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TO: Primary Care Providers (PT 31)  
Rural Health Providers (PT 35)

RE: Dental Payment Policy Clarification

Dear Kentucky Medicaid Provider:

This letter is being sent as a clarification of Medicaid dental policy regarding payment for dental services performed by dental hygienists who work under general supervision of dentists employed by a Primary care Center (PCC), Federally Qualified Health Care Center (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinic (RHC).

Please be informed that not all licensed dental hygienists are approved to provide dental services in the absence of a supervising dentist. Coverage of dental services provided in a PCC, FQHC or RHC is limited to those services outlined in 907 KAR 1:026. Dental services provided by a dental hygienist at a PCC, FQHC or RHC are reimbursable by Medicaid providing the following conditions are met:

- the services are within the dental hygienist scope of practice;
- condition in KRS 313.310 are met;
- conditions outline in 201 KAR 8:450 are met, and
- the services are covered and outlined in 907 KAR 1:026

Dental hygienists performing dental services either under the direction of a supervising dentist or in the absence of a supervising dentist and under the conditions outlined above must bill with the supervising dentist's Medicaid Provider Identification Number.

Should you have questions regarding this policy or need additional information, please contact Teresa Cooper at (502) 564-6890.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Johnson,  
Commissioner

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