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**TO:** Dental Providers Participating in MassHealth  
**FROM:** Beth Waldman, Medicaid Director *BW*  
**RE:** *Dental Manual* (2005 HCPCS)

This letter transmits revisions to the service codes and descriptions listed in Subchapter 6 and Appendix E of the *Dental Manual*. These revisions are effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2005.

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The following changes have been made effective March 1, 2005.

<u>Deleted Codes</u>	<u>New Codes</u>	
D7110	D7111	D7410
D7120	D7140	D7411
D7281	D7283	D7963
D7430	D7311	
D7431	D7321	

These changes are effective March 1, 2005.

NEW MATERIAL

(The pages listed here contain new or revised language.)

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Pages 6-1 through 6-10 and E-3 through E-6

OBSOLETE MATERIAL

(The pages listed here are no longer in effect.)

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Pages E-3 through E-6 — transmitted by Transmittal Letter DEN-66

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620 Service Codes and Descriptions: Medical Services (cont.)

Service

Code    Service Description

- 99255    Initial inpatient consultation for a new or established patient, which requires these three key components:
- a comprehensive history;
  - a comprehensive examination; and
  - medical decision making of high complexity

**FOLLOW-UP INPATIENT CONSULTATIONS**

**Established Patient**

- 99261    Follow-up inpatient consultation for an established patient, which requires at least two of these three key components:
- a problem-focused interval history;
  - a problem-focused examination;
  - medical decision making that is straightforward or of low complexity

**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT SERVICES**

**New or Established Patient**

- 99281    Emergency department visit for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these three key components:
- a problem-focused history;
  - a problem-focused examination; and
  - straightforward medical decision making
- 99282    Emergency department visit for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these three key components:
- an expanded problem-focused history;
  - an expanded problem-focused examination; and
  - medical decision making of low complexity
- 99283    Emergency department visit for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these three key components:
- an expanded problem-focused history;
  - an expanded problem-focused examination; and
  - medical decision making of moderate complexity
- 99284    Emergency department visit for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these three key components:
- a detailed history;
  - a detailed examination; and
  - medical decision making of moderate complexity

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620 Service Codes and Descriptions: Medical Services (cont.)

Service

Code    Service Description

- 99285    Emergency department visit for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these three key components within the constraints imposed by the urgency of the patient's clinical condition and/or mental status:
- a comprehensive history;
  - a comprehensive examination; and
  - medical decision making of high complexity

621 Service Codes and Descriptions: Endodontic Services

See 130 CMR 420.426, 420.437, and 420.447 for limitations.

Service

Code    Service Description

**Periapical Services**

- D3410    Apicoectomy/periradicular surgery—anterior (per tooth) (includes retrograde filling) (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.)
- D3421    Apicoectomy/periradicular surgery—bicuspid (first root) (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.)
- D3426    Apicoectomy/periradicular surgery (each additional root) (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.)

622 Service Codes and Descriptions: Exodontic Services

See 130 CMR 420.429, 420.439, and 420.449 for limitations.

Service

Code    Service Description

**Extractions** (including local anesthesia, suture removal, and routine postoperative care)

- D7111    Extraction, coronal remnants—deciduous tooth
- D7140    Extraction, erupted tooth or exposed root (elevation and/or forceps removal)
- D7210    Surgical removal of erupted tooth requiring elevation of mucoperiosteal flap and removal of bone and/or section of tooth
- D7220    Removal of impacted tooth—soft tissue (P.A.)
- D7230    Removal of impacted tooth—partially bony (P.A.)
- D7240    Removal of impacted tooth—completely bony (P.A.)

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623 Service Codes and Descriptions: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgical Services

Service

Code      Service Description

**Introduction**

D7280      Surgical access of an unerupted tooth (**under 21 only**) (P.A.)

