



June 27, 2017

Communication to all NIHB Independent Dental Hygienists in British Columbia

Effective July 1, 2017, the fees for varnish fluoride procedures have changed as follows:

Schedule A 0.3 Preventive Varnish Fluoride		
Procedure Code	Fee	Type of change
00611	\$14.54	Modified

Effective June 23, 2017, coverage for sealants has been changed as follows:

- Coverage for sealants has been extended to include bicuspids.
- Coverage for sealants is now provided for eligible clients under 18 years of age (previously, the age limit was 14 years of age).
- There is a lifetime limit of 2 sealants per eligible tooth.

Schedule A 0.3 Preventive Sealants	
Procedure Code	Type of change
00602	Modified
00603	Modified

Effective April 1, 2017, the frequency for all eligible scaling and root planing procedures have changed as outlined below.

Schedule A 0.3 Preventive Scaling		
Age	From	To
0-11 Years	0.5 unit in any 6 months in combination with root planing	1 unit in any 12 months in combination with root planing
12-16 Years	1 unit in any 6 months in combination with root planing	2 units in any 12 months in combination with root planing



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Schedule A 0.3 Preventive Root Planing		
Age	From	To
0-11 Years	0.5 unit in any 6 months in combination with scaling	1 unit in any 12 months in combination with scaling
12-16 Years	1 unit in any 6 months in combination with scaling	2 units in any 12 months in combination with scaling

For further information or questions, please contact the Provider Claims Processing Call Centre at 1-888-511-4666.

Thank you.



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Effective Date

June 1, 2017

- The coverage of dental services provided through the NIHB Program will be reimbursed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Program.
- Eligible dental services must be provided in accordance with the respective dental hygienist provincial regulations and scope of practice.
- Schedule B Procedures require Predetermination.
- Please refer to the NIHB Dental Benefits Guide for further information on policies, guidelines and criteria of dental services eligible under the NIHB Program.
- Please refer to the NIHB Dental Claims Submission Kit for further information on terms and conditions for submitting a claim under the NIHB Program.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Provider Claims Processing Call Centre at 1-888-511-4666.

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SCHEDULE A

Code	Lab	HY
0.0 DIAGNOSTIC		
0.1 EXAMINATIONS		
Maximum eligibility: Age 17 and over – up to 3/any 12 months Under 17 years of age – up to 4/any 12 months Frequency limitations take into account the overall interaction between various examination services rendered by the same provider, a different provider within the same office or a different office, and their eligibility period.		
Complete Examination		
1/any 60 months When a complete examination is provided, it replaces the recall for the respective eligible period.		
00111		\$49.11
00112		\$68.61
00113		\$71.72
Recall Examination		
Age 17+: 1/any 12 months Under age 17: 1/any 6 months Frequency interacts with general practitioner's examination.		
00121		\$20.83
Specific Examination		
1/any 12 months Frequency interacts with general practitioner's examination.		
00122		\$26.13
0.2 RADIOGRAPHS		
Intraoral		
10/any 12 months		
00211		\$13.26
00212		\$18.23
00213		\$23.14
00214		\$28.21
00221		\$13.26
00222		\$18.23
00223		\$23.14
00224		\$28.21
00225		\$33.19
00226		\$38.18
0.3 PREVENTIVE		
Scaling		
Age 0 to 11: 1 unit/any 12 months in combination with root planing Age 12 to 16: 2 units/any 12 months in combination with root planing Age 17+: 4 units/any 12 months in combination with root planing Predetermination is required for additional units.		
00511		\$31.37
00512		\$62.73
00513		\$94.10
00514		\$125.46
00517		\$15.73

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Code	Lab	HY
Root Planing		
Age 0 to 11: 1 unit/any 12 months in combination with scaling Age 12 to 16: 2 units/any 12 months in combination with scaling Age 17+: 4 units/any 12 months in combination with scaling Predetermination is required for additional units.		
00521		\$27.14
00522		\$54.28
00523		\$81.42
00524		\$108.57
00527		\$13.59
Polishing		
Age 17+: 1 time in any 12 months; under age 17: 1 time in any 6 months. Note that 1 time counts either for one unit or for 1/2 unit.		
00531		\$12.08
00537		\$6.04
Sealants		
Eligible only for clients under 14 years of age on erupted permanent molar when the occlusal surface is unrestored and permanent maxillary incisors lingual surface.		
00602		\$22.27
00603		\$12.24
Varnish Fluoride		
Eligible only for clients under 17 years of age - 1 application/any 6 months.		
00611		\$11.99
Interim Stabilization Therapy (IST)		
Removal of soft debris (plaque and/or food particles) from the lesion and placement of fluoride-releasing glass ionomer cement. Once in a lifetime, per tooth.		
00666		\$57.41
00667		\$29.28

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SCHEDULE B

All Procedures in Schedule B have a Predetermination Requirement		
Code	Lab	HY
0.1 PERIODONTICS		
Desensitization		
00641		\$38.18