- Crowns and prosthetics are to be billed on the day they are seated.

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Orthodontic Local Codes Crossover to CDT

Effective January 1, 2003, the following local S codes will be cross-walked and should not be used; rather, the corresponding current dental terminology (CDT-3) D code should be billed.

Local Code:		Crossover to CDT-3 code:	
S0031	Initial orthodontic study (includes study models, full mouth x-rays, case history and treatment plan)	D8660	Pre-orthodontic treatment visit
S0033	Orthodontic appliances – initial fee	D8220	Fixed appliance therapy
S1200	Orthodontic Treatment-Periodic Payment	D8670	Periodic orthodontic treatment visit (as part of contract)

For further information about orthodontic billing, see the BCBSKS Dental Provider Manual.