**Surgical Procedures**

- D7310      Alveoplasty in conjunction with extractions—per quadrant  
D7311      Alveoplasty in conjunction with extractions—one to three teeth or tooth spaces, per quadrant (I.C.)  
D7320      Alveoplasty not in conjunction with extractions—per quadrant  
D7321      Alveoplasty not in conjunction with extractions—one to three teeth or tooth spaces, per quadrant (I.C.)  
D7340      Vestibuloplasty—ridge extension (second epithelialization) (P.A.)  
D7350      Vestibuloplasty—ridge extension (including soft-tissue grafts, muscle reattachments, revision of soft-tissue attachment, and management of hypertrophied and hyperplastic tissue) (P.A.)  
D7410      Excision of benign lesion up to 1.25 cm  
D7411      Excision of benign lesion greater than 1.25 cm  
D7450      Removal of benign odontogenic cyst or tumor—lesion diameter up to 1.25 cm  
D7451           lesion diameter greater than 1.25 cm  
D7460      Removal of benign nonodontogenic cyst or tumor—lesion diameter up to 1.25 cm  
D7461           lesion diameter greater than 1.25 cm  
D7471      Removal of lateral exostosis (maxilla or mandible) (P.A.)  
D7960      Frenulectomy (frenectomy or frenotomy)—separate procedure  
D7963      Frenuloplasty  
D7970      Excision of hyperplastic tissue—per arch (P.A.)  
D7999      Unspecified oral surgery procedure, by report (P.A.) (I.C.)  
D9930      Treatment of complications (postsurgical)—unusual circumstances, by report (I.C.)

**Unclassified Treatment**

- D9110      Palliative (emergency) treatment of dental pain—minor procedure  
D9999      Unspecified adjunctive procedure, by report (P.A.) (I.C.)

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624 Service Codes and Descriptions: Surgical Services

See 130 CMR 420.451 for limitations.

Service

Code      Service Description

**INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM**

**SKIN, SUBCUTANEOUS AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURES**

**Incision and Drainage**

- 10060 Incision and drainage of abscess (e.g., carbuncle, suppurative hidradenitis, cutaneous or subcutaneous abscess, cyst, furuncle, or paronychia); simple or single
- 10061            complicated or multiple
- 10120 Incision and removal of foreign body, subcutaneous tissues; simple
- 10121            complicated
- 10140 Incision and drainage of hematoma, seroma, or fluid collection
- 10160 Puncture aspiration of abscess, hematoma, bulla, or cyst
- 10180 Incision and drainage, complex, postoperative wound infection

**Excision—Debridement**

- 11010 Debridement including removal of foreign material associated with open fracture(s) and/or dislocation(s); skin and subcutaneous tissues
- 11011            skin, subcutaneous tissue, muscle fascia, and muscle
- 11012            skin, subcutaneous tissue, muscle fascia, muscle, and bone
- 11040 Debridement; skin, partial thickness
- 11041            skin, full thickness
- 11042            skin and subcutaneous tissue
- 11043            skin, subcutaneous tissue, and muscle
- 11044            skin, subcutaneous tissue, muscle, and bone

**Biopsy**

- 11100 Biopsy of skin, subcutaneous tissue and/or mucous membrane (including simple closure), unless otherwise listed; single lesion
- 11101            each separate/additional lesion (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure.)

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The dental service codes and descriptions that are listed in this Subchapter 6 must be used when providing dental services to MassHealth members. For each dental service code, the description indicates what age range or if the Special Circumstances designation applies. The age ranges are “**under 21**,” “**21 and older with special circumstances designation**,” and “**21 and older—other**.” The dental service code applies to “**all members**” where no age range or Special Circumstances designation is indicated.

#### 601 Explanation of Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used in Subchapter 6.

- (A) **P.A.** indicates that service-specific prior authorization is required (see 130 CMR 420.410).
- (B) **I.C.** indicates that the claim will receive individual consideration to determine payment. A descriptive report must accompany the claim (see 130 CMR 420.412).
- (C) **S.P.** indicates that the procedure is commonly performed as part of a total service and does not usually warrant a separate fee. The procedure must be performed separately to receive the separate fee (see 130 CMR 420.413).
- (D) **S.C.** indicates that the procedure is covered for members aged 21 and older who meet the Special Circumstances criteria (see 130 CMR 420.410(D)).

#### 602 Service Codes and Descriptions: Diagnostic Services

See 130 CMR 420.422, 420.433, and 420.443 for limitations.

Service

Code      Service Description

#### **Clinical Oral Evaluation**

- D0120      Periodic oral examination (once per 12-month period and no sooner than 12 months from the date of the last evaluation) (**under 21 and S.C. only**)
- D0150      Comprehensive oral evaluation—new or established patient (once per member per dentist) (**under 21 and S.C. only**)

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603 Service Codes and Descriptions: X Rays

See 130 CMR 420.423, 420.434, and 420.444 for limitations.

