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## CDT 2026 code and policy changes

As of January 1, 2026, the American Dental Association's (ADA's) procedure code changes will be in effect. Associated changes to Northeast Delta Dental policies were effective as of January 1, 2026. There are 31 new codes, and six deleted codes.

Please be sure *not* to submit claims for the new codes with dates of service prior to January 1, 2026, and do not submit claims for the deleted codes for dates of service on or after January 1, 2026. Your claims will be returned to your office for resubmission with the correct codes for the dates of service involved, which results in unnecessarily delaying the processing of your claims.

The following are definitions of terms used in this article:

**Denied/Deny:** The procedure or service is not covered, and the approved amount is collectable from the patient.

**Not Billable to the Patient (NBTP):** The procedure is not benefited by Delta Dental nor is it billable to the patient by an in-network dentist.

**General Policy:** This policy is already in place; **any** charges related to office overhead, including infection control/PPE, are included in the fee for the dental services provided. Separate fees are not billable to the patient.

**Specialized Procedure:** Describes a dental service or procedure that is used when unusual or extraordinary circumstances exist and is not generally used when conventional methods are adequate.

### New 2026 standardly covered codes and standard Delta Dental processing policies

**D6049** Scaling and debridement of a single implant in the presence of peri-implantitis inflammation, bleeding upon probing and increased pocket depths, including cleaning of the implant surfaces, without flap entry and closure. Covered benefit once every 24 months. See **Not Billable to the Patient** for more information.

**D6280** Implant maintenance procedures when a full arch removable implant/abutment supported denture is removed and reinserted, including cleansing of prosthesis and abutments – per arch. Covered benefit once every 36 months per arch for those ages 16 and above. See **Not Billable to the Patient** for more information.

**D9224** Administration of general anesthesia with advanced airway – first 15-minute increment or any portion thereof. Benefit in conjunction with oral or implant surgical procedures when covered or when necessary due to concurrent medical conditions. See **Not Billable to the Patient** for more information.

**D9225** Administration of general anesthesia with advanced airway – each subsequent 15-minute increment or any portion thereof. Benefit in conjunction with oral or implant surgical procedures when covered or when necessary due to concurrent medical conditions. See **Not Billable to the Patient** for more information.

### New 2026 standardly non-covered codes and standard Delta Dental processing policies

#### Non-covered codes which are denied and billable to the patient

**D0426** Collection, preparation and analysis of a saliva sample – point-of-care. Benefits are denied.

**D1720** Influenza vaccine administration. Benefits are denied.

**D5877** Duplication of complete denture – maxillary. Benefits are denied.

**D5878** Duplication of complete denture – mandibular. Benefits are denied.

**D5909** Maxillary guidance prosthesis with guide flange. Benefits are denied.

**D5930** Maxillary guidance prosthesis without guide flange. Benefits are denied.

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**D5938** Resection prosthesis, maxillary complete removable. Benefits are denied.

**D5939** Resection prosthesis, mandibular complete removable. Benefits are denied.

**D5940** Resection prosthesis, maxillary partial removable. Benefits are denied.

**D5941** Resection prosthesis, mandibular partial removable. Benefits are denied.

**D5942** Resection prosthesis, maxillary implant/abutment supported removable prosthesis for edentulous arch. Benefits are denied.

**D5943** Resection prosthesis, mandibular implant/abutment supported removable prosthesis for edentulous arch. Benefits are denied.

**D5944** Resection prosthesis, maxillary implant/abutment supported removable prosthesis for the partial edentulous arch. Benefits are denied.

**D5945** Resection prosthesis, mandibular implant/abutment supported removable prosthesis for the partial edentulous arch. Benefits are denied.

**D5946** Resection prosthesis, maxillary implant/abutment supported fixed prosthesis for edentulous arch. Benefits are denied.

**D5947** Resection prosthesis, mandibular implant/abutment supported fixed prosthesis for edentulous arch. Benefits are denied.

**D5948** Resection prosthesis, maxillary implant/abutment supported fixed prosthesis for the partial edentulous arch. Benefits are denied.

**D5949** Resection prosthesis, mandibular implant/abutment supported fixed prosthesis for the partial edentulous arch. Benefits are denied.

**D9128** Photobiomodulation therapy – first 15-minute increment or any portion thereof. Benefits are denied when billed as a standalone procedure. See **Not Billable to the Patient** for more information.

**D9129** Photobiomodulation therapy – subsequent 15-minute increment or any portion thereof. Benefits are denied when billed as a standalone procedure. See **Not Billable to the Patient** for more information.

