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Intraoral complete series of radiographic images.

A. Introduction

The number of radiographs that comprise an Intraoral complete series of radiographic images relates to the MassHealth member's age. The maximum number of diagnostic radiographs which correlate to the member's age may be reimbursed as a single radiographic study every three (3) years without prior authorization (PA). See 130 CMR 420.423(B)(1). The maximum number of radiographs that comprise the triennial Intraoral complete series for various age groups are indicated below:

B. Maximum number of radiographic images per 3-year Intraoral Complete Series by age bracket:

1. Up to and including age six:
 - o No more than eight radiographs: six periapical radiographs and two bitewing radiographs.
2. Age seven up to and including age 14:
 - o No more than twelve radiographs: eight periapical radiographs and four bitewing radiographs; or
 - o one panoramic radiograph and two posterior bite wing radiographs.
3. Age 15 and up:
 - o No more than sixteen radiographs: 12 periapical radiographs and four posterior bitewing radiographs; or
 - o one panoramic radiograph and four posterior bite wing radiographs.

C. Member transfers from one age bracket to the next during the three years between intraoral complete series.

The maximum number of radiographic images per 3-year Intraoral Complete Series age bracket applies as member age transfers from one age bracket to another.

Example: A member who has eight radiographs at age six (6) is not eligible for another Intraoral Complete Series until he or she has reached age nine (9) **and** three (3) years have passed since the last Intraoral Complete series. In this case, once three years have passed since the last intraoral completes series; the member will be at least nine (9). At that point, Dental Manual Appendix E, Section B.2. above would apply until the member turns 15. From age 9 through 14, the next intraoral complete series would be:

- o No more than twelve radiographs: eight periapical radiographs and four bitewing radiographs; or
- o one panoramic radiograph and two posterior bite wing radiographs.

Sources: 1) American Dental Association Council on Scientific Affairs; Revised 2012 and 2) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Service, FDA Administration

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