

## Denturist and Dental Hygienist Provider Manual

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## 1. Glossary

Refer to the Glossary below for a list of Express Scripts Canada terms and definitions, which are relevant for background information for this Denturist and Dental Hygienist Provider Manual (the "Manual").

| Term                              | Definitions   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Appendices                        | Each of the Appendices A, B, C and D attached hereto and<br>incorporated herein by this reference are substantially<br>representative of the forms detailed throughout this Manual, each<br>of which may be updated or modified, by<br>Express Scripts Canada, at its sole discretion, without the<br>necessity of revising the representative form as attached hereto.   |
| Benefits<br>Administrator         | The individual responsible for administering the Dental Benefit Plan details with the Carrier on behalf of the employees.   |
| Carrier                           | The insurance company, insurer, and insurance carrier.<br>Refer to <b>Client</b> below.   |
| CDHA                              | Canadian Dental Hygienists Association.   |
| CDHA-ACHDnet™                     | The electronic claims network for Dental Hygienists.  |
| Claim                             | <ul> <li>A request for reimbursement of expenses incurred for Covered Items. A Claim may include one or more Transaction Lines.</li> <li>For the purpose of this Manual, assigned Claim, manual Claim, and Member Submitted Claim are defined as follows:</li> <li>"Assigned Claim" - an item submitted by Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and directly paid to the Provider by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).</li> <li>"Manual Claim" - an item submitted by a Provider or Member in any manner other than by Express Scripts Canada's online adjudication system without payment by Express Scripts Canada to said Provider or Member, unless otherwise agreed between the parties.</li> <li>"Member Submitted Claim" - an item for which the Member paid directly to the Provider without payment by Express Scripts Canada to said Member, submitted electronically by a Provider.</li> </ul> |
| Client                            | The insurance carrier, third party administrator (TPA), employer<br>or other organization having principal financial responsibility for<br>payment of Covered Items provided to Members under a Dental<br>Benefit Plan.   |
| Coordination of<br>Benefits (COB) | Coordination of benefits between two dental benefit plans, whether they are both private, or a mix of public and private coverage.  |
| Co-payment                        | That portion of the total charge for each Covered Item procedure<br>code that a Member is required to pay to the Provider, in<br>accordance with that Member's Dental Benefit Plan whether<br>designated as a "co-payment" or "deductible."   |

| Term   | Definitions   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Covered Item   | A synonym of Dental Service which is a transaction or a procedure that is provided to a Member and designated as reimbursable by a Dental Benefit Plan.   |  |
| DAC  | Denturist Association of Canada.  |  |
| DACnet™  | The electronic claims network for Denturists.   |  |
| Deductible   | The aggregate periodic amount a Member is required to pay for<br>Covered Items or Dental Services (or, under a comprehensive<br>health insurance policy, covered medical benefits) before<br>becoming entitled to the benefits under the applicable Plan, in<br>addition to the Co-payments.  |  |
| Dental Benefit Plan or<br>Plan                       | A healthcare plan pursuant to which dental benefits are available to Members.   |  |
| Dental Practice<br>Management System                 | Software used by a Dental office to capture all relevant data when dispensing Covered Items and Dental Services.  |  |
| Dental Services                                      | A synonym of Covered Item and means those dental care services that are covered under a Plan.   |  |
| Denturist and Dental<br>Hygienist Provider<br>Manual | Documentation of procedures provided by<br>Express Scripts Canada for Providers dispensing Covered Items<br>and Dental Services to Members and policies and procedures to<br>be followed by each Provider in order to receive payment from<br>Express Scripts Canada.   |  |
| Identification Card                                  | The printed identification card issued to a Member pursuant to<br>the applicable Dental Benefit Plan bearing the<br>Express Scripts logo, and the third party payor's logo.   |  |
| Member   | A subscriber and their spouse/ partner and eligible dependents to whom benefits are available, pursuant to a Dental Benefit Plan.   |  |
| NIHB Program   | Non-Insured Health Benefits Program of Health Canada.   |  |
| Predetermination (PD)                                | An estimated amount of reimbursement provided for a Covered<br>Item or Dental Service based on a description of the services to<br>be performed so that the Member has an idea of how much<br>would be covered under the Plan prior to expenses being<br>incurred, and a Claim being submitted.   |  |
| Provider   | A dental care professional, a Denturist, registered Dental<br>Hygienist (hereinafter referred to as "Provider") with whom<br>Express Scripts Canada has reasonably attempted directly or<br>indirectly to execute a Denturist Provider Enrolment Form and<br>Dental Hygienist Provider Enrolment Form pursuant to which<br>Express Scripts Canada would provide reimbursement for certain<br>services it provides to Members. When applicable, and to the<br>extent Express Scripts Canada can implement a requirement for<br>each Provider to have all licenses legally required in the<br>provinces and territories in which such they operate. |  |
| RTP  | Real-Time Processing.   |  |
| Software Provider                                    | The entity providing a Dental Office with a Dental Practice Management System.  |  |

| Term                                | Definitions   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Usual and Customary<br>Retail Price | The lowest price of a Covered Item charged by the Provider to<br>customers of its business who are not Members, and are not<br>covered by any dental insurance plan on the date it is provided<br>(including, any discounts or special promotions offered on such<br>date by the Provider). |

## 2. Introduction

### 2.1 Overview

Express Scripts Canada, a registered business name of ESI Canada, an Ontario partnership. Adjudicating over seventy million (70,000,000) Claims per year, Express Scripts Canada is the third largest healthcare Claims adjudicator in Canada, after Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ) and Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) (at the time this Manual was drafted).

