2026 CDT code changes

The American Dental Association (ADA) adds, updates or deletes Current Dental Terminology (CDT) codes as part of its annual code maintenance review. This communication provides details of the ADA.org changes which go into effect on Jan. 1, 2026, as well as how Humana plans to cover any new codes. Visit ADA.org/CDT for more information.

Please remember that plan coverage varies by product or group benefits and member benefits and eligibility should be validated on our provider portal Availity.com. You may also submit a pre-determination or call Humana at the number on the back of your patient's ID card. Please refer to our Provider Manual for more information.

Fee Schedules

Humana updates all fee schedules to include new ADA codes when a similar code was on the Fee Schedule.
- For example, if a fee schedule included D2931, then D2928 would be added with that fee.
- If the Fee schedule did not have a similar/like code listed, we did not include the new code to the fee schedule.

For PPO based plans, the new CDT codes to our usual customary rate (UCR) tables that will help fee schedules pay to the 80% logic.

Added CDT Codes - 6 codes were added. Please see below for new codes Humana may cover, based on patient's plan benefits.

Note: Plans are not available in all states and plan benefits may vary by state. Please refer to the plan documents for complete details of coverage.

CDT Code	Nomenclature	Descriptor	Coverage
D6280	implant maintenance procedures when a full arch removable implant/abutment supported denture is removed and reinserted, including cleansing of prosthesis and abutments - per arch	This procedure includes active debriding of the implant(s) and examination of all aspects of the implant system, including the occlusion and stability of the prosthesis. The patient is also instructed in thorough daily cleansing of the implant(s).	When coverage for implants applies, frequency will mirror D6080.
D6049	scaling and debridement of a single implant in the presence of peri-implantitis inflammation, bleeding	This procedure is not performed in conjunction with D1110, D4910, or D4346.	When coverage for implants applies, frequency will mirror D6081.

	upon probing and increased pocket depths, including cleaning of the implant surfaces, without flap entry and closure		Cover if implant coverage. Mirror frequency of D6081.
D9244	in-office administration of minimal sedation - single drug - enteral	In-office administration of a drug, as a single or divided dose, to achieve the desired clinical effect, not to exceed the FDA maximum recommended dose (MRD) for unmonitored home use. The single drug may be administered with or without co-administration of nitrous oxide.	Not covered unless mandated by the state.
D9245	administration of moderate sedation - enteral	When moderate sedation is achieved by administration of drug(s) by enteral route only. With or without co-administration of nitrous oxide. The level of anesthesia is determined by the provider's documentation of the anesthetic effects upon the central nervous system.	Not covered unless mandated by the state.
D9246	administration of moderate sedation - non-intravenous parenteral - first 15 minute increment, or any portion thereof	When moderate sedation is achieved by administration of drug(s) by parenteral route. not including intravenous. With or without co-administration of nitrous oxide. Anesthesia time begins when the doctor administering the anesthetic agent initiates the appropriate anesthesia and non-invasive monitoring protocol and remains in continuous attendance of the patient. Anesthesia services are considered completed when the patient may be safely left under the observation of trained personnel and the doctor may safely leave the room. The level of anesthesia is determined by the provider's documentation of the anesthetic effects upon the central nervous system.	Mirror D9239 coverage.
D9247	administration of moderate sedation - non-intravenous		Mirror D9243 coverage.

	parenteral - each subsequent 15 minute increment, or any portion thereof		

Deleted CDT Codes - 6 codes were deleted

CDT Code	Nomenclature	Descriptor	Details
D1352	preventive resin restoration in a moderate to high caries risk patient – permanent tooth	Conservative restoration of an active cavitated lesion in a pit or fissure that does not extend into dentin; includes placement of a sealant in any radiating non-carious fissures or pits.	CDT 2026 deleted code.
D1705	AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine administration – first dose	SARSCOV2 COVID-19 VAC rS-ChAdOx1 5x1010 VP/.5mL IM DOSE 1	CDT 2026 deleted code.
D1706	AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine administration – second dose	SARSCOV2 COVID-19 VAC rS-ChAdOx1 5x1010 VP/.5mL IM DOSE 2	CDT 2026 deleted code.
D1707	Janssen Covid-19 vaccine administration	SARSCOV2 COVID-19 VAC Ad26 5x1010 VP/0.5mL IM SINGLE DOSE	CDT 2026 deleted code.
D1712	Janssen Covid-19 vaccine administration - booster dose	SARSCOV2 COVID-19 VAC Ad26 5x1010 VP/.5mL IM DOSE BOOSTER	CDT 2026 deleted code.
D9248	non-intravenous conscious sedation	This includes non-IV minimal and moderate sedation. A medically controlled state of depressed consciousness while maintaining the patient's airway, protective reflexes and the ability to respond to stimulation or verbal commands. It includes non-intravenous administration of sedative and/or analgesic agent(s) and appropriate monitoring.