Service  
Code      Service Description

**Radiographs**

- D0210    Intraoral—complete series (including bitewings) (once every three calendar years)  
            **(ages 6 through 12:** 10 intraoral films and two posterior bitewings)  
            **(ages 13 through 20:** minimum of 12 periapical films and two posterior bitewings)  
            **(S.C.:** minimum of 12 periapical films and two posterior bitewings)  
            **(21 & older—other:** minimum of 12 periapical films and two posterior bitewings as separate  
            procedure as related to diagnosing an emergency-care condition, extracting a tooth, or to  
            document a condition for covered treatment related to P.A. requirements)
- D0220    Intraoral—periapical, first film
- D0230    Intraoral—periapical, each additional film
- D0270    Bitewing—single film
- D0272    Bitewings—two films (**under 21 and S.C.**, twice per calendar year) (**21 & older — other**, limited  
            as noted above)
- D0274    Bitewings—four films (**under 21 and S.C. only**, twice per calendar year)
- D0330    Panoramic film (nonsurgical condition — **under 21 only**) (surgical conditions — **all members**)
- D0340    Cephalometric film (**under 21 only**) (P.A.)
- D0350    Oral/facial photographic images (includes intra and extraoral images) (excludes conventional  
            radiographs) (only when requested by MassHealth) (P.A.) (I.C.)

**Test and Laboratory Examinations**

- D0470    Diagnostic casts (only when requested by MassHealth) (P.A.)

604 Service Codes and Descriptions: Preventive Services

See 130 CMR 420.424, 420.435, and 420.445 for limitations.

Service  
Code      Service Description

**Dental Prophylaxis** (once per six-month period and no sooner than six months from the date of the  
last prophylaxis)

- D1110    Prophylaxis—adult (**ages 14 through 20 and S.C. only**)
- D1120    Prophylaxis—child (**to age 14**)

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604 Service Codes and Descriptions: Preventive Services (cont.)

**Topical Fluoride Treatment (Office Procedure)**

D1203 Topical application of fluoride (prophylaxis not included)—child (once per six-month period and no sooner than six months from the date of the last topical fluoride treatment) **(under 21 only)** **(S.C. and 21 & older—other require P.A.)**

**Other Preventive Services**

D1351 Sealant—per tooth (permanent first and second molars only) (once per three years per tooth) **(ages 5 through 20 only)**

605 Service Codes and Descriptions: Restorative Services

See 130 CMR 420.425, 420.436, and 420.446 for limitations.

Service

Code      Service Description

**Amalgam Restorations (Including Polishing)**

- D2140 Amalgam—one surface, primary or permanent **(primary — under 21 only)** **(permanent — under 21 and S.C. only)**
- D2150 Amalgam—two surfaces, primary or permanent **(primary — under 21 only)** **(permanent — under 21 and S.C. only)**
- D2160 Amalgam—three surfaces, primary or permanent **(primary — under 21 only)** **(permanent — under 21 and S.C. only)**
- D2161 Amalgam—four or more surfaces, primary or permanent **(under 21 and S.C. only)**

**Resin Restorations (Composite Restorations)**

- D2330 Resin-based composite—one surface, anterior **(under 21 and S.C. only)**
- D2331 Resin-based composite—two surfaces, anterior **(under 21 and S.C. only)**
- D2332 Resin-based composite—three surfaces, anterior **(under 21 only)**
- D2335 Resin-based composite—four or more surfaces or involving incisal angle (anterior) (for fractured incisal angle) (includes pins) **(under 21 only)**
- D2390 Resin-based composite crown, anterior **(under 21 only)**
- D2391 Resin-based composite—one surface, posterior **(primary — under 21 only)** **(permanent — under 21 and S.C. only)**
- D2392 Resin-based composite—two surfaces, posterior **(primary — under 21 only)** **(permanent — under 21 and S.C. only)**
- D2393 Resin-based composite—three surfaces, posterior **(primary — under 21 only)** **(permanent — under 21 and S.C. only)**
- D2394 Resin-based composite—four or more surfaces, posterior **(primary — under 21 only)** **(permanent — under 21 and S.C. only)**

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605 Service Codes and Descriptions: Restorative Services (cont.)

**Crowns—Single Restoration Only**

- D2710 Crown—resin-based composite (indirect) (**under 21 only**) (P.A.)  
D2751 Crown—porcelain fused to predominantly base metal (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.)

**Other Restorative Services**

- D2910 Recement inlay, onlay, or partial coverage restoration (**under 21 and S.C. only**)  
D2920 Recement crown (**under 21 and S.C. only**)  
D2930 Prefabricated stainless steel crown—primary tooth (**under 21 only**)  
D2931 Prefabricated stainless steel crown—permanent tooth (**under 21 only**)  
D2932 Prefabricated resin crown (primary anterior teeth only) (**under 21 only**)  
D2951 Pin retention—per tooth, in addition to restoration (two or more surfaces) (commercial amalgam bonding) (**under 21 and S.C. only**)  
D2954 Prefabricated post and core in addition to crown (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.)  
D2980 Crown repair, by report (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.) (I.C.)  
D2999 Unspecified restorative procedure, by report (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.) (I.C.)

