DENTITION:
Primary Dentition: Teeth developed and erupted first in order of time.

Transitional Dentition: The final phase of the transition from primary to adult teeth, in which the deciduous molars and canines are in the process of shedding and the permanent successors are emerging.

Adolescent Dentition: The dentition that is present after the normal loss of primary teeth and prior to cessation of growth that would affect orthodontic treatment.

Adult Dentition: The dentition that is present after the cessation of growth that would affect orthodontic treatment.

All of the following orthodontic treatment codes may be used more than once for the treatment of a particular patient depending on the particular circumstance. A patient may require more than one interceptive procedure or more than one limited procedure depending on their particular problem.

LIMITED ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT:
Orthodontic treatment with a limited objective, not necessarily involving the entire dentition. It may be directed at the only existing problem, or at only one aspect of a larger problem in which a decision is made to defer or forego more comprehensive therapy.

D8010 Limited orthodontic treatment of the primary dentition
D8020 Limited orthodontic treatment of the transitional dentition
D8030 Limited orthodontic treatment of the adolescent dentition
D8040 Limited orthodontic treatment of the adult dentition

INTERCEPTIVE ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT:
Interceptive orthodontics is an extension of preventive orthodontics that may include localized tooth movement. Such treatment may occur in the primary or transitional dentition and may include such procedures as the redirection of ectopically erupting teeth, correction of dental cross bite or recovery of space loss where overall space is inadequate. When initiated during the incipient stages of a developing problem, interceptive orthodontics may reduce the severity of the malformation and mitigate its cause. Complicating factors such as skeletal disharmonies, overall space deficiency, or other conditions may require subsequent comprehensive therapy.

D8050 Interceptive orthodontic treatment of the primary dentition
D8060 Interceptive orthodontic treatment of the transitional dentition

COMPREHENSIVE ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT:
Comprehensive orthodontic care includes a coordinated diagnosis and treatment leading to the improvement of a patient’s craniofacial dysfunction and/or dentofacial deformity which may include anatomical, functional and/or aesthetic relationships. Treatment may utilize fixed and/or removable orthodontic appliances and may also include functional and/or orthopedic appliances in growing and non-growing patients. Adjunctive procedures to facilitate care may be required. Comprehensive orthodontics may incorporate treatment phases focusing on specific objectives at various stages of dentofacial development.

D8070 Comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the transitional dentition
D8080 Comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the adolescent dentition
D8090 Comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the adult dentition
MINOR TREATMENT TO CONTROL HARMFUL HABITS:

D8210  Removable appliance therapy - Removable indicates patient can remove; includes appliances for thumb sucking and tongue thrusting.

D8220  Fixed appliance therapy - Fixed indicates patient cannot remove appliance; includes appliances for thumb sucking and tongue thrusting.

OTHER ORTHODONTIC SERVICES AND ANCILLARY CODES:  * Indicates new code

D8660  Pre-orthodontic treatment examination to monitor growth and development – Periodic observation of patient dentition, at intervals established by the dentist, to determine when orthodontic treatment should begin. Diagnostic procedures are documented separately.

D8670  Periodic orthodontic treatment visit

D8680  Orthodontic retention (removal of appliances, construction and placement of retainer(s))

D8690  Orthodontic treatment (alternative billing to a contract fee) – Services provided by dentist other than original treating dentist. A method of payment between the provider and responsible party for services that reflect an open-ended fee arrangement.

D8691  Repair of orthodontic appliance - Does not include bracket and standard fixed orthodontic appliances. It does include functional appliances and palatal expanders.

D8692  Replacement of lost or broken retainer

D8693  Re-cement or re-bond fixed retainer

D8694  Repair of fixed retainers, includes reattachment

D8695  Removal of fixed orthodontic appliances for reasons other than completion of treatment

D8999  Unspecified orthodontic procedure, by report – Used for procedure that is not adequately described by a code. Describe procedure.

D0150  Comprehensive oral evaluation – new or established patient – Used by a general dentist and/or a specialist when evaluating a patient comprehensively. This applies to new patients; established patients who have had a significant change in