**D9244** In-office administration of minimal sedation – single drug – enteral. Benefits are denied. See **Not Billable to the Patient** for more information.

**D9245** Administration of moderate sedation – enteral. Benefits are denied. See **Not Billable to the Patient** for more information.

**D9246** Administration of moderate sedation – non-intravenous parenteral – first 15-minute increment or any portion thereof. Benefits are denied. See **Not Billable to the Patient** for more information.

**D9247** Administration of moderate sedation – non-intravenous parenteral – each subsequent 15-minute increment or any portion thereof. Benefits are denied. See **Not Billable to the Patient** for more information.

**D9936** Cleaning and inspection of an occlusal guard – per appliance. Benefits are denied. See **Not Billable to the Patient** for more information.

**New 2026 non-covered codes which are not billable to the patient**

**D0461** Testing for cracked tooth. Testing for cracked tooth is included as part of the definitive procedure, and the fees are not billable to the patient.

**D6049** Scaling and debridement of a single implant in the presence of peri-implantitis inflammation, bleeding upon probing and increased pocket depths, including cleaning of the implant surfaces, without flap entry and closure. Not billable to the patient: when performed in the same quadrant by the same dentist/dental office as D4341/D4342 or D4240/D4241, D4260/D4261 or D6101/D6102; when performed within 12 months of restoration (D6058-D6077, D6085, D6094, D6118, D6119, D6194); or when done in conjunction with D1110, D4346, or D4910.

**D6196** Removal of an indirect restoration on an implant retained abutment. The removal of an indirect restoration is included in the definitive treatment, and fees are not billable to the patient.

**D6280** Implant maintenance procedures when a full arch removable implant/abutment supported denture is removed and reinserted, including cleansing of prosthesis and abutments – per arch. Fees are not billable to the patient if done within 12 months of D6110 and D6111.

**D9128** Photobiomodulation therapy – first 15-minute increment or any portion thereof. Fees are not billable to the patient when performed as part of another procedure.

**D9129** Photobiomodulation therapy – subsequent 15-minute increment or any portion thereof. Fees are not billable to the patient when performed as part of another procedure.

**D9224** Administration of general anesthesia with advanced airway – first 15-minute increment or any portion thereof. Benefits for more than one hour of deep sedation are not billable to the patient unless clinical documentation supports more than an hour was necessary.

**D9225** Administration of general anesthesia with advanced airway – each subsequent 15-minute increment, or any portion thereof. Benefits for more than one hour of deep sedation are not billable to the patient unless clinical documentation supports more than an hour was necessary.

**D9244** In-office administration of minimal sedation – single drug – enteral. Fees are not billable to the patient in conjunction with IV sedation (D9239 and D9243) and general anesthesia (D9222, D9223, D9224, D9225).

**D9245** Administration of moderate sedation – enteral. Fees are not billable to the patient in conjunction with IV sedation (D9239 and D9243) and general anesthesia (D9222, D9223, D9224, D9225).

**D9246** Administration of moderate sedation – non-intravenous parenteral – first 15-minute increment or any portion thereof. Fees are not billable to the patient in conjunction with IV sedation (D9239 and D9243) and general anesthesia (D9222, D9223, D9224, D9225).

**D9247** Administration of moderate sedation – non-intravenous parenteral – each subsequent 15-minute increment or any portion thereof. Fees are not billable to the patient in conjunction with IV sedation (D9239 and D9243) and general anesthesia (D9222, D9223, D9224, D9225).

**D9936** Cleaning and inspection of an occlusal guard – per appliance. Fees are not billable to the patient when done in conjunction with D9942.

**Revised standard Delta Dental processing policies for existing codes as of January 1, 2026**

**D0180** Comprehensive periodontal evaluation – new or established patient. Fees for D0180 are not billable to the patient when done on the same date of service as D4355 by the same dentist/dental office.

**D0502** Other oral pathology procedures, by report. Other oral pathology procedures must be accompanied by a pathology report. Fee for D0502 submitted without the report is not billable to the patient. Benefits for D0502 submitted with a pathology report are denied.

**D4355** Full mouth debridement to enable comprehensive periodontal evaluation and diagnosis on subsequent visit. Fees for D0180 are not billable to the patient when done on the same date of service as D4355 by the same dentist/dental office.

**D6081** Scaling and debridement of a single implant in the presence of mucositis, including inflammation, bleeding upon probing and increased pocket depths; includes cleaning of the implant surfaces, without flap entry and closure. Fees for D6081 are not billable to the patient when performed in the same quadrant by the same dentist/dental office as D4341/D4342 or D4240/D4241, D4260/D4261, D6049 or D6101/D6102.