606 Service Codes and Descriptions: Endodontic Services

See 130 CMR 420.426, 420.437, and 420.447 for limitations.

Service

Code      Service Description

**Pulpotomy**

- D3220 Therapeutic pulpotomy (excluding final restoration)—removal of pulp coronal to the dentinocemental junction and application of medicament (**under 21 only**)

**Root Canal Therapy (Including Treatment Plan, Clinical Procedures, and Follow-up Care)**

- D3310 Anterior (excluding final restoration) (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.)  
D3320 Bicuspid (excluding final restoration) (**under 21 only**) (P.A.)  
D3330 Molar (excluding final restoration) (**under 21 only**) (P.A.)

**Apicoectomy/Periradicular Services**

- D3410 Apicoectomy/periradicular surgery—anterior (per tooth) (includes retrograde filling) (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.)  
D3421 Apicoectomy/periradicular surgery—bicuspid (first root) (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.)  
D3426 Apicoectomy/periradicular surgery (each additional root) (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.)

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607 Service Codes and Descriptions: Periodontic Services

See 130 CMR 420.424, 420.435, and 420.445 for limitations.

Service

Code      Service Description

**Surgical Services (Including Usual Postoperative Services)**

- D4210      Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty—four or more contiguous teeth or bounded teeth spaces per quadrant (once per quadrant per three-year period) (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.)
- D4341      Periodontal scaling and root planing—four or more teeth per quadrant (includes curettage) (once per quadrant per three-year period) (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.)

608 Service Codes and Descriptions: Prosthodontic (Removable) Services

See 130 CMR 420.427, 420.438, and 420.448 for limitations.

Service

Code      Service Description

**Complete Dentures (Including Routine Post Delivery Care)**

- D5110      Complete denture—maxillary (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.)
- D5120      Complete denture—mandibular (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.)
- D5130      Immediate denture—maxillary (**under 21 only**) (P.A.)
- D5140      Immediate denture—mandibular (**under 21 only**) (P.A.)

**Partial Dentures (Including Routine Post Delivery Care)**

- D5211      Maxillary partial denture—resin base (including any conventional clasps, rests, and teeth) (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.)
- D5212      Mandibular partial denture—resin base (including any conventional clasps, rests, and teeth) (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.)
- D5213      Maxillary partial denture—cast metal framework with resin denture bases (including any conventional clasps, rests, and teeth) (**under 21 only**) (P.A.)
- D5214      Mandibular partial denture—cast metal framework with resin denture bases (including any conventional clasps, rests, and teeth) (**under 21 only**) (P.A.)

**Repairs to Complete Dentures**

- D5510      Repair broken complete denture base (**under 21 and S.C. only**)
- D5520      Replace missing or broken teeth—complete denture (each tooth) (**under 21 and S.C. only**)

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608 Service Codes and Descriptions: Prosthodontic (Removable) Services (cont.)

**Repairs to Partial Dentures**

- D5610 Repair resin denture base (**under 21 and S.C. only**)
- D5620 Repair cast framework (**under 21 and S.C. only**)
- D5630 Repair or replace broken clasp (**under 21 and S.C. only**)
- D5640 Replace broken teeth—per tooth (**under 21 and S.C. only**)
- D5650 Add tooth to existing partial denture (**under 21 and S.C. only**)
- D5660 Add clasp to existing partial denture (**under 21 and S.C. only**)

**Denture Rebase Procedures**

- D5710 Rebase complete maxillary denture (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.)
- D5711 Rebase complete mandibular denture (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.)
- D5750 Reline complete maxillary denture (laboratory) (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.)
- D5751 Reline complete mandibular denture (laboratory) (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.)

609 Service Codes and Descriptions: Prosthodontic (Fixed) Services

See 130 CMR 420.427, 420.438, and 420.448 for limitations. Each abutment and each pontic constitutes a unit in a bridge.

Service

Code      Service Description

**Fixed Partial Denture Pontics**

- D6241 Pontic—porcelain fused to predominantly base metal (**under 21 only**) (P.A.)
- D6751 Crown—porcelain fused to predominantly base metal (**under 21 only**) (P.A.)

**Other Fixed Partial Denture Services**

- D6930 Recement fixed partial denture (**ages 16 through 20 only**)
- D6980 Fixed partial denture repair, by report (**ages 16 through 20 only**) (P.A.) (I.C.)
- D6999 Unspecified, fixed prosthodontic procedure, by report (**under 21 and S.C. only**) (P.A.) (I.C.)