Express Scripts Canada's activities go far beyond simple electronic adjudication of healthcare Claims. Express Scripts Canada offers its Clients special services such as:

- Benefit Plan Design and Management
- Dental Plan Utilization Review
- Clinical Programs
- Innovative and Flexible Claims Adjudication
- Provider and Member Verifications
- Dental Audits
- Dental Network Management
- Dental Provider Call Centre.

### 2.2 Role of Express Scripts Canada

Express Scripts Canada's mission is to be a leader in progressive healthcare initiatives by employing its professional expertise, leading-edge information management systems, and technology to ensure high-quality, cost-effective healthcare products to its customers.

#### What does Healthcare Claims Adjudication Consist of?

In the context of dental benefit management, a Claims adjudicator is not an insurance company, but is rather mandated by its Clients to receive, analyze and proceed with payment of, as applicable, all Claims submitted electronically by Providers on behalf of the Client's Members.

As a Claims adjudicator, Express Scripts Canada is a third party to the relationship between the Client and its Member, and as such, does not interfere with such relationship nor interfere with the Member-Provider relationship, which Express Scripts Canada recognizes as a crucial element of therapy.

### 2.3 Express Scripts Canada Clients

Express Scripts Canada represents the following Canadian insurance benefits and/ or administrative services entities for Dental Services:

| Insurance/ Claim Services Provider |  |  |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Desjardins Financial Security      |  |  |
| NIHB**                             |  |  |
| L'Union-Vie                        |  |  |
| Humania Assurance Inc.             |  |  |
| Cowan Insurance Group              |  |  |
| SFMM/ FSMA                         |  |  |
| Benecaid                           |  |  |
| GMS                                |  |  |
| GMSI                               |  |  |
| PMG/ GPM                           |  |  |

Please refer to your Dental Practice Management System for the carrier number for the above insurance/ claim services providers.

\*\* As the Claims processor for Health Canada's Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Program, Express Scripts Canada is pleased to support the Dental professionals across Canada as they provide services to registered First Nations and recognized Inuit, although Claims under the NIHB Program are not governed under this Manual.

Denturist Providers wishing to submit Claims for services eligible through the NIHB Program must enroll in the NIHB Program by fully completing and signing the Express Scripts Canada Dental Provider Enrolment Form located on the NIHB Claims Services Provider Website at **www.provider.express-scripts.ca/dentists.html** or by contacting the Provider Claims Processing Call Centre at 1-888-511-4666.

### 2.4 Claim Submission Relationship

The diagram below sets forth the typical relationships between all players involved in Claim transmission as well as explanations.



The Client has entered into an agreement with Express Scripts Canada, whereby Express Scripts Canada manages the Client's Dental Benefit Plans on its behalf. Clients offer various Dental Benefit Plans, covering a multitude of Members.

The Member can send Claims in writing directly to the Client or present an Identification Card at the dental office when requesting a service to be rendered. Upon presentation of the

Identification Card, the Provider captures the necessary information for electronic transmission of the Claim to Express Scripts Canada within the Dental Practice Management System.

When electronically transmitted to Express Scripts Canada by the Provider, a Claim is automatically assessed and a response is transmitted to the dental office. The Provider provides the Member with an invoice detailing the electronic transmission, as appropriate.

#### 2.5 General Terms

The general terms and conditions governing the relationship between the Provider and Express Scripts Canada are set forth in the Denturist Provider Enrolment Form and Dental Hygienist Provider Enrolment Form. This Manual supplements and completes the terms and conditions set forth in the Denturist Provider Enrolment Form and Dental Hygienist Provider Enrolment Form. Express Scripts Canada reserves the right to update this Manual as required.

#### 2.6 Manual Purpose

The Manual is notably designed to assist Providers in understanding how Express Scripts Canada's adjudication system works. The following *Section 3, Adjudication System Overview* outlines the role of the Providers, as well provides the information Providers require in order to submit Claims electronically.

Please note that the information contained herein is general, and therefore does not necessarily reflect in detail the information observed by the laboratory personnel when capturing information in the Dental Practice Management System. Indeed, as Providers use different Dental Practice Management Systems, some of which provide for more steps to be completed automatically without the Providers effort or even being aware. Express Scripts Canada cannot reflect all possibilities in this Manual. Nevertheless, we trust that you will find the Manual helpful and informative.

The Manual will be updated and distributed to Providers by e-mail as required. Therefore, it is pertinent to keep Express Scripts Canada informed at all times of your current provider information (i.e., e-mail address).

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this Manual or need to inform Express Scripts Canada of changed provider information, contact the Provider Call Centre at 1-800-563-3274, after pressing 1 (English) or 2 (French), press 3 for Dental.

## 3. Adjudication System Overview

### 3.1 Real-Time Processing System

Real-Time Processing (RTP) refers to the capacity of Express Scripts Canada's electronic Claims adjudication system to virtually automatically receive, process, and return the adjudication results of Dental Claims, all within seconds.

Express Scripts Canada's RTP system (hereinafter referred to as "Express Scripts Canada's system") eliminates paperwork and the risk for Members to have their Claim(s) rejected after initiating their treatment. Express Scripts Canada's system is available to eligible Providers nation-wide.

