ADULT DENTAL PROGRAM

The following definition of ‘in progress’ will be applied to all denture invoices dated after the cut off date of midnight, March 5, 2013.

For the purpose of delivery of dentures under the Adult Dental Program, a denture is deemed to be in progress once impressions have been taken in preparation for wax-ups and try-ins. Initial examinations or assessments will not be considered as the beginning of delivery of the denture.

In addition, the following two scenarios will also be eligible for coverage, without application of the annual cap:

1) If the denture being delivered is an IMMEDIATE DENTURE eligible under work ‘in progress’ guidelines, the extractions performed on the day of insertion will also be deemed as part of the denture delivery; and

2) If extractions have been performed specifically in preparation for dentures and the patient is currently in a period of healing to allow for the taking of impressions, the dentures being delivered will be deemed “In Progress”. It is expected that under these circumstances, the extractions performed would have been billed to the Adult Dental Program within the past two months. Prior approval requests under these circumstances will need to include a note regarding the treatment sequence, including the dates of extractions and impressions taken. While approvals may be granted if the extractions are outside the two month timeframe that would be expected, they will be subject to assessment of rationale, which the provider is asked to include in the additional information section.

For further clarity, the above scenarios only apply when the denture was in progress as of midnight March 5, 2013, or the extractions had occurred prior to March 5, 2013 and were done for the express purpose of a planned denture. Otherwise both the denture and necessary extractions, when assessed for prior approval, will be subject to the respective caps as of April 1, 2013.

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