The level of anesthesia is determined by the anesthesia provider's documentation of the anesthetic's effects upon the central | CDT 2026 deleted code. |

		~~nervous system and not dependent upon the route of administration.~~	

Changed CDT Codes/Verbiage – 23 codes were changed

The following codes had revisions or editorial (verbiage) changes. Language that was added is highlighted in **blue**, and language highlighted in red and struck through indicates wording that has been removed.

CDT Code	Nomenclature	Descriptor	Details
D0180	comprehensive periodontal evaluation - new or established	~~This procedure is indicated for patients showing signs or symptoms of periodontal disease and for patients with risk factors such as smoking or diabetes. It includes~~ A comprehensive evaluation of periodontal conditions, including full mouth probing and periodontal charting,. Indicated for patients exhibiting signs or symptoms of periodontal disease, systemic medical conditions, or patients with social risk factors. It includes an evaluation for oral cancer, ~~the~~ an evaluation ~~and recording~~ of the patient's ~~dental and~~ medical history, a ~~and~~ general ~~health~~ wellness assessment~~.~~ and ~~It may~~ includes ~~the~~ an evaluation of current dental conditions ~~and recording of dental caries, missing or unerupted teeth, restorations, and occlusal relationships.~~ missing or unerupted teeth, restorations, and occlusal relationships.	Descriptor change
D0417	collection and preparation of saliva sample for laboratory analysis ~~diagnostic testing~~		Nomenclature update
D0418	analysis of saliva sample - laboratory	~~Chemical or biological analysis of saliva sample for diagnostic purposes.~~	Nomenclature update and descriptor change
D2391	resin-based composite - one surface, posterior	~~Used to restore a carious lesion into the dentin or a deeply eroded area into the dentin. Not a preventive procedure.~~	Descriptor change
D4263	bone replacement graft – retained natural tooth – first site in quadrant	This procedure involves the use of grafts to stimulate periodontal regeneration when the disease process has led to a deformity of the bone. This procedure does not include flap entry and closure, wound debridement, osseous contouring, ~~or~~ the placement of biologic materials or the placement of barrier	Descriptor change

		membranes to aid in osseous tissue regeneration or barrier membranes. Other separate procedures delivered concurrently are documented with their own codes. Not to be reported for an edentulous space or an extraction site.	
D4264	bone replacement graft – retained natural tooth – each additional site in quadrant	This procedure involves the use of grafts to stimulate periodontal regeneration when the disease process has led to a deformity of the bone. This procedure does not include flap entry and closure, wound debridement, osseous contouring, or the placement of biologic materials or the placement of barrier membranes to aid in osseous tissue regeneration or barrier membranes. Other separate procedures delivered concurrently are documented with their own codes. Not to be reported for an edentulous space or an extraction site.	Descriptor change
D5863	overdenture – complete maxillary - natural tooth borne		Nomenclature update
D5864	overdenture – partial maxillary - natural tooth borne		Nomenclature update
D5865	overdenture – complete mandibular - natural tooth borne		Nomenclature update
D5866	overdenture – partial mandibular - natural tooth borne		Nomenclature update
D5867	replacement of replaceable part of semi-precision or precision attachment of natural tooth borne prosthesis, per attachment		Nomenclature update
D5876	add metal substructure to acrylic full complete denture - (per arch)	Use of metal substructure in removable complete dentures for reinforcement, during fabrication or repair without a framework.	Nomenclature update
D5934	mandibular resection guidance prosthesis with guide flange	Synonymous terminology: resection guidance device, resection guidance appliance. A prosthesis which guides the remaining portion of the mandible, left after a partial resection, into a more normal relationship with the maxilla. This allows for some tooth-to-tooth or an improved tooth contact. It may also artificially replace missing teeth and thereby increase masticatory efficiency.	Nomenclature update and descriptor change