### 3.2 System Functionality

Express Scripts Canada's system captures Claims sent through a Personal Computer (PC)based Dental Practice Management System via an electronic data network, processes the Claims, and returns an electronic response. The data is transmitted respecting the format specified by the current DACnet<sup>™</sup>/ CDHA-ACHDnet<sup>™</sup> Electronic Claim Standard.

## 4. **Provider Enrolment Form**

The approval and execution of a fully completed Denturist Provider Enrolment Form (refer to <u>Appendix A Sample Denturist Provider Enrolment Form</u>) or the Dental Hygienist Provider Enrolment Form (refer to <u>Appendix B Sample Dental Hygienist Provider Enrolment Form</u>) and applicable Exhibits, is required in order to become a participating Provider. All offices must be enrolled *prior* to Dental Services rendered; otherwise, claims submitted prior to enrolment will be rejected. Express Scripts Canada requires a fully completed Denturist Provider Enrolment Form or Dental Hygienist Provider Enrolment Form for *each* Provider. However, if adding additional offices, please complete the Modification to Dental Provider Information Form (*refer to Appendix D Sample Modification to Dental Provider Information Form*) as indicated in Section 4.2 below. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a provider who submits a Claim and is reimbursed by Express Scripts Canada is subject to the terms and conditions of this Manual.

### 4.1 Unique Provider Number

Upon approval of enrolment, a unique Provider Number will be assigned to each Provider, and a unique Office ID will be assigned to each office/ clinic by the Denturist Association of Canada (DAC) or the Canadian Dental Hygienist Association (CDHA).

The unique Provider Number is required on all correspondence with Express Scripts Canada and includes such items as Claims submissions and Predetermination (PD) requests.

## 4.2 **Provider Information**

**Denturist Providers** must notify Express Scripts Canada of all Provider information changes. *Minor* changes for Denturist Providers may be submitted by the Provider to Express Scripts Canada directly utilizing the Modification to Dental Provider Information Form (*refer to Appendix D Sample Modification to Dental Provider Information Form*), such as:

- Phone number
- Fax Number
- E-mail address.

Contact the Provider Call Centre at 1-800-563-3274 to obtain the Modification to Dental Provider Information Form and return the completed form back to Express Scripts Canada by fax or mail as indicated on the form.

**Dental Hygienist Providers** must notify the CDHA of all Provider information changes. The association, as agreed, will notify Express Scripts Canada via a regular weekly electronic file.

### 4.3 Supremacy

In the event that the terms and conditions of the Manual contradict the terms and conditions of the Denturist Provider Enrolment Form or the Dental Hygienist Provider Enrolment Form, the provisions of the enrolment form shall prevail.

### 4.4 Liability Insurance/ Indemnification

Each Provider is to maintain in full force and effect throughout the term of the Denturist Provider Enrolment Form or the Dental Hygienist Provider Enrolment Form, and throughout the term of any renewal thereof, such policies of general liability, professional liability, and other insurance of the types and amounts as are reasonable and customarily carried by Providers with respect to their operations. Such policies shall include comprehensive general liability coverage and professional liability insurance covering personal and bodily injury Claims from Members.

Pursuant to the terms of the Denturist Provider Enrolment Form or Dental Hygienist Provider Enrolment Form, the Provider shall provide Express Scripts Canada with 30-days' prior written notice in the event of termination or material modification of any such insurance policy.

Express Scripts Canada shall not be liable or suffer loss for any Claim, injury, demand or judgment of any kind whatsoever arising out of the sale, preparation and dispense or performance of the dental treatment, consultation, communication of information on the service use of any medication/ material or any other service provided, records made or dental study of such records, by the Provider pursuant to this Manual and the Denturist Provider Enrolment Form or Dental Hygienist Provider Enrolment Form.

Regardless of the insurance coverage required herein above, the Provider shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Express Scripts Canada, its officers, directors, and employees against the full amount of any and all loss, expense, Claim, or damage arising out of or attributable to any of the foregoing.

#### 4.5 Dental Reimbursement

Express Scripts Canada will reimburse Providers in a timely manner, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the applicable Denturist Provider Enrolment Form or Dental Hygienist Provider Enrolment Form and of the Manual, and following a specific and pre-determined method of payment.

#### a) Total Allowable Cost

The total reimbursement to the Provider by Express Scripts Canada and the Member (including co-payments if applicable) for a Covered Item, shall not exceed the lesser of

- (i) the Provider's Usual and Customary Retail Price; or,
- (ii) the lowest total price charged by Provider for the Covered Item other than one in which the Provincial/ Federal governments of Canada are the payer.

#### b) Net Payments

The Provider will receive payment from Express Scripts Canada for Dental Services as determined to be eligible for reimbursement by the applicable Sponsor. Applicable co-payments and deductibles will be subtracted from such payment (the resulting amount is herein referred to as a "Net Payment").

#### c) Payment Errors

Any payments made to the Provider in excess or below of any amount properly determined to be due by Express Scripts Canada, if any, under the Denturist Enrolment Form or Dental Hygienist Provider Enrolment Form and this Manual, due to an error by either party, inaccurate Claims submission or information submitted by Provider or due to any other reason, including, but not limited to, any audit deficiencies (as further described in Section 7 of this Manual), may be recovered.

Express Scripts Canada shall notify the Provider in writing of the situation. In the event of excess payment(s), Express Scripts Canada shall, at its discretion, have the right to either offset the excess payment amount or require immediate reimbursement from the Provider. In the event of an underpayment, please contact the Provider Call Centre at 1-800-563-3274.

