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# Addendum to the Blue Book<sup>SM</sup> Dental eManual

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#### **Deletion of ADA Codes**

Once the American Dental Association (ADA) deletes codes, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (BCBSNC) will no longer accept the codes as of the effective date of the deletion.

#### **Alternate Benefits**

Clinical situations that can be effectively treated by a more cost-effective, clinically acceptable alternative procedure will be assigned a benefit based on the less costly procedure. Please refer to the Benefit exclusions and limitations section of the provider manual for more information.

The procedures listed below will be reimbursed at the restoration level of noble medal procedures:

Procedure code	Description	
2140	AMALGAM RESTORATIONS - ONE SURFACE, PERMANENT	
2150	AMALGAM RESTORATIONS - TWO SURFACES, PERMANENT	
2160	AMALGAM RESTORATIONS - THREE SURFACES, PERMANENT	
2161	AMALGAM RESTORATIONS - FOUR OR MORE SURFACES, PERMANENT	
2330	RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE RESTORATIONS - ONE SURFACE, ANTERIOR	
2331	RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE RESTORATIONS - TWO SURFACES, ANTERIOR	
2332	RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE RESTORATIONS - THREE SURFACES, ANTERIOR	
2335	RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE RESTORATIONS - FOUR OR MORE SURFACES OR INVOLVING INCISAL	
	ANGLE (ANTERIOR)	
2390	RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE CROWN, ANTERIOR	
2391	RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE-ONE SURFACE, POSTERIOR	
2392	RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE-TWO SURFACES, POSTERIOR	
2393	RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE-THREE SURFACES, POSTERIOR	
2394	RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE-FOUR OR MORE SURFACES, POSTERIOR	
2410	GOLD FOIL RESTORATIONS - ONE SURFACE	
2420	GOLD FOIL RESTORATIONS - TWO SURFACES	
2430	GOLD FOIL - THREE SURFACES	
2510	INLAY RESTORATIONS - METALLIC - ONE SURFACE	



Procedure code	Description	
2520	INLAY RESTORATIONS - METALLIC - TWO SURFACES	
2530	INLAY RESTORATIONS - METALLIC - THREE SURFACES	
2542	ONLAY - METALLIC - TWO SURFACES	
2543	ONLAY RESTORATION - METALLIC - THREE SURFACES	
2544	ONLAY RESTORATION - METALLIC - FOUR OR MORE SURFACES	
2720	CROWN RESTORATIONS - RESIN WITH HIGH NOBLE METAL	
2750	CROWN RESTORATIONS - PORCELAIN FUSED TO HIGH NOBLE METAL	
2780	CROWN RESTORATIONS - 3/4 CAST HIGH NOBLE METAL	
2790	CROWN RESTORATIONS - FULL CAST HIGH NOBLE METAL	
6059	ABUTMENT SUPPORTED PORCELAIN FUSED TO METAL CROWN (HIGH NOBLE METAL)	
6062	ABUTMENT SUPPORTED CAST METAL CROWN (HIGH NOBLE METAL)	
6072	ABUTMENT SUPPORTED RETAINER FOR CAST METAL FPD (HIGH NOBLE METAL)	
6210	FIXED PARTIAL DENTURE PONTIC - CAST HIGH NOBLE METAL	
6240	FIXED PARTIAL DENTURE PONTIC - PORCELAIN FUSED TO HIGH NOBLE METAL	
6250	FIXED PARTIAL DENTURE PONTIC - RESIN WITH HIGH NOBLE METAL	
6610	Onlay-cast high noble metal, two surfaces	
6611	Onlay-Cast high noble metal. Three or more surfaces	
6720	FIXED PARTIAL DENTURE RETAINER - CROWN - RESIN WITH HIGH NOBLE METAL	
6750	FIXED PARTIAL DENTURE RETAINER - CROWN - PORCELAIN FUSED TO HIGH NOBLE METAL	
6780	FIXED PARTIAL DENTURE RETAINER - CROWN - 3/4 CAST HIGH NOBLE METAL	
6790	FIXED PARTIAL DENTURE RETAINER - CROWN - FULL CAST HIGH NOBLE METAL	

This list, while intended to be comprehensive, may not list every procedure which may be paid at the alternate benefit level.

