

**WAC 182-535-1050 Definitions.** The following definitions and abbreviations and those found in chapter 182-500 WAC apply to this chapter. The medicaid agency also uses dental definitions found in the American Dental Association's Current Dental Terminology (CDT) and the American Medical Association's Physician's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT). Where there is any discrepancy between the CDT or CPT and this section, this section prevails. (CPT is a trademark of the American Medical Association.)

**"Access to baby and child dentistry (ABCD)"** is a program to increase access to dental services for medicaid eligible infants, toddlers, and preschoolers through age five. See WAC 182-535-1245 for specific information.

**"Alternate living facility"** is defined in WAC 182-513-1100.

**"American Dental Association (ADA)"** is a national organization for dental professionals and dental societies.

**"Anterior"** refers to teeth (maxillary and mandibular incisors and canines) and tissue in the front of the mouth. Permanent maxillary anterior teeth include teeth six, seven, eight, nine, ten, and eleven. Permanent mandibular anterior teeth include teeth twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, and twenty-seven. Primary maxillary anterior teeth include teeth C, D, E, F, G, and H. Primary mandibular anterior teeth include teeth M, N, O, P, Q, and R.

**"Asynchronous"** means two or more events not happening at the same time.

**"Alveoloplasty"** means a distinct (separate procedure) from extractions. Usually in preparation for a prosthesis or other treatments such as radiation therapy and transplant surgery.

**"Behavior management"** means using one additional professional staff, who is employed by the dental provider or clinic and who is not delivering dental treatment to the client, to manage the client's behavior to facilitate dental treatment delivery.

**"By-report"** means a method of reimbursement in which the department determines the amount it will pay for a service when the rate for that service is not included in the agency's published fee schedules. Upon request the provider must submit a "report" that describes the nature, extent, time, effort and/or equipment necessary to deliver the service.

**"Caries"** means carious lesions or tooth decay through the enamel or decay on the root surface.

- **"Incipient caries"** means the beginning stages of caries or decay, or subsurface demineralization.

- **"Rampant caries"** means a sudden onset of widespread caries that affects most of the teeth and penetrates quickly to the dental pulp.

**"Comprehensive oral evaluation"** means a thorough evaluation and documentation of a client's dental and medical history to include extra-oral and intra-oral hard and soft tissues, dental caries, missing or unerupted teeth, restorations, occlusal relationships, periodontal conditions, (may include periodontal screening and/or charting), hard and soft tissue anomalies, and oral cancer screening.

**"Conscious sedation"** means a drug-induced depression of consciousness during which a client responds purposefully to verbal commands, either alone or accompanied by light tactile stimulation. No interventions are required to maintain a patent airway, spontaneous ventilation is adequate, and cardiovascular function is maintained.

**"Core buildup"** means the building up of clinical crowns, including pins.

**"Coronal"** means the portion of a tooth that is covered by enamel.

**"Crown"** means a restoration covering or replacing the whole clinical crown of a tooth.

**"Current dental terminology (CDT)"** means a systematic listing of descriptive terms and identifying codes for reporting dental services and procedures performed by dental practitioners. CDT is published by the Council on Dental Benefit Programs of the American Dental Association (ADA).

**"Current procedural terminology (CPT)"** means a systematic listing of descriptive terms and identifying codes for reporting medical services, procedures, and interventions performed by physicians and other practitioners who provide physician-related services. CPT is copyrighted and published annually by the American Medical Association (AMA).

**"Decay"** means a term for caries or carious lesions and means decomposition of tooth structure.

**"Deep sedation"** means a drug-induced depression of consciousness during which a client cannot be easily aroused, ventilatory function may be impaired, but the client responds to repeated or painful stimulation.

**"Dental general anesthesia"** see **"general anesthesia."**

**"Dentures"** means an artificial replacement for natural teeth and adjacent tissues, and includes complete dentures, immediate dentures, overdentures, and partial dentures.

**"Denturist"** means a person licensed under chapter 18.30 RCW to make, construct, alter, reproduce, or repair a denture.