#### d) Payment Schedule

Unless the applicable Denturist Provider Enrolment Form or Dental Hygienist Provider Enrolment Form provides otherwise, Providers shall be paid twice a month. For the purposes of this Manual, a "Payment Cycle" refers either to (i) the period of time starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month and ending on the 15<sup>th</sup> of such month or (ii) to the period of time starting on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of the month and ending on the last day of the month. For each individual Payment Cycle, the corresponding EFT payment will be issued to the Provider on the second business day following the end of a Payment Cycle.

#### e) Payment Method

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is the required electronic payment method for Providers which allows your bank to deposit your Claim payments directly into the designated bank account indicated on the Denturist Provider Enrolment Form or Dental Hygienist Provider Enrolment Form on the day the payment is issued, and Provider will receive a Dental Provider Remittance Statement (refer to <u>Appendix C Sample Dental Provider Remittance</u> <u>Statement</u>) for reconciliation in the mail.

EFT is a **fast**, **secure**, **confidential** and **efficient** means of payment delivery. It is the Provider's responsibility to advise Express Scripts Canada promptly of any changes to banking information, such as, bank, branch or account number.

#### f) Dental Provider Remittance Statement

Claims adjudicated during a Payment Cycle will be summarized on the Express Scripts Canada Dental Provider Remittance Statement (refer to <u>Appendix C</u> <u>Sample Dental Provider Remittance Statement</u>). The Dental Provider Remittance Statement is mailed on the same day that payment is made, as described in Section 4.5.d above.

#### 4.6 Disputed Claims

The Provider should review each Express Scripts Canada Dental Provider Remittance Statement upon receipt. To dispute a Claim, the Provider must notify Express Scripts Canada in writing within 30 days of receipt of the Dental Provider Remittance Statement, listing the details of the disputed Claim. Express Scripts Canada is responsible for remitting additional payments for such Claims only if properly notified and the disputed information is verified and agreed to by Express Scripts Canada.

Express Scripts Canada is not held responsible if the Provider does not provide notification in the manner and time frame specified above.

## 5. Electronic Claims Submission

Express Scripts Canada's system is designed to process information transmitted in accordance with the most recent version of the DACnet<sup>™</sup>, CDHA-ACHDnet<sup>™</sup> Electronic Claim Standards.

The system can automatically verify eligibility and coverage, and calculate Co-Payment, coinsurance or annual Deductibles when the Member has received a Dental Service. A Claim reference number is generated for each transmission. Rejected Claims are accompanied by the appropriate Message Code and explanation.

### 5.1 Mandatory Information in Transmissions

In addition to the information that is mandatory in the creation of a Member's file within the Dental Practice Management System, Provider must ensure that the following information is provided (keyed) when transmitting a Claim:

- 1. For the insurance coverage: the carrier number; group number; Member identification number; and relationship code is required.
- For the Dental Service: the Dental Procedure Code of the Covered Item laboratory or professional fee is required - (Provider must submit it on the same line as the Covered Item).

### 5.2 Transmission Delays

Electronic Claims or resubmissions must be transmitted within seven (7) days of the service date. Claims or resubmissions transmitted after this seven (7) day period will be rejected.

### 5.3 Claim Reversal

A Claim reversal transaction is used to reverse a previously submitted and paid Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Claim. A Claim may only be reversed using the EDI system on the same day that it was submitted as per the DACnet<sup>™</sup>, CDHA-ACHDnet<sup>™</sup> Electronic Claim Standards.

To successfully reverse a Claim, the Provider must follow the instructions provided by the Dental software vendor. If this option is not available, the Provider may contact the Provider Call Centre at 1-800-563-3274 to request the Claim reversal be completed on their behalf.

When a Claim reversal is submitted, an electronic Claim reversal response is sent to the Provider. If the reversal is accepted, the system reverses the impact of the original Claim so it does not appear on the Express Scripts Canada Dental Provider Remittance Statement (refer to <u>Appendix C Sample Dental Provider Remittance Statement</u>). If the reversal is rejected, the Provider must correct the error(s) and resubmit the Claim reversal.

### 5.4 Coordination of Benefits

Coordination of Benefits (COB) is a mechanism used when a Member is covered by more than one Dental Benefit Plan. Coordination avoids duplicate payments and ensures that the total amount paid under overall coverage does not exceed 100% of the expenses incurred by the Member.

The first ranking Client (called the first payer) pays the Claim by applying the parameters specific to its Dental Benefit Plan. The Claim is then transmitted "manually" to the second ranking Client (called the second payer), who eventually completes the payment based on its own Dental Benefit Plan. For this purpose, the Claim transmitted to the second payer must only include the amount remaining, following adjudication by the first payer (hereinafter referred to as the "Remaining Amount"). Consequently, real-time COB is not available via electronic adjudication.

## 6. Dental Benefit Plan Limitations

#### 6.1 General Limitations

There are many ways to treat a particular dental problem or condition, and the cost of different procedures, services, courses of treatment and materials may vary considerably. The Client or plan sponsor may cover a less expensive procedure, rejecting what was originally suggested by the Provider, which will provide a professionally adequate result that is consistent with the accepted standards of dental practice, and may base benefits on that procedure.

The difference between the amount payable by the Client and the Provider's charge is the Member's responsibility. Provider is required to obtain a PD and communicate to the Member what amount they will be liable to pay.

