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**TO: All Dental Providers, Oral Surgeons, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Rural Health Centers (RHC) and State Agencies****RE: Dental Program Policy Changes and Reimbursement Rates Effective December 1, 2017**

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2017, the Alabama Medicaid Agency (“Medicaid”) will implement the following policy changes and reimbursement rates:

Procedure codes	Description	Change
D0230, D0240, D0272, D0274	X-ray/radiographs	D0230 is limited to two per year when used in combination with D0272 and D0274. D0240 is limited to two per calendar year. D0272 and D0274 are limited to one per calendar year.
D3230, D3240	Pulpal therapy	Reduction of reimbursement to \$131 for D3230 and \$157 for D3240
D2140, D2150, D2160, D2161, D2330, D2331, D2332, D2335, D2391, D2392, D2393, D2394, D7140, D2930, D2931, D2932	Restoration of same surface	No reimbursement for a restoration that involves a surface previously restored on the same tooth within the preceding 12 months. (example: If an occlusal restoration is placed on a tooth, no other restoration involving the occlusal surface would be reimbursable if placed within the following 12

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		months).
D2140, D2150, D2160, D2161, D2330, D2331, D2332, D2335, D2391, D2392, D2393, D2394, D7140, D2740, D2750, D2751, D2752, D2791, D2792, D2930, D2931, D2932, D2940, D2950, D2951, D2952, D2953, D2954, D2957	Restoration of same tooth	No reimbursement for any restoration on the same tooth if treated within the previous 6 months. (example: If an occlusal restoration is placed on a tooth, then a buccal restoration is placed at a later date. This would be reimbursed if they are at least 6 months apart, but not if less than six months.)
D9230	Use of nitrous oxide	Reduction of reimbursement for use of nitrous oxide to \$20 per unit

As a reminder, the Provider Billing Manual is updated each quarter (January, April, July, and October) and these changes will be reflected in Chapter 13 of the January 2018 Provider Billing Manual.

Please also refer to Chapter 1-6 of the Provider Billing regarding general information for providers.

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