**"Distant site (location of dental provider)"** means the physical location of the dentist or authorized dental provider providing the dental service to a client through teledentistry.

**"Edentulous"** means lacking teeth.

**"Endodontic"** means the etiology, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases and injuries of the pulp and associated periradicular conditions.

**"EPSDT"** means the agency's early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment program for clients age twenty and younger as described in chapter 182-534 WAC.

**"Extraction"** see **"simple extraction"** and **"surgical extraction."**

**"Fluoride varnish, rinse, foam or gel"** means a substance containing dental fluoride which is applied to teeth, not including silver diamine fluoride.

**"General anesthesia"** means a drug-induced loss of consciousness during which a client is not arousable even by painful stimulation. The ability to independently maintain ventilatory function is often impaired. Clients may require assistance in maintaining a patent airway, and positive pressure ventilation may be required because of depressed spontaneous ventilation or drug-induced depression of neuromuscular function. Cardiovascular function may be impaired.

**"Interim therapeutic restoration (ITR)"** means the placement of an adhesive restorative material following caries debridement by hand or other method for the management of early childhood caries. It is not considered a definitive restoration.

**"Limited oral evaluation"** means an evaluation limited to a specific oral health condition or problem. Typically a client receiving this type of evaluation has a dental emergency, such as trauma or acute infection.

**"Limited visual oral assessment"** means an assessment by a dentist or dental hygienist provided in a setting other than a dental office or dental clinic to identify signs of disease and the potential need for referral for diagnosis.

**"Medically necessary"** see WAC 182-500-0070.

**"Mobile anesthesiologist"** means a provider qualified to deliver moderate and deep sedation in an office setting other than their own. The mobile anesthesiologist is a separate provider from the clinician delivering dental treatment.

**"Oral evaluation"** see **"comprehensive oral evaluation."**

**"Oral hygiene instruction"** means instruction for home oral hygiene care, such as tooth brushing techniques or flossing.

**"Originating site (location of client)"** means the physical location of the Medicaid client as it relates to teledentistry.

**"Partials"** or **"partial dentures"** mean a removable prosthetic appliance that replaces missing teeth on either arch.

**"Periodic oral evaluation"** means an evaluation performed on a patient of record to determine any changes in the client's dental or medical status since a previous comprehensive or periodic evaluation.

**"Periodontal maintenance"** means a procedure performed for clients who have previously been treated for periodontal disease with surgical or nonsurgical treatment. It includes the removal of supragingival and subgingival microorganisms, calculus, and deposits with hand and mechanical instrumentation, an evaluation of periodontal conditions, and a complete periodontal charting as appropriate.

**"Periodontal scaling and root planing"** means a procedure to remove plaque, calculus, microorganisms, and rough cementum and dentin from tooth surfaces. This includes hand and mechanical instrumentation, an evaluation of periodontal conditions, and a complete periodontal charting as appropriate.

**"Posterior"** means the teeth (maxillary and mandibular premolars and molars) and tissue towards the back of the mouth. Permanent maxillary posterior teeth include teeth one, two, three, four, five, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen. Permanent mandibular posterior teeth include teeth seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one, and thirty-two. Primary maxillary posterior teeth include teeth A, B, I, and J. Primary mandibular posterior teeth include teeth K, L, S, and T.

**"Prophylaxis"** means the dental procedure of scaling and polishing which includes removal of calculus, plaque, and stains from tooth structures and implants and is intended to control local irritation factors.

**"Proximal"** means the surface of the tooth near or next to the adjacent tooth.

**"Radiograph (X-ray)"** means an image or picture produced on a radiation sensitive film emulsion or digital sensor by exposure to ionizing radiation.

**"Reline"** means to resurface the tissue side of a denture with new base material or soft tissue conditioner in order to achieve a more accurate fit.

