

## mcp newsletter

**April 2010**

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**TO: ALL FEE FOR SERVICE DENTISTS**

**RE: DENTAL PAYMENT SCHEDULE - 2010**

As a result of recently completed negotiations, Government and the NLDA have reached a four year agreement, which includes the percentage increase to be applied to the Children's Dental Payment Schedule. Based on this new agreement, an increase of 8% will be applied to all services provided on and after April 01, 2010 with a further 4% increase to be applied on April 1, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Enclosed you will find the new Payment Schedule for the Children's Dental Health Plan, effective April 19, 2010.

Claims for services that were provided between April 01, 2010 and April 18, 2010 will be processed at the rates submitted. A retroactive payment will be calculated for these services approximately 90 days after the effective date of the new Schedule. This retroactive payment will be paid out in a one-time lump sum payment with a line item notation on the Remittance Statement.

Please note that codes 86500, 86510, 86520, 86530 and 86540 are to be used when the material being placed is a dental amalgam. New codes 86501, 86502, 86503, 86504 and 86505 are to be used when tooth colored materials are being placed, exclusive of sealants. Please refer to page C-2 of the Payment Schedule for further details and rates.

The new fee codes and rates for fillings on permanent molar teeth will come into effect April 19, 2010. These new codes and rates will not be retroactive to April 01, 2010 as we are not able to determine the type of filling used from the claims processing system.

Questions relating to the content of this Newsletter should be directed to the Manager of Claims Processing, MCP (709) 292-4013.

