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Important Information on the Coding of Teledentistry provided by Denturists during the Covid-19 Pandemic

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Dear Denturists, Provincial Associations, Regulatory Bodies, Insurance Carriers and all Stakeholders:

The Denturist Association of Canada (The DAC) is acutely aware of the restrictions imposed by provincial regulatory bodies and public health authorities on denturists to ensure the safety of their patients, their staff and themselves in an effort to “flatten the curve” of the Covid-19 Pandemic. These restrictions are imposing noteworthy changes in the delivery of services that can still be provided and the method of that delivery i.e. teledentistry hereinafter referred to as electronic means. Most notably, consultations that would normally be provided in person and coded as oral examinations may need to be provided by electronic means.

The assertion by some provincial regulatory bodies that oral examinations must be performed in person means that, while services provided by electronic means can be similar to services provided in person, these consultations provided by electronic means cannot be coded as examinations. As such, The DAC is sending this communique to advise that The DAC’s Masterlist of Procedure Codes does have a procedure code for a Professional Consultation (70050) whereby definition is “*a professional consultation with a patient, potential patient, member of the profession or other health care providers in or out of the office whether in person or by electronic means*” as defined in The DAC’s Succinct Glossary of Terms and Procedures.

After several inquiries for direction, The DAC felt it was important to communicate that until normal practice can resume that providers who are providing consultative services by electronic means can utilize procedure code 70050 for Professional Consultation. This is, in our opinion, the appropriate procedure code that would duly represent the services that are being provided to a patient by way of electronic means. This procedure code is already readily available in all The DAC 2020 Provincial Association Fee Guides, which are published based upon The DAC Masterlist of Procedure Codes.

The DAC will continue to communicate with all stakeholders, especially the insurance carriers on the use, acceptance and implementation of procedure code 70050 to ensure understanding and compliance.

If you have any questions with regards to the above, please do not hesitate to contact our office directly by email at dacdenturist@bellnet.ca or by telephone at 613-968-9467 / 1-877-538-3123.

Yours in Denturism,

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