

Dental Services Committee (DSC) Interpretive Bulletin

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Clarification on the follow-up Assessments and Hospital Visits (T651 and T652) and Claims Flagged for Manual Review

Introduction

What is the Dental Services Committee (DSC)?

The Dental Services Committee (DSC) consists of membership from both the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ontario Dental Association (ODA). The DSC provides a structured forum for the parties to discuss issues of mutual concern. The mandate of the DSC includes making recommendations for appropriate provider-focused educational activities to improve the delivery of OHIP funded dental services in Ontario

What is an Interpretive Bulletin?

Interpretive Bulletins are prepared jointly by the MOHLTC and the ODA via the DSC to provide guidance on issues of mutual interest to dentists who provide OHIP insured dental services. Bulletins are provided for education and information purposes only. The information provided in the Bulletin is based on the Schedule of Benefits — Dental Services under the *Health Insurance Act* (April 1, 2006) (Dental Schedule). While the ODA and MOHLTC make every effort to ensure that Bulletins are accurate, the *Health Insurance Act* (HIA) and its regulations (including the Dental Schedule) are the ultimate authority in this regard. Changes in the statutes, regulations, or case law may affect the accuracy or currency of the information provided in a Bulletin. In the event of a discrepancy, the HIA, regulations and/or Dental Schedule prevail over a Bulletin.

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http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/ohip/bulletins/bulletin_mn.html

Purpose

The purpose of this Interpretive Bulletin is to provide further clarification on the follow-up Assessments and Hospital Visits (T651 and T652) and Claims Flagged for Manual Review

Claims submissions for the following consultations and visits must adhere to the procedures outlined below:

1. T652 – Hospital visit, admitted bed patient
2. T651 – follow-up assessments within 12 months of initial consultation same diagnosis, in hospital, emergency or outpatient department.

Noted exceptions must be flagged for manual review and adhere to the procedures outlined below.

1. T651 – follow-up assessments within 12 months of initial consultation same diagnosis, in hospital, emergency or outpatient department.

Fee schedule code T651 is listed in Part I of the Schedule as a follow-up assessment within 12 months of initial consultation same diagnosis, in hospital, emergency or outpatient department.

Per the General Preamble of the Schedule, a service described in the Schedule includes all hospital visits, the in-hospital operative procedure, the usual postoperative care and one post discharge follow-up visit.

Any T651 service submitted as postoperative care will be payable at zero.

2. T652 – Hospital visit, admitted bed patient

As per the General Preamble of the Schedule, a service described in the Schedule includes all hospital visits, the in-hospital operative procedure, the usual post-operative care and one post discharge follow-up visit.

Any T652 service submitted as postoperative care will be payable at zero.

Claims flagged for manual review

The manual review indicator is a field in your medical claims billing software which allows you to inform the ministry that special attention is required to process a specific claim.

Supporting documentation should be faxed to your local ministry office when the claim is submitted and may include an operative report or the Claims Flagged for Manual Review form. The reasons for submitting this form as supporting documentation are listed on the form.

Your feedback is welcomed and appreciated!

The members of the Dental Services Committee invite comments and feedback from all dentists currently registered to provide OHIP insured services listed in the Dental Schedule. The schedule may be access on-line at:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/ohip/sob/sob_mn.html

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