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APPROVED DENTAL RESTORATIVE MATERIALS AS SET FORTH IN ASSEMBLY BILL 999 (AB 999)

As a result of the recent enactment of AB 999 (Chapter 747, Statutes of 2003), effective January 1, 2004, providers may provide composite resin, glass ionomer cement, resin ionomer cement restorations in posterior teeth and bill Denti-Cal using amalgam restoration procedure codes. The proper procedure for submitting a claim is as follows:

- Use the appropriate amalgam restoration procedure code (procedures 600 through 614, inclusive) on the Claim Service Line, along with the tooth number/letter and surfaces restored.

- Describe the restorative material used in Box 34 (Comments). In accordance with Welfare & Institutions Code Section 14132.22(a), the accepted dental materials are limited to composite resin, glass ionomer cement, resin ionomer cement, and amalgam.

Reimbursement for the above claims will be at the fee for the appropriate amalgam restoration procedure code within the Schedule of Maximum allowances, or the billed amount, whichever is less. Providers are further instructed that they may not bill beneficiaries for the difference between the amount Denti-Cal pays on amalgam rates and their usual and customary fees for composites.