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Record of Treatment for Periodontal Procedures

Providers are required to keep the necessary records to fully disclose the type and extent of services provided to a Denti-Cal beneficiary for a period of three years from the date the service was rendered. Additionally, all written narrative documentation entered on Treatment Authorization Requests (TARs) and Claims must be supported by documentation in the patient's record of treatment.

In accordance with the [California Code of Regulations \(CCR\), Title 22](#), Section 51476 and [Welfare and Institutions \(W&I\) Code 14124.1](#), this documentation is subject to review upon request by the state. For more information, see the Provider Handbook, ["Section 8: Fraud, Record Keeping Criteria."](#)

Providers should document and retain the following:

- Documentation of medical necessity:
 - A definitive periodontal diagnosis
 - Radiographs
 - Current and complete periodontal charting
 - Any other documentation of medical necessity
- Observations and clinical findings:
 - Soft tissue observations: condition, color, swelling, etc.
 - Bleeding/exudate
 - Tooth mobility
 - Calculus/plaque/stain
 - Recession
 - Any other observations
- Treatment rendered:
 - Area, quadrant or tooth number
 - What services were provided: scaling, root planing, radiographs, coronal polish, oral hygiene instructions, etc.
- Medications used during treatment
- Drug/method/amount of anesthesia/anesthetic:
 - If local anesthetic is not used, this must also be documented
- Future treatment planning
- Identification of the person rendering services

Denti-Cal Seminars Scheduled for December 2009

Basic/D250	Fullerton	December 3, 2009	Register Now!
Advanced/D251	Fullerton	December 4, 2009	Register Now!
Workshop/D252	Santa Rosa	December 9, 2009	Register Now!

For questions, please contact the Denti-Cal Telephone Service Center at (800) 423-0507.