



Dental Benefact

A BULLETIN FOR DENTAL SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM ALBERTA BLUE CROSS

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Changes to the 2013 Uniform System of Coding and List of Services (USCLS)

The Alberta Dental Association and College has implemented changes made by the Canadian Dental Association to the USCLS for 2013.

One specific change is the editing of the description for the following codes:

- 42200—Periodontal Surgery: Gingivoplasty
(Does not include limited re-contouring to facilitate restorative services)
42201 per sextant
- 42300—Periodontal Surgery: Gingivectomy—the procedure by which gingival deformities are reduced and reshaped to create normal and functional form when the pocket is uncomplicated by extension into the underlying bone.
(Does not include limited re-contouring to facilitate restorative services)
- 42310—Gingivectomy Uncomplicated
42311 per sextant
- 42320—Gingivectomy With Curettage
42321 per sextant

To clarify use, the following wording has been added to the description of these services: **does not include limited re-contouring to facilitate restorative services.**

In accordance with this change, Alberta Blue Cross will not be covering the cost of these services when performed in conjunction with restorative procedures such as restorations and crowns.

Alberta Blue Cross Customer Services: here for your patients

If your patients have any questions about their dental benefits we are here to help them! As you know, Alberta Blue Cross has a Dental Services call centre dedicated to assisting dental providers. We also have a separate Customer Services call centre to assist your patients with their inquiries. Please have patients use the Customer Service numbers; using the Dental Services call centre number results in delays due to calls being transferred to the correct location.

Alberta Blue Cross Customer Services:

780-498-8000 (Edmonton and area)

403-234-9666 (Calgary and area)

1-800-661-6995 (toll free)

Periodontal Accelerated Osteogenic Orthodontics (PAOO)

Alberta Blue Cross has recently received claims for periodontal surgery being performed for PAOO.

PAOO is a treatment that utilizes periodontal surgery prior to orthodontic treatment to promote the correction of malocclusion at a faster rate.

Alberta Blue Cross provides benefits for periodontal surgery only when performed for the treatment of periodontal disease. Alberta Blue Cross will not cover periodontal treatment when done for the purpose of accelerated orthodontics.



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When you have questions:

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Dental Services call centre representative at:

780-498-8977 (Edmonton and area)

403-294-4042 (Calgary and area)

1-800-567-8104 (toll free)

Support is available Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.