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610 Service Codes and Descriptions: Exodontic Services

See 130 CMR 420.429, 420.439, and 420.449 for limitations.

Service

Code      Service Description

**Extractions (Includes Local Anesthesia and Routine Postoperative Care) (Place of Service Excludes Emergency Room and Hospital Inpatient)**

- D7111 Extraction, coronal remnants—deciduous tooth
- D7140 Extraction, erupted tooth or exposed root (elevation and/or forceps removal)
- D7210 Surgical removal of erupted tooth requiring elevation of mucoperiosteal flap and removal of bone and/or section of tooth
- D7220 Removal of impacted tooth—soft tissue (P.A.)
- D7230 Removal of impacted tooth—partially bony (P.A.)
- D7240 Removal of impacted tooth—completely bony (P.A.)
- D7280 Surgical access of an unerupted tooth (**under 21 only**) (P.A.)
- D7283 Placement of device to facilitate eruption of impacted tooth (**under 21 only**) (P.A.)

**Surgical Procedures (Place of Service Excludes Emergency Room and Hospital Inpatient)**

- D7310 Alveoplasty in conjunction with extractions—per quadrant
- D7311 Alveoplasty in conjunction with extractions—one to three teeth or tooth spaces, per quadrant (I.C.)
- D7320 Alveoplasty not in conjunction with extractions—per quadrant
- D7321 Alveoplasty not in conjunction with extractions—one to three teeth or tooth spaces, per quadrant (I.C.)
- D7340 Vestibuloplasty—ridge extension (second epithelialization) (P.A.)
- D7410 Excision of benign lesion up to 1.25 cm
- D7411 Excision of benign lesion greater than 1.25 cm
- D7960 Frenulectomy (frenectomy or frenotomy)—separate procedure (S.P.)
- D7963 Frenuloplasty
- D7970 Excision of hyperplastic tissue—per arch (P.A.)
- D7999 Unspecified oral surgery procedure, by report (P.A.) (I.C.)
- D9930 Treatment of complications (post surgical)—unusual circumstances, by report (I.C.)

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611 Service Codes and Descriptions: Orthodontic Services

See 130 CMR 420.428 for limitations.

Service

Code      Service Description

**Orthodontic Diagnosis and Full Orthodontic Treatment**

- D8080      Comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the adolescent dentition (**under 21 only**) (P.A.)  
D8660      Pre-orthodontic treatment visit (consultation) (accredited orthodontists only) (once per six months) (**under 21 only**)  
D8670      Periodic orthodontic treatment visit (as part of a contract) (full orthodontic treatment, active, first year and second year, and first half of third year, if necessary, including retainer—quarterly treatment visits) (**under 21 only**) (P.A.)  
D8690      Orthodontic treatment (alternative billing to a contract fee) (**under 21 only**) (P.A.)

**Space Maintenance (Passive Appliances)**

- D1510      Space maintainer—fixed-unilateral (**under 21 only**)  
D1515      Space maintainer—fixed-bilateral (**under 21 only**)  
D1520      Space maintainer—removable unilateral (**under 21 only**)  
D1525      Space maintainer—removable-bilateral (**under 21 only**)  
D1550      Recementation of space maintainer (**under 21 only**)

**Other Orthodontic Services**

- D8680      Orthodontic retention (removal of appliances, construction and replacement of retainer(s)) (**under 21 only**)  
D8692      Replacement of lost or broken retainer (**under 21 only**) (P.A.)  
D8999      Unspecified orthodontic procedure, by report (**under 21 only**) (P.A.) (I.C.)

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612 Service Codes and Descriptions: General Anesthesia and IV Sedation Services — All Members

See 130 CMR 420.452 for limitations. The allowable fees include payment for cardiac monitoring and other related costs, per 15 minutes.

Service

Code    Service Description

D9220    Deep sedation/general anesthesia—first 30 minutes

D9221    Deep sedation/general anesthesia—each additional 15 minutes (from 31 to 90 minutes)

613 Service Codes and Descriptions: Other Services — All Members

See 130 CMR 420.456 and 420.457 for limitations.

Service

Code    Service Description

**Treatment of Physically or Developmentally Disabled Recipients**

D9920    Behavior management, by report (P.A.)

**Unclassified Treatment**

D9110    Palliative (emergency) treatment of dental pain—minor procedure

D9941    Fabrication of athletic mouthguard (**under 21 only**) (P.A.)

D9999    Unspecified adjunctive procedure, by report (P.A.) (I.C.)

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