

**To: AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania and AmeriHealth Caritas  
Northeast General and Pediatric Dental Providers**

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**Subject: Updates to the Pediatric Dental Periodicity Schedule**

On July 3, 2018, the Department of Human Services (DHS) issued Medical Assistance Bulletin 27-18-09, *Updates to the Pediatric Dental Periodicity Schedule*, that incorporate changes resulting from the recommendations by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD).

As stated in the bulletin, “the annual review and issuance ensures that Pennsylvania’s Pediatric Dental Periodicity Schedule reflects the current trends in pediatric dental care and provides clear guidance for our dentists enrolled in the MA program who render dental services to MA beneficiaries under 21 years of age. [DHS] revised Pennsylvania’s 2018 Pediatric Dental Periodicity schedule to update the Clinical Oral Examination and Caries Risk Assessment language, to ensure alignment with AAPD recommendations and clarity of information. There are no coding updates associated with the Pediatric Dental Periodicity schedule.”

“Effective with dates of service on and after July 3, 2018, dental providers should use the newly updated schedule, titled Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Oral Health Care, as a guideline for providing these services.”

To view the entire bulletin, go to our website at [www.amerhealthcaritaspa.com](http://www.amerhealthcaritaspa.com) or [www.amerhealthcaritasnortheast.com](http://www.amerhealthcaritasnortheast.com) → **Providers** → **Communications** → **DHS/Medical Assistance Bulletins**. You may also find the entire bulletin on our dental provider web portal. In the next couple of months, we will be updating our Dental Provider Manual Supplement with this new information.

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