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**To:** Fee-for-service dental providers

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**Subject:** Fee-for-service rate increases for dental services effective October 1, 2023

Pending Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will increase the fee-for-service (FFS, or “open card”) reimbursement rates for all covered dental services billed with Current Dental Terminology (CDT) codes.

- OHA expects CMS approval no later than December 31, 2023.
- Upon CMS approval, OHA will update rates to apply the increase to services provided on or after October 1, 2023.

OHA is analyzing each CDT code in the FFS fee schedule to determine the rate increase for each code. When this work is complete, OHA will send another memo about the new rates.

### Why is this happening?

The 2023 Oregon Legislature allocated funds in OHA’s Legislatively Approved Budget to increase FFS dental rates.

### What should you do?

Submit claims as usual. OHA will adjust submitted claims to apply the rate increase to services provided on or after October 1, 2023. OHA will send another memo when it is time to adjust these claims.

### Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, contact Medicaid Dental Policy Analyst Jessica Dusek at [Jessica.D.Dusek@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:Jessica.D.Dusek@oha.oregon.gov) or 503-510-0252.

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