

CDT Code Maintenance

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Why a CDT Code?

- The purpose of the CDT Code is to achieve uniformity, consistency and specificity in accurately reporting dental treatment. One use of the CDT Code is to provide for the efficient processing of dental claims, and another is to populate an Electronic Health Record.

Features

- Adopts best practices of other HIPAA medical code set maintainers
- Supports annual update
- Submissions from all sectors of the dental community
- 21 member Code Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Open meetings for public comment and observation of decision-making process

Code Advisory Committee

- Established by the ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs to fulfill its obligations to maintain the CDT Code
- Votes to accept, amend or decline change requests
- Composition reflects stakeholders
 - ADA (5)
 - Payers (5)
 - Dental Specialty Organizations (9)
 - General Dentistry and Dental Education (2)

ADA Role

- Administrative support to CAC and overall process
- Preparation and dissemination of CDT Code versions to dentists, payers and other licensed users
- Ensure continuation of an open, participatory process that meets the needs of **all** in the dental community

CDT Code Maintenance Process Flow

