

COB November 2022 Report

The Council on Orthodontic Benefits has a teleconference scheduled for January 21, 2023. Our last in-person meeting was held in St. Louis on June 11, 2022.

The Council on Orthodontic Benefits has established two Subcommittees to continue our work and focus on two primary efforts. These Subcommittees are as follows:

- 1) Member Education
- 2) Coding

The Council has worked on updating portions of the [AAO Insurance Claims Site](#) to provide our members with more up-to-date and applicable insurance information. We are eager to hear feedback as we continue to improve this portion of the AAO site for members:

- 1) Ortho Insurance 101
 - a) Navigating Insurance Coding
 - b) Frequently Asked Insurance Claims Questions
 - c) Claims Submission Tip Sheet
 - d) Negotiating Network Provider Fees
 - e) Preparing for Code Changes: Practice Checklist
- 2) Insurance Insights
 - a) Fraud, Waste, and Abuse in Healthcare
 - b) Network Leasing Agreements
 - c) Non-Covered Services Law
 - d) Payment Delays and Prompt Pay Laws

An E-News Bulletin was sent to prepare AAO Members for changes coming to CDT 2023. These changes will become effective January 2023. Changes submitted by the Council on Orthodontic Benefits include the following:

- 1) **Deletion of D0351 3D photographic image and addition of four separate 3D “surface scan” codes**
- 2) **Revision of D0393**, the new nomenclature of which will read “virtual treatment simulation using 3D image volume or surface scan”
- 3) **Revision of the Orthodontics section preamble**, which will read in part, “A patient may require more than one limited or comprehensive procedure depending on their particular problems.”
- 4) **Revision of D9450**, which will remove the current limitation that the case presentation be “not performed on same day as evaluation.”

The Enhanced CDT Code project continues to be developed by the American Dental Association. The Council on Orthodontic Benefits has been in initial draft phases of developing codes and modifiers for orthodontics. More information about the Enhanced CDT Code project can be found [here](#).

Thank you for allowing me to serve on the COB. Feel free to contact me with any questions!

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