



# Dental Clinical Policy

**Subject:** Implant Maintenance Procedures

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## Description

Implant maintenance refers to the care and upkeep of dental implants which support crowns, fixed partial dentures, or fixed or removable dentures. Proper maintenance is essential to ensure the long-term success and durability of dental implants.

## Clinical Indications

Implant success is mainly dependent upon the patient's effective home care as well as professional prophylaxis procedures in the dental office. The therapeutic goal of implant maintenance procedures is to minimize the incidence of implant loss by preventing peri-implant pathology.

## Criteria

As implants are not anchored to the socket via a periodontal ligament, which has an inherent protective defense mechanism, they require intensive care beyond mere brushing. Implant maintenance procedures include:

1. Documentation of removal and reinsertion of the implant prosthesis is required
2. Cleansing and decontamination of implant prosthesis
3. Active debriding of the implants
4. Examination of all aspects of the implant system including the occlusion and stability of the superstructure
5. Review of home care instructions

## Coding

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**CDT** including but not limited to:

D6080 Implant maintenance procedures when prostheses are removed and reinserted, including

- cleansing of prostheses and abutments
- D6081 Scaling and debridement of a single implant in the presence of mucositis, including inflammation, bleeding upon probing and increased pocket depths; includes cleaning of the implant surfaces, without flap entry and closure
- D6180 Implant maintenance procedures when a full arch removable implant/abutment supported denture is removed and reinserted, including cleansing of prosthesis and abutments- per arch
- 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

**ICD-10 CM** Diagnoses for Dental Diseases and Conditions: See the current CDT code book for details

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## History

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			refinements to description, clinical indications, criteria, and reference; intent unchanged.	
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