**"Resin-based composite restorations"** means resin-based composite refers to a broad category of materials including, but not limited to, composites. The category may include bonded composite, light-cured composite, etc. Tooth preparation, acid-etching, adhesives (including resin-bonding agents), liners and bases, and curing are included as part of the restoration. Glass ionomers, when used as definitive restorations, should be reported with resin-based composite codes.

**"Root canal"** means the chamber within the root of the tooth that contains the pulp.

**"Root canal therapy"** means the treatment of the pulp and associated periradicular conditions.

**"Root planing"** means a procedure to remove plaque, calculus, microorganisms, and rough cementum and dentin from tooth surfaces. This includes hand and mechanical instrumentation.

**"Scaling"** means a procedure to remove plaque, calculus, and stain deposits from tooth surfaces.

**"Sealant"** means a dental material applied to teeth to prevent dental caries.

**"Simple extraction"** means the extraction of an erupted or exposed tooth to include the removal of tooth structure, minor smoothing of socket bone, and closure, as necessary.

**"Standard of care"** means what reasonable and prudent practitioners would do in the same or similar circumstances.

**"Surgical extraction"** means the extraction of an erupted or impacted tooth requiring removal of bone and/or sectioning of the tooth, and including elevation of mucoperiosteal flap if indicated. This includes related cutting of gingiva and bone, removal of tooth structure, minor smoothing of socket bone, and closure.

**"Synchronous"** means existing or occurring at the same time.

**"Teledentistry"** means the variety of technologies and tactics used to deliver HIPAA-compliant, interactive, real-time audio and video telecommunications (including web-based applications) or store-and-forward technology to deliver covered services within the dental care provider's scope of practice to a client at a site other than the site where the provider is located.

**"Temporomandibular joint dysfunction (TMJ/TMD)"** means an abnormal functioning of the temporomandibular joint or other areas secondary to the dysfunction.

**"Therapeutic pulpotomy"** means the surgical removal of a portion of the pulp (inner soft tissue of a tooth), to retain the healthy remaining pulp.

**"Usual and customary"** means the fee that the provider usually charges nonmedicaid customers for the same service or item. This is the maximum amount that the provider may bill the agency.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and 41.05.160. WSR 21-14-055, § 182-535-1050, filed 7/1/21, effective 8/1/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160 and 2019 c 415 §§ 211 (1)(c) and 1111 (1)(c). WSR 19-20-047, § 182-535-1050, filed 9/25/19, effective 10/26/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 1 § 213 (1)(c). WSR 19-09-058, § 182-535-1050, filed 4/15/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and 41.05.160. WSR 17-20-097, § 182-535-1050, filed 10/3/17, effective 11/3/17; WSR 16-13-110, § 182-535-1050, filed 6/20/16, effective 8/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 4 § 213. WSR 14-08-032, § 182-535-1050, filed 3/25/14, effective 4/30/14. WSR 11-14-075, redefined as § 182-535-1050, filed 6/30/11, effective 7/1/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.500, 74.09.520. WSR 07-06-041, § 388-535-1050, filed 3/1/07, effective 4/1/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, and 74.09.530. WSR 04-14-100, § 388-535-1050, filed 7/6/04, effective 8/6/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.530, 2003 1st sp.s. c 25, P.L. 104-191. WSR 03-19-077, § 388-535-1050, filed 9/12/03, effective 10/13/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.035, 74.09.500, 74.09.520, 42 U.S.C. 1396d(a), 42 C.F.R. 440.100 and 440.225. WSR 02-13-074, § 388-535-1050, filed 6/14/02, effective 7/15/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090. WSR 01-02-076, § 388-535-1050, filed 12/29/00, effective 1/29/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.035, 74.09.520

and 74.09.700, 42 U.S.C. 1396d(a), C.F.R. 440.100 and 440.225. WSR 99-07-023, § 388-535-1050, filed 3/10/99, effective 4/10/99. Statutory Authority: Initiative 607, 1995 c 18 2nd sp.s. and 74.08.090. WSR 96-01-006 (Order 3931), § 388-535-1050, filed 12/6/95, effective 1/6/96.]