#### 6.2 Exclusions

Coverage of Dental Services depends on the applicable Dental Benefit Plan which may have limitations and/ or exclusions, such as, but not limited to the following:

- Any dental procedure which is not included in the list of eligible Dental Services.
- Services or supplies performed or provided in connection with an ineligible service or supply.
- Temporo-mandibular joint-related problems (TMJ).
- Dental care, services or supplies which are primarily for cosmetic purposes, as determined by the Client, or plan administrator.
- Services not performed in an independent dental hygiene practice.
- Conditions arising from war (whether or not war is declared), participation in any civil commotion, insurrection or riot, or while serving in the armed forces.
- Services or supplies to the extent to which the covered person is entitled to receive benefits or reimbursement under any government plan.
- Services or supplies which would be available without charge if this coverage was not in effect.
- Self-inflicted injury.
- Committing, or attempting to commit a criminal act under legislation in the jurisdiction where the act was attempted or committed.
- Failure to complete Claim forms or other documentation, transfer of files, or failing to keep a scheduled appointment.
- Implants and related services.
- Laboratory fees which exceed reasonable and customary charges, as determined by the insurer, or plan administrator.

### 6.3 **Predeterminations**

For the sake of ensuring appropriate dental plan utilization and the optimal use of certain specific innovative and expensive procedures, and in order to control related costs, some Clients have elected to have such Dental Services require a Predetermination (PD) for coverage under certain Dental Benefit Plans.

Therefore, unless the Member meets specific criteria and Provider has obtained a PD for the Dental Service to be covered, the Claim may be rejected.

In such instances, the Provider will receive one of the following response Message Codes, depending on the Dental Benefit Plan details, such as, but not limited to:

**Note** The **Message Code** that corresponds with each message may differ depending on the vendor software; however the message will be the same.

| Message<br>Code | Message   |  |
|-----------------|---|--|
| 01              | X-ray required.   |  |
| 02              | Denture information required.   |  |
| 03              | X-ray plus denture information required.  |  |
| 04              | Predetermination required.  |  |
| 05              | Approval of dental consultant required.   |  |
| 06              | Must be processed manually by carrier.  |  |
| 07              | Lab bill receipt required.  |  |
| 08              | Expense bill receipt required.  |  |
| 09              | X-ray plus lab bill required.   |  |
| 10              | X-ray, denture information and lab bill receipt required.                       |  |
| 11              | X-ray plus charting required.   |  |
| 12              | X-ray required. Used when the cosmetic clause applies.                          |  |
| 15              | X-ray plus lab bill required.   |  |
| 18              | Denture information. Used when the extraction clause does not apply.            |  |
| 19              | X-ray plus denture information. Used when the extraction clause does not apply. |  |
| 22              | 22 Denture information. Used when the Dovetail clause does not apply.           |  |

PD for coverage of a Dental Service can be obtained by sending a manual PD to the Member's insurance carrier or electronically, when available.

### 6.4 EDI Claim Submissions – Predetermined Treatment

Although PD requests may have not been submitted using EDI, the resulting Claims may be submitted electronically.

When submitting a Claim for PD services using EDI, Providers must record the PD Number from the Predetermination Confirmation Letter in the correct field. Since EDI allows *only* one PD Number per Claim, services involving multiple procedures issued with different PD Numbers must be submitted as separate Claims.

### 6.5 Manual Claim Submissions – Predetermined Treatment

When submitting a manual Claim for a PD procedure, Providers must record the applicable PD Number on the Claim line for the approved Procedure Code. If more than one Procedure Code has been issued a PD Number, write the PD Number next to each applicable Claim line.

Failure to write the PD Number next to each applicable Claim line may result in the Claim being rejected if another Claim for the same procedure has already been processed.

### 6.6 **Rejection Codes**

When a PD has been recorded on an EDI or manual Claim as a reject, such Claims may be rejecting for the following reasons, but not limited to:

| Message Code   | Explanation  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <b>P02</b> Claim Detail Does Not Match<br>Predetermination Detail                      | The Procedure Code, tooth code and/ or surface code<br>on the Claim does match the information on the PD for<br>the PD number entered. |  |
| <b>P03</b> Predetermination Number Has Been<br>Previously Claimed                      | The PD number submitted on the Claim has already been paid for with another Claim.   |  |
| <b>P04</b> Electronic Submission Not Allowed For<br>This Claim Due To Predetermination | A Claim for a PD service must be submitted manually.<br>EDI Claims are not authorized. Submit a manual<br>Claim.                       |  |
| <b>P06</b> Proc Code Rejected Or Denied On Predetermination                            | The Procedure Code on the PD has been rejected or deleted.   |  |

## 7. Audits

On behalf of its customers, Express Scripts Canada reviews Claims to ensure accuracy in payment in conjunction with plan and fee guide parameters. The audits also ensure that Claims paid are aligned with customer contracts and adjudication guidelines.

Express Scripts Canada can investigate up to two (2) years of Claims. A complete analysis of the data is completed, x-rays and Member's file are examined, and statistical information based on the Provider's Claims history is compiled. The results are then reviewed with our Dental Consultant for a recommendation of any necessary or suggested action.

Express Scripts Canada's actions can involve communicating with the Provider to discuss any areas of concern or issues, reversing Claims, recovery of funds, and potential termination of the Provider's EDI submission privileges with Express Scripts Canada.

### 7.1 Audit Program

The Express Scripts Canada Dental Audit Program includes a variety of verifications, including but not limited to:

#### a) Member Verification

A letter can be sent to the Member to validate the date of services, the type of treatments received, and the amount charged. The Member's response may lead to further communication with the Provider.

