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To Our Valued Orthodontic Providers:

A change has been made in the way claims are submitted for Orthodontic diagnostic services **for patients enrolled in a Managed Care Plan with DENTAL ('J') coverage.** This change should make billing easier and payments more timely.

For Dates of Service on or after March 9, 2006:

Diagnostic services provided by an enrolled Orthodontist such as examination (D0120), full mouth x-rays (D0210), panoramic x-ray (D0330), cephalometric x-ray (D0340), photographs (D0350), diagnostic casts (D0470) and consultation (D9310) should be billed using the appropriate procedure code(s) and fee(s). This change means that your claims will no longer have to be manually priced which should speed up claims processing significantly.

Do NOT bill these orthodontic diagnostic services using D8999. Any claim using D8999 for these diagnostic services with a date of service on or after 3/9/06 will be denied for improper procedure code.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee P. Perry, D.D.S." The signature is written in a cursive style.

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