### **Bundling**

Restorative services performed on the same tooth/same day are combined into the code with the highest number of services due to benefit restrictions. Please refer to the billing and reimbursement – Dental Claims processing section of the provider manual for more information.

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2150	AMALGAM RESTORATIONS - TWO SURFACES, PERMANENT	
2160	AMALGAM RESTORATIONS - THREE SURFACES, PERMANENT	
2161	AMALGAM RESTORATIONS - FOUR OR MORE SURFACES, PERMANENT	
2330	RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE RESTORATIONS - ONE SURFACE, ANTERIOR	
2331	RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE RESTORATIONS - TWO SURFACES, ANTERIOR	
2332	RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE RESTORATIONS - THREE SURFACES, ANTERIOR	
2335	RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE RESTORATIONS - FOUR OR MORE SURFACES OR INVOLVING INCISAL ANGLE (ANTERIOR)	
2390	RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE CROWN, ANTERIOR	
2391	RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE-ONE SURFACE, POSTERIOR	
2392	RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE-TWO SURFACES, POSTERIOR	
2393	RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE-THREE SURFACES, POSTERIOR	
2394	RESIN-BASED COMPOSITE-FOUR OR MORE SURFACES, POSTERIOR	

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## **Other Reimbursement Limitations**

Procedure code	Description	Dental limitations and Adjudication in addition to benefit restrictions
2932	PREFABRICATED RESIN CROWN	Anterior primary teeth only
2933	PREFABRICATED STAINLESS STEEL CROWN WITH RESIN WINDOW	Anterior primary teeth only
2934	PREFABRICATED ESTHETIC COATED STAINLESS STEEL CROWN – PRIMARY TOOTH	Anterior primary teeth only
2950	CORE BUILD-UP, INCLUDING ANY PINS	May not be billed in addition to 02140-02161 or 02330-02394 within 3 years
4381	LOCALIZED DELIVERY OF CHEMOTHERAPEUTIC AGENTS VIA CONTROLLED RELEASE VEHICLE INTO DISEASED CREVICULAR TISSUE,PER TOOTH	Must have history of 04341 performed in the same tooth range, once per site per 24 months
5860	OVERDENTURE-COMPLETE, BY REPORT	Reimbursed at the level of complete dentures and included in frequency limitation of once per 8 years
5861	OVERDENTURE-PARTIAL, BY REPORT	Reimbursed at the level of partial dentures and included in frequency limitation of once per 8 years



Procedure code	Description	Dental limitations and Adjudication in addition to benefit restrictions
5410	ADJUST COMPLETE DENTURE – MAXILLARY	No benefits within the first 12 months after insertion, maximum of 2 adjustments per year
5411	ADJUST COMPLETE DENTURE – MANDIBULAR	No benefits within the first 12 months after insertion, maximum of 2 adjustments per year
5421	ADJUST PARTIAL DENTURE – MAXILLARY	No benefits within the first 12 months after insertion, maximum of 2 adjustments per year
5670	Replace all teeth and acrylic on cast metal framework, maxillary	Included in frequency limitation of complete and partial dentures, once per 8 years
5671	Replace all teeth and acrylic on cast metal framework, mandibular	Included in frequency limitation of complete and partial dentures, once per 8 years
7510	Incision/Drain abscess-intraoral	If the tooth is removed, then this procedure is considered incidental.
7511	Incision/Drain abscess – intraoral soft tissue	If the tooth is removed, then this procedure is considered incidental
9440	OFFICE VISIT-AFTER REGULARLY SCHEDULED HOURS	Cannot be submitted on the same day as a problem-focused exam
9942	REPAIR AND/OR RELINE OF OCCLUSION GUARD	Allowed only once per year after 12 months from receipt of guard.
9950	OCCLUSION ANALYSIS-MOUNTED CASE	Once per 5 years
9951	OCCLUSAL ADJUSTMENT-LIMITED	Once every 24 months, cannot be billed with 09952 or 09971
9952	OCCLUSAL ADJUSTMENT- COMPLETE	Once per 5 years , cannot be billed with 09951 or 09971

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