#### b) Next Day Audit Review

The Next Day Claims Verification (NDCV) Program consists of a review of a defined sample of Claims submitted by Providers, the day following receipt by Express Scripts Canada.

Providers may be contacted to provide copies of charts or lab invoices for review. If the requested documents are not available for review, or if any discrepancies are detected through this process, the audited Claim may be reversed or adjusted.

#### c) Desk Audit

Periodically or randomly, a Provider may be requested to submit applicable records and/ or charts particular to a specified set of Claims to Express Scripts Canada for review.

#### d) On-Site Audit

The auditor visits the office to perform a comprehensive review of Claims submitted against Sponsor or Member records and charts for validation and accuracy.

Further requests of information may be asked of the Sponsor, Member and/ or the Provider following the onsite review. Additional correspondence may include, but not be limited to; requests for x-rays, study models or a letter of explanation from the Provider for identified specific Claims, and services or submission patterns/ trends.

### 7.2 Provider Responsibility

The Provider shall cooperate with Express Scripts Canada in all audit activities.

Upon request, the Provider shall grant office or clinic access to Express Scripts Canada or a third party authorized by Express Scripts Canada, to inspect, review, and reproduce during regular business hours any client records maintained by the Provider pertaining to Members, or its requirements for enrolment to be a Provider to Members as Express Scripts Canada deems necessary to determine compliance with the terms outlined in these documents.

#### 7.3 **Documentation Requirements for Audit Purposes**

Providers must retain Member records, charts, invoice and payment history in either electronic or hard copy form all in accordance with, or as allowed by provincial, territorial and federal regulations.

Express Scripts Canada uses the descriptions as outlined in the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association National List of Service Codes, the Denturist's Association of Canada's Fee Guide and all applicable Provincial Fee Guides excluding Alberta Denturist's Fee Guide. Member records must support the services rendered and claimed. Proper, clear, and detailed documentation is expected for verification. A procedure code or procedure name is not sufficient in a Member record to support payment. Providers must document progress notes within the treatment portion of the Member record, and Providers who are fully computerized must document additional progress notes within the treatment portion of the procedure description alone is not sufficient.

Appropriate supporting documentation includes, but is not limited to:

- Clinical examination findings and subsequent Diagnosis.
- Area(s) of discomfort and/ or infection (i.e., Tooth Number, Sextant, Arch, etc.), treatment provided (X-rays, denture adjustment, name of medicinal desensitizing aid applied etc.), and any other relevant information.
- Periodontal charting, Recession, Treatment Plan, Clinical Oral Examination, Occlusion, Completed Odontogram.
- The degree/ presence of calculus, plaque, bleeding, pocket depths, periodontal disease or the use of local anaesthetic and any other relevant information.
- Commercial Invoices and In-house Laboratory Invoices.

### 7.4 Desk and On-Site Audit Guidelines

#### a) Compliance with Audit Procedures

Failure to comply with any Express Scripts Canada quality assurance or audit procedure will result in adjustment or reversal of and, where applicable, compensation for all concerned Claims and may result in termination of the Denturist Provider Enrolment Form and Dental Hygienist Provider Enrolment Form at Express Scripts Canada's sole determination.

#### b) Audit Response

Providers are given the opportunity to respond to audit findings within thirty (30) days from receipt of the Initial Audit Report. If no response, including follow up documentation to support Providers opposition to the findings is received in such thirty (30) day period the audit is deemed final. If response is received in such time period, Express Scripts Canada will review the follow-up documentation provided in support of disputed Claims, following which a Final Report will be issued to the Provider and the Provider will be informed of the final determination and of any necessary compensatory adjustment.

#### c) Express Scripts Canada Privacy Policies

Express Scripts Canada must follow all applicable privacy laws. Express Scripts Canada's privacy policy is based on applicable privacy laws in Canada, including the federal Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) and the Privacy Act.

For more information regarding Express Scripts Canada's Privacy Policy, contact the Privacy Officer at Express scripts Canada utilizing one of the following contact methods:

• E-mail:

ExpressScriptsCanada\_Privacy@Express-Scripts.com

• Website:

www.express-scripts.ca/about/privacy-policy

• Telephone:

1-888-677-0111 (ask for the Privacy Officer)

• Mail:

Express Scripts Canada Attention: Privacy Office 5770 Hurontario Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Mississauga, ON L5R 3G5

## 8. Contact Us

Inquiries regarding a specific Claim, payment issues, retrieval and completion of the Denturist Provider Enrolment Form, Dental Hygienist Provider Enrolment Form, or a change in Dental office ownership or address, contact the Provider Call Centre:

- Toll Free: 1-800-563-3274
- Fax: 1-855-622-0669
- Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Eastern Time) Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Outside of these hours of operation, we kindly ask that you leave a detailed message with your Provider Number and a Customer Service Representative will return your call the following business day.

The Provider Call Centre is for **Providers** only.

Please do *not* refer Members to contact the Call Centre for inquiries regarding their Dental benefits plan coverage or eligibility.

Please note that Express Scripts Canada cannot change any eligibility information (including, without limitation, coverage, date of birth, etc.).

Therefore, in such instances where the eligibility of a Member is in question, please refer the cardholder (beneficiary of the insurance) to the Benefits Administrator at their place of employment.

