

National Dental EDI Council NDEDIC

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New Dental Healthcare Service Type Codes Approved!

NDEDIC's Workgroup 1, Dental Service Type Taskforce is pleased to announce that **four new** Dental Service Type Codes (STCs) have been approved by the Healthcare Codes Committee.

Through an NDEDIC led collaborative effort and the support of the American Dental Association, National Association of Dental Plans, the X12 Workgroup 1 and Dental Caucus five dental codes requests were reviewed at the X12 Winter Healthcare Codes Committee meeting with four being approved with an effective date of March 1, 2019.

- **94 Dental** and pre-diagnostic tests and examinations Note: Refer to the American Dental Association Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature (CDT Code).
- **95 Periodontal** surgical services Note: Refer to the American Dental Association Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature (CDT Code).
- **96 Adjustment** to dentures/repairs to complete dentures, denture rebase procedures, and denture relines procedures Note: Refer to the American Dental Association Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature (CDT Code).
- **97 Dental**, non-surgical extractions Note: Refer to the American Dental Association Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature (CDT Code).

While the fifth code requested, "Treatment of Fractures", was not approved, the NDEDIC request sparked interest with both dental and medical carriers for NDEDIC to lead a collaborative discussion on healthcare service type code for the American Dental Association Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature for Oral Surgery. More information regarding this collaboration will be forthcoming.

Please find the official posting of these new codes on the Washington Publishing Company's [website here](#).

**Special acknowledgements to the STC Taskforce
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Member Spotlight

Kim Urso
Vice President of Operations
Heartland Dental



Kim is a member of our provider stakeholder group and has been an active NDEDIC member for seven years. Kim joined NDEDIC to help her succeed at Heartland Dental, the largest DSO. Kim found herself responsible for the Accounts Receivable department with limited EDI exposure. NDEDIC helped her understand the collaboration between payers, clearing houses and providers.

Kim says NDEDIC can keep you abreast of the most advanced EDI in dental. *"NDEDIC works together on complications, finds solutions as well as builds an amazing network of friends and resources."* She has relied on many people within NDEDIC to help her succeed.

Beyond EDI, Kim is a mom of an amazing 11 year old boy. His name is Alex and he just started Middle School this year. We have a black lab and his name is Coal. We just went on our best vacay ever to Turks and Cacaos. We love to be active. We go boating, swimming, ride bikes, and attend all of Alex's sporting events.

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