**D7953** Bone replacement graft for ridge preservation – per site. Benefits are by report and subject to coverage available under the medical plan and are denied. When covered, D7953 is limited to one per extraction site and denied when performed on third molars. Not billable to the patient: on an edentulous ridge or on the same date of service as implant placement or when done on the same site and same date of service as an extraction or removal of an implant.

**D9230** Administration of nitrous oxide. Fees for D9230 are not billable to the patient in conjunction with IV sedation (D9239 and D9243) and general anesthesia (D9222, and D9223, D9224 and D9225).

**Deleted codes as of January 1, 2026**

**D1352** Preventive resin restoration in a moderate-to-high caries risk patient – permanent tooth.

**D1705** AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine administration – first dose.

**D1706** AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine administration – second dose.

**D1707** Janssen Covid-19 vaccine administration.

**D1712** Janssen Covid-19 vaccine Administration – booster dose.

**D9248** Non-intravenous conscious sedation.

Check out these valuable related resources available from the ADA: the new CDT 2026 book, the CDT 2026 App and/or the Coding Companion Guide.



**Ranked number five as a Best Company to Work For**

We are honored that *Business NH Magazine* chose us as one of the 2025 Best Companies to Work For. We created and deliberately nurture a culture where our employee colleagues do their best work every day because they are well trained, are engaged in their work and understand how their work supports our overall mission. In a variety of ways, we show our appreciation for their roles in our ongoing success. We also again sponsored the Annual Breakfast With the Best, where executives from winning workplaces interacted with attendees by exploring workplace topics in brief workshops.



**Future Workforce Fund**

Launched in 2023 by the Delta Dental Institute, the Delta Dental Future Workforce Fund invests up to \$1 million annually in comprehensive solutions, innovative pilots and scalable models that inspire school-aged children from a variety of backgrounds and experiences to pursue careers in oral health. The 2025 awardees are: American Dental Education Association, American Dental Hygienists' Association, Hispanic Dental Association, Mentorships in Dentistry, and Society of American Indian Dentists. Learn more on the [Delta Dental Institute](#) website.

## How the Premier and PPO Maximum Allowable Charges (MAC) are determined

The elements that are reviewed when determining these Maximum Allowable Charge (MAC) adjustments are multidimensional and include the following:

- *Feedback from dental providers.* Throughout the year, we listen to your concerns about the MAC schedules and document all feedback we receive from you. We review it during the first step of the MAC adjustment process. This helps us to identify procedure codes that would benefit from an individual review. Feedback that is most helpful includes a description of why the MAC for the procedure code is out of alignment with current practice.
- *Submitted fee data.* Submitted fee data is collected from several distinct sources for use in review of the MAC overall and codes identified through your feedback. The first is internal submitted fee data submitted on claims by you, our valued dental community. By reviewing the fees your office has submitted on claims, we can identify the differences between the demands of the marketplace and current MAC levels. This is collected and reviewed at both the company and the national Delta Dental member company system levels. Another source of this data is the FAIR Health database. FAIR Health is an independent nonprofit that maintains the nation's largest database of privately billed health and dental insurance claims. This valuable resource provides additional insight into current MAC levels versus the submitted fee demands of the dental community by region.
- *Geographic location.* Currently, our MAC schedules are reviewed and adjusted separately by state, based on the submitted fee data. Codes may require different changes in each state, depending on the submitted fee data, feedback and current MAC levels. We review whether the current regions continue to make sense for the marketplace as part of the process each year.
- *Consumer Price Index (CPI).* The CPI is a statistical measure that tracks the prices for a set basket of goods and services that a consumer pays over time, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. We use the U.S. city average Dental Services CPI to track the change in fees over time at the national level, which helps guide our targeted overall increase.
- *Network surveys and discount benchmarking.* Actuarial consulting firms such as Milliman and Mercer collect claims data from multiple insurers and provide breakdowns by geographic area, demonstrating how each insurer ranks in terms of network discount and size. These surveys and benchmarking information are used to investigate both the overall competitive landscape and to research individual codes for adjustment considerations.
- *CDT code changes and/or processing policy changes.* As part of our annual review, we also consider any new CDT codes being released in the upcoming year and any forthcoming processing policy changes. Any adjustments to overall costs from these changes must be considered to ensure overall cost objectives are met.