## 9. Software Certification/ Network Communications

For inquiries regarding Network communication issues for both Denturist and Dental Hygienist Providers, contact:

#### Network Communication Issues

#### **TELUS Health**

Attention: Erik Noolandi 5090 Orbitor Drive Mississauga, ON L4W 5B5 Phone: 905-629-5703

#### Continovation Services Inc. (CSI)/ ITrans<sup>™</sup>

Help Desk available Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET 800 Industrial Ave, Unit 11 Ottawa, ON K1G 4B8 Phone: 1-866-788-1212 or 1-613-523-4679

#### **Certified Software Vendors**

The practice management software sold by software vendors is listed on the CDAnet website. These software vendors have passed the CDAnet certification process. This means these products are certified for the electronic submission of dental insurance Claims according to the CDAnet messaging standard.

To view a current list of certified vendors, click on the direct link listed below which leads to the Canadian Dental Association website:

www.cda-adc.ca/en/services/cdanet/certified\_vendors.asp

# 10. Appendices

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## Appendix A - Sample Denturist Provider Enrolment Form

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DENTURIST PROVIDER ENROLMENT FORM

Complete, sign and return ALL pages of the Enrolment Form by fax or mail to: Fax No.: 1-855-622-0669 Mail: Express Scripts Canada, Provider Relations, 5770 Hurontario St., 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mississauga, ON L5R 3G5

| PROVIDER INFORMATION  |   |
|---|---|
| Unique Provider No.:  | Language: D English D French  |
| Surname:  | First Name:   |
| License No.*:   | Office ID (DACnet <sup>**</sup> ):  |
| ("Assigned by the appropriate Province/ Territory Licensing Body)   |   |
| Phone No.:  | Fax No.:  |
| Clinic Name:  | E-mail:   |
| Address:  |   |
| City/ Prov./ Postal Code:   |   |
| Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) submitted claims must acco  | mpany Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payment:  |
| PAYMENT INFORMATION - ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRAN   |   |
| I instruct Express Scripts Canada to set up direct EFT PAYMENT<br>authorize withdrawals or any other transactions with respect to th<br>I will advise Express Scripts Canada promptly of any change   | e account. All information will be treated as private and confidential.   |
|   | VOID Cheque (Photocopy of VOID cheque is acceptable when faxing) OR<br>Official Bank Letter   |
| Bank Name:  | Branch Name:  |
| Branch Address:   |   |
| City: Province:   | Postal Code:  |
| Bank No.:       Branch/ Transit No.:  | Account No.:  |
| Enrolment Form and the Denturist and Dental Hygienist Provider<br>enrolment. Please note the Manual is updated from time to time as<br>As signatory to this form, you will be responsible<br>Express Scripts Canada, regardless of the corporate structure<br>under your unique Provider Number indicates your underst<br>Conditions. In addition, Provider attests to its enrolment and g<br>Territory Licensing Body. | I be subject to the Terms and Conditions of this Denturist Provider<br>Manual (the "Manual"). A copy of the Manual will be available upon<br>s necessary and at Express Scripts Canada's sole discretion.<br>for all services billed by Provider, and paid for by<br>e of the clinic from which you operate. A submission of a claim<br>anding and acceptance of Express Scripts Canada's Terms and<br>good standing with his/her respective Dental Provider Province |
| As set forth in the Manual, Terms and Conditions include, but are r   |   |
| <ul> <li>Provider licensure and eligibility requirements</li> <li>Member eligibility requirements</li> <li>Coordination with other health plans</li> <li>Documentation submission process and requirements</li> <li>Benefits and applicable limitations</li> </ul>  | Requirements for Providers on the use of treatment codes and<br>standard definitions     Administrative Provider Audit Program which includes an On-<br>site Audit Program     Maintenance of relevant documentation and records     Mandatory EFT enrolment for EDI submission claims  |
|   | date the Provider receives a unique Provider Number from<br>t. Express Scripts Canada may serve the Provider a written<br>r. Please refer to the Manual for further details.  |
| Provider's Original Signature (no stamps)   | Date  |
| Express Scripts Canada/ December 2012<br>DENTURIST PROVIDER ENROLMENT FORM  | Page 1 of 1   |