D5935	mandibular ~~resection~~ guidance prosthesis without guide flange	A prosthesis which helps guide the partially resected mandible to a more normal relation with the maxilla allowing for increased tooth contact. It does not have a flange or ramp, however, to assist in directional closure. It may replace missing teeth and thereby increase masticatory efficiency. ~~Dentists who treat mandibulectomy patients may prefer to replace some, all or none of the teeth in the defect area. Frequently, the defect's margins preclude even partial replacement. Use of a guide (a mandibular resection prosthesis with a guide flange) may not be possible due to anatomical limitations or poor patient tolerance. Ramps, extended occlusal arrangements and irregular occlusal positioning relative to the denture foundation frequently preclude stability of the prostheses, and thus some prostheses are poorly tolerated under such adverse circumstances.~~	Nomenclature update and descriptor change
D5982	surgical stent for soft tissue healing	Synonymous terminology: periodontal stent, skin graft stent, columellar stent. Stents are utilized to apply pressure to soft tissues to facilitate healing and prevent cicatrization or collapse. A surgical stent may be required in surgical and post-surgical revisions to achieve close approximation of tissues. Usually such materials as temporary or interim soft denture liners, gutta percha, or dental modeling impression compound may be used.	Nomenclature update
D6080	implant maintenance procedures when a full arch fixed hybrid prosthesis is removed and reinserted, including cleansing of prosthesis and abutments	This procedure includes active debriding of the implant(s) and examination of all aspects of the implant system, including the occlusion and stability of the ~~superstructure~~ prosthesis. The patient is also instructed in thorough daily cleansing of the implant(s).	Descriptor change
D7285	incisional biopsy of oral tissue-hard (bone, tooth)	For partial removal of ~~specimen~~ lesion ~~only~~. This procedure involves biopsy of osseous or intra-osseous lesions (example cyst, tumor) and is not used for apicoectomy/periradicular surgery. This procedure does not entail an excision.	Descriptor change
D7286	incisional biopsy of oral tissue-soft	For partial removal of an ~~architecturally intact~~ lesion ~~specimen only~~. This procedure is not used at the same time as codes for apicoectomy/periradicular curettage. This procedure does not entail an excision.	Descriptor change

D9222	administration of deep sedation/general anesthesia – first 15 minute~~s~~ increment, or any portion thereof	With or without co-administration of nitrous oxide. Anesthesia time begins when the doctor administering the anesthetic agent initiates the appropriate anesthesia and non-invasive monitoring protocol and remains in continuous attendance of the patient. Anesthesia services are considered completed when the patient may be safely left under the observation of trained personnel and the doctor may safely leave the room ~~to attend to other patients or duties.~~ The level of anesthesia is determined by the ~~anesthesia~~ provider's documentation of the anesthetic effects upon the central nervous system. ~~and not dependent upon the route of administration.~~	Nomenclature update and descriptor change
D9223	administration of deep sedation/general anesthesia – each subsequent 15 minute increment, or any portion thereof	-	Nomenclature update
D9230	~~inhalation~~ administration of nitrous oxide~~/analgesia, anxiolysis~~	When nitrous oxide is administered as a single agent.	Nomenclature update and descriptor change
D9239	~~intravenous~~ administration of moderate ~~(conscious)~~ sedation~~/analgesia – intravenous~~ - first 15 minute increment, or any portion thereof	When moderate sedation is achieved by administration and titration of drug(s) intravenously. With or without co-administration of nitrous oxide. Anesthesia time begins when the doctor administering the anesthetic agent initiates the appropriate anesthesia and non-invasive monitoring protocol and remains in continuous attendance of the patient. Anesthesia services are considered completed when the patient may be safely left under the observation of trained personnel and the doctor may safely leave the room ~~to attend to other patients or duties.~~ The level of anesthesia is determined by the ~~anesthesia~~ provider's documentation of the anesthetic effects upon the central nervous	Nomenclature update and descriptor change

		system ~~and not dependent upon the route of administration.~~	
D9243	~~intravenous~~ administration of moderate ~~(conscious)~~ sedation/analgesia- intravenous - each subsequent 15 minute increment, or any portion thereof	-	Nomenclature update