In addition to the above listing, metrics such as dental provider retention, group customer retention and sales, and other competitive information, when available, is also discussed. After all of the sources are reviewed, we determine which codes need special adjustments and our overall targeted increase. Imperative to this process is trying to balance the needs of both dental providers like yourself and our customers, to whom these fee increases are passed through claims and the rates charged to their groups. It can be difficult to find the right balance between all sides of the triangle (purchasers, dental providers, customer/patients), yet we feel the thorough review process leads to MAC changes that overall are fair and reasonable in the marketplace.

### Understanding the 2026 Increases in Premier MAC and PPO MAC Schedules

Northeast Delta Dental is committed to an annual review of both our Premier MAC and PPO MAC schedules. This review process has led to annual increases in each year since the inception of the MAC in 2015, including the 2026 average schedule changes of nearly 3%. How does the 3% breakdown?

- A 4% increase was targeted on the top 10 procedure codes (those submitted most frequently), covering 66% of all procedures submitted.
- A 3% increase was targeted on the remainder of the top 50 procedure codes, covering another 29% of all procedures submitted.
- The remaining procedure codes had a targeted increase of 2%.

Some of the targeted increases were adjusted on select codes to account for individual consideration for procedures based on feedback, or due to rounding to the nearest dollar. Certain codes received changes greater than the targets above, including several diagnostic and preventive codes with increases between 4% and 5%, and porcelain and ceramic crowns with an increase of approximately 4%. Altogether, this produces a weighted average change of nearly 3% in all states.

### Your Feedback is Important.

Please note that Northeast Delta Dental does not negotiate fees with individual offices; however, detailed feedback we receive from your office provides important insight for us in our annual review process, as noted above. If you do not do so already, we encourage you to share feedback with us at [PRFeedback@nedelta.com](mailto:PRFeedback@nedelta.com). Additionally, please submit your usual fees, not the MAC, on all claims. This ensures your fees are taken into consideration for Northeast Delta Dental's future updates and submitted fee databases.

## Study examines the state of oral health care post-pandemic

In an effort to determine the pandemic's long-term effects on dentistry, Delta Dental conducted a study examining quarterly procedure volume from 2020-2023, comparing them to pre-pandemic averages from 2017-2019. This study appeared in *The Journal of the American Dental Association* (JADA) in September of 2025.

The pandemic created major setbacks in access to oral health care. As one of the country's largest dental providers, it's our mission to ensure we're eliminating access barriers. It's essential to our commitment to improving oral and overall health that we evaluate whether these efforts are on track. This study, and others that analyze dental care claim data, help us determine the true state of oral health in our communities and create ways to eliminate oral health care access barriers as part of our efforts to fulfill our mission.

It was discovered that, overall, preventive and diagnostic procedures have mostly returned to pre-pandemic levels. Also, the study found an increase in occlusal (mouth) guards among adults. Additionally, there was a continuing decrease in emergency palliative treatments, endodontic procedures and oral surgery procedures among the under 65 age population, possibly suggesting an increase in preventive and diagnostic utilization.

Overall, the news was encouraging. The survey patterns suggest access to routine dental care has improved significantly. It also highlighted that the types of treatments people are receiving and the way oral health issues are being managed have changed in the post-COVID era. This information is important for us to consider when developing our coverage plans. To learn more about key takeaways of the current study and a previous study analyzing utilization rates during the pandemic visit [Tom's Blog](#).



## Delta Dental Elliot Corporate 5K

This year we were the presenting sponsors of the Delta Dental Elliot Corporate 5K, one of the biggest 5Ks in New Hampshire, with its runners clocking some of their fastest times. Our team was comprised of colleagues, their families and friends and a few elite runners. It was heartwarming to see multiple generations embracing the spirit of community, running side by side to create lasting memories and raise awareness and money for the Solinsky Center for Cancer Care at Elliot Hospital.

The 2025 State of America's Oral Health and Wellness Report

Commissioned by Delta Dental Plans Association

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## The 2025 State of America's Oral Health and Wellness Report

The [2025 State of America's Oral Health and Wellness Report](#), Delta Dental's nationwide analysis of consumer opinions and behaviors relating to oral health, reveals that the state of U.S. oral health is generally positive but that ensuring broader access to dental coverage can help more people maintain optimal oral health.

## Help for those losing dental benefits covered by Medicare Advantage plans

The recent changes in the Medicare Advantage market have given many seniors fewer options for health coverage. Some may have to switch Medicare Advantage plans and be left without dental coverage. This could include some of our Medicare Advantage enrollees through Martin's Point Generations Advantage and WellSense Health Plan.