## Appendix B - Sample Dental Hygienist Provider Enrolment Form

| EXPRESS SCRIPTS® DE  | ENTAL HYGIENIST PROVIDER ENROLMENT FORM  |
|--|--|
| Complete all sections. Sign and return the enrolment form by e<br>Fax No.: 613-224-7283 or Mail: CDHA, Attention: Membersh<br>E-mail: membership@cdha.ca                                       |  |
| PROVIDER INFORMATION   |  |
| Provider No. (Unique Identification No.) 202   | Language: 🗆 English 🗅 French   |
| Surname:   | First Name:  |
| *License No.:  | Office ID (CDHA-ACHDnet™):H  |
| Phone No.:   | Province:  |
| *Assigned by the appropriate Province/ Territory Licensing Body.<br>and good standing with their respective Dental Provider Province/  | By signing the Enrolment Form, Providers attest to their registration<br>/ Territory Licensing Body.   |
| Electronically submitted claims (EDI) must accompany EFT   | payment (complete the section below):  |
| PAYMENT INFORMATION - ELECTRONIC FUNDS TR  | ANSFER (EFT)   |
| I instruct Express Scripts Canada to set up direct EFT PAYME<br>authorize withdrawals or any other transactions with respect to<br>confidential. I will advise Express Scripts Canada promptly |  |
| Office ID (CDHA-ACHDnet <sup>™</sup> ): H (assigned by CD  | · ·  |
| Bank Name:   | (Photocopy of VOID cheque is acceptable when faxing) Branch Name:  |
| Branch Address:  |  |
|  | e: Postal Code:  |
|  |  |
| Bank No.:       Branch/ Transit No.:   | Account No.:   |
| review the information contained herein and once approved, E   | er Enrolment Form, Express Scripts Canada (formerly ESI Canada) will<br>Express Scripts Canada will authorize the applicant (you) as a Provider<br>s Scripts Canada for payment of eligible services provided to Members<br>plans.                                 |
| Provider Enrolment Form and the Denturist and Dental Hyg   | will be subject to the Terms and Conditions of this Dental Hygienist<br>gienist Provider Manual (the "Manual"). A copy of the Manual will be<br>fated from time to time as necessary and at Express Scripts Canada's   |
| Express Scripts Canada, regardless of the corporate struct<br>under your Unique Provider (Identification) Number in  | ble for all services billed by Provider, and paid for by<br>ure of the clinic from which you operate. A submission of a claim<br>dicates your understanding and acceptance of Express Scripts<br>r enrolment and good standing with the respective Dental Provider |
| As set forth in the Manual, Terms and Conditions include, but an   | re not limited to:   |
| Provider licensure and eligibility requirements  | <ul> <li>Requirements for Providers on the use of treatment codes and<br/>standard definitions</li> </ul>  |
| Member eligibility requirements     Coordination with other health plans   | standard definitions<br>Administrative Provider Audit Program which includes an On-  |
| Documentation submission process and requirements  | site Audit Program   |
| Benefits and applicable limitations  | Maintenance of relevant documentation and records  |
|  | <ul> <li>Mandatory EFT enrolment for EDI submission claims</li> </ul>  |
|  | e date the Provider receives a Provider Confirmation from<br>est. Express Scripts Canada may serve the Provider a written<br>nder. Please refer to the Manual for further details.   |
| First Name and Surname (please print)  |  |
| Provider's Original Signature (no stamp)   | Date   |

## Appendix C - Sample Dental Provider Remittance Statement



## Appendix D - Sample Modification to Dental Provider Information Form

| ROVIDER INFORMATION (Mandatory to Complete)   |  |                           |
|---|--|---------------------------|
| ovider Number:  | Language Preference:                         | English      French       |
| rname:  | First Name:                                  |                           |
| inic Name:  | Office ID (CDAnet/ ACDQ/ DA                  | Cnet™/ CDHA-ACHDnet™):    |
| SECTION A - COMMUNICATIONS (Change)   |  |                           |
| General Communication (selectione):   |  |                           |
| E-mail Address  | D Fax  | D Mail                    |
|   |  |                           |
| SECTION B – CONTACT INFORMATION (Change)     OLD ADDRESS  | NEW  | ADDRE\$\$                 |
| Effective Date:   |  |                           |
| Clinic Name:  | Clinic Name:                                 |                           |
| Street Address:   | Street Address:                              |                           |
| Sulte/ P.O. Box:  | Sulte/ P.O. Box                              |                           |
| City/ Prov/ Postal Code:  | City/ Prov/ Postal Code:                     |                           |
| Phone No.: Fax No.:   | Phone No.:                                   |                           |
| E-mail Address:   | E-mall Address:                              |                           |
|   |  |                           |
| SECTION C – ADDITIONAL OFFICES (Change or Section 2)  |  |                           |
| ADDITIONAL OFFICE #1  | ADDITIO                                      | NAL OFFICE #2             |
| Effective Date:   | Effective Date:                              |                           |
| Status (selectione): OWNER Associate  | Status (selectione): Owner                   |                           |
| Office ID (CDAnet/ ACDQ/ DACnet™/ CDHA-ACHDnet™):   | `  | et™/ CDHA-ACHDnet™):      |
| Clinic Name:  | Clinic Name:                                 |                           |
| Street Address:Suite/ P.O. Bax:   | Street Address:                              |                           |
| City/ Prov/ Postal Code:  | Suite/ P.O. Box:<br>City/ Prov/ Postal Code: |                           |
| Phone No.: Fax No.:   | Phone No.:                                   |                           |
| 5-mail Address:   | E-mail Address:                              | Tax No.                   |
|   |  |                           |
| SECTION D - PAYMENT INFORMATION (Change or  | r Set Up for Electronic Funds Trans          | fer)                      |
| Instruct Express Scripts Canada to set up or change my direct EFT PA'<br>withdrawais or any other transactions with respect to the account. All information of any changes to bank, branch or account number. |  |                           |
| Effective Date:   |  | PLACE Banking Information |
| Office ID (CDAnet/ ACDQ/ DACnet <sup>*w</sup> / CDHA-ACHDnet <sup>*w</sup> ):   | Attach: OVOID Cheque                         | or 🗅 Official Bank Letter |
| Sank Name:  | Branch Name:                                 |                           |
| Branch Address:   | an ad for the state that                     |                           |
|   | rovince: Postal Code:                        |                           |
|   | Account No.:                                 |                           |
| SECTION E – OTHER (Change to Incorporation, Spe   |  |                           |
|   | 1 (Include new unique Provider Number):      |                           |
|   |  |                           |
| Speciality: D Other (Desc   | ription of Change):                          |                           |
|   |  |                           |
|   |  |                           |

Note The Modification to Dental Provider Information Form is only applicable to Denturist Providers.