



## Delta Dental now paying code D2941

Delta Dental prioritizes the health and safety of our providers and members as we navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have made an interim policy change regarding code D2941 due to findings by the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that show primary transmission of the coronavirus through upper respiratory tract droplets.



The American Dental Association and the CDC recommend avoiding aerosols when possible, like those generated from high-speed rotary instruments commonly used to prepare teeth for permanent restorations.

To support this precaution, Delta Dental of Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana is now paying D2941—Interim therapeutic restoration: primary dentition—Placement of an adhesive restorative material following caries debridement by hand or other method for the management of early childhood caries.

Before this interim change, D2941 would not have been billable if a permanent restoration is completed within 24 months.

Once the COVID-19 pandemic subsides, a definitive restoration can then be placed without financial penalty to the dentist or patient.

For permanent teeth, continue to use code D2940—Sedative fillings, temporary restorations used to relieve pain during an interim period—with the same rationale for treatment.

Thank you for everything you're doing to be part of the solution to this unprecedented public health crisis. Be well.