Many dental offices have told us that their Medicare Advantage patients are asking about alternatives for dental coverage. Several options are available through [DeltaDentalCoversMe.com](#). Medicare-eligible patients enrolling in an individual policy will experience no lapse in coverage, and enrollment is quick and easy.

If your patients are asking for help finding alternatives to dental coverage as part of their Medicare Advantage plan, it might help you to have a supply of brochures highlighting these individual plans in your office. You can order a supply at no cost at [www.reorder.rgnet.com](http://www.reorder.rgnet.com), or call us at 1-844-759-6020.

# Welcome to our network

Join us in welcoming these dental professionals added from May through November 2025 to the Northeast Delta Dental network. This is just the beginning of a long and mutually beneficial relationship. Thanks for joining us!

## Maine

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 Syed Fahd, DDS  
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 Gregory Goding, DMD  
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 Jun Hong, DMD  
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 Johyun Woo, DMD  
 Bryan Zhong, DDS  
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 Andrew Casey, DMD  
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 Jacob Shlaferman, DMD  
 Mark Sivers, DMD  
 William Sorokolit, DMD  
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 Shannon Wong, DMD  
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 Sakibur Rahman, DDS  
 Christopher Scott, DMD  
 Samiullah Shaikh, BDS  
 Nathan Shimer, DDS  
 Maria Lavieri Sosa, DMD  
 Anna Spence, DDS  
 Jerry Strauss, DMD  
 Brian Waller, DMD  
 Emma Wilkinson, DMD  
 Michael Williams, DMD  
 Arthur Zakaryan, DDS



Left to right, Northeast Delta Dental team: Patty Newhard, Deb Morrill, Cheryl Monroe and Bill Fraser

Annual golf tournament raises over \$20,000

We held the 27th Annual Thurston J. Carpenter Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday, September 6, at Breakfast Hill Golf Club in Greenland, New Hampshire. It raised \$20,457 for the Northeast Delta Dental Foundation, which awards grants annually to oral health programs in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Congratulations to the Prime Buchholz team for being tournament winners. We couldn't have held another successful tournament without the support of golfers and sponsors, and we appreciate each one who participated. Nineteen sponsors contributed to our fundraising efforts: Advizex, Baker Newman Noyes, Binnie Media, CGI Benefits Group, Consolidated Communications, Coppola Physical Therapy, csONE Benefit Solutions, Davis & Towle Insurance Group, HM Payson, Jackson Lewis, Janitech, McGovern Toyota of Portsmouth, Millennium Running, New Hampshire Fisher Cats, Petrocelli Marketing, Prime Buchholz, R.C. Brayshaw & Company, Service Credit Union and Toshiba Business Solutions.

Join us at Breakfast Hill Golf Club for the 28th Annual Carpenter Golf Tournament on Friday, September 18, 2026.

## Reminders

- If you have any dentist and/or dental office updates, please contact the Provider Services department at [ProviderServices@nedelta.com](mailto:ProviderServices@nedelta.com).
- If you need answers to any questions about the home care offer giving patients who have HOW® attached to their dental plan a discount on Philips Sonicare products, please contact the HOW® team at [HOWinfo@nedelta.com](mailto:HOWinfo@nedelta.com) or 603-223-1339.

## Results of 2025 Oral Health and Brush and Floss Challenges

To reward dentists for their involvement in the challenges, we offered: 20 tickets to a game, a box suite and a full stadium spread to the office with the most patient participants. The winning offices were Haas Dental Associates, Derry, New Hampshire, and Maple Way Dental Care, Lewiston, Maine.

The fourteenth year of the Oral Health Challenge, the joint program of Northeast Delta Dental and the New Hampshire Fisher Cats, again successfully encouraged children to care for their teeth and gums and their caregivers to support those efforts. One thousand seventy-eight people attended an Oral Health Challenge game played at Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester, New Hampshire. Children 12 years and younger who brushed twice and flossed once daily for seven consecutive days were given two free tickets to one of the four games and were recognized with a goody bag and a parade before the game.

The second annual Portland Sea Dogs' Brush and Floss Challenge also motivated children to use good at-home oral health habits that will last them a lifetime. Children who brushed twice and flossed once daily during a one-week period earned two tickets for a 2025 game at Delta Dental Park, where they were recognized for their achievement.



## Holiday closures

Martin Luther King Jr./ Civil Rights Day	Monday, January 19, 2026
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25, 2026
Juneteenth National Independence Day	Friday, June 19, 2026
Independence Day	Friday, July 3, 2026