
«Medi-Cal Dental Program for Inpatient and Outpatient Services»

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«This section describes the Medi-Cal Dental claim submission and authorization requirements for inpatient and outpatient services.»

Claim Submission

«Medi-Cal Dental Claims»

«Claims for inpatient and outpatient dental procedures are billed to Medi-Cal Dental.»

Medi-Cal Claims

Claims for inpatient hospital services and outpatient facility charges are billed to the California MMIS Fiscal Intermediary and must include verification that services were rendered as indicated in the signed orders of the admitting physician or dentist.

Where to Submit Claims and TARs

«The Medi-Cal Dental claim and *Medi-Cal Dental Treatment Authorization Request* (TAR) forms are the only forms that may be processed through Medi-Cal Dental.»

Hardcopy claims should be mailed to:

«Medi-Cal Dental»
P.O. Box 15610
Sacramento, CA 95852-0610

Note: «Refer to the *Medi-Cal Dental Provider Handbook* for electronic submission information.»

«Medi-Cal Dental claims should be mailed to:»

«Medi-Cal Dental»
P.O. Box 15540
Sacramento, CA 95852-1540

Inpatient Dental Services

Medi-Cal Authorization

When requesting authorization for inpatient hospital days for necessary dental procedures, providers should use either the Medi-Cal 50-1 *Treatment Authorization Request* (TAR) or the electronic TAR (eTAR). The 50-1 may be ordered from the Telephone Service Center (TSC) at 1-800-541-5555.

The 50-1 TAR must contain the following:

For hospitals reimbursed under diagnosis-related groups (DRG) payment methods:
Sufficient documentation to justify the medical necessity for the inpatient stay.

For non-DRG reimbursed hospitals: Sufficient documentation to justify the medical necessity for each inpatient day requested.

The TAR must be submitted to the TAR Processing Center or through eTAR. The Medi-Cal field office is then responsible for reviewing the TAR and authorizing the admission or number of inpatient hospital days medically necessary to perform the dental procedure authorized by «Medi-Cal Dental.»

Note: The Medi-Cal field office cannot authorize dental procedures.

Outpatient Dental Services

«Medi-Cal Dental Authorization»

For outpatient procedures that require authorization, providers must submit the appropriate dental TAR (not the 50-1 TAR) and all required documentation to «Medi-Cal Dental.»

Dental procedures that require authorization are listed in the «*Medi-Cal Dental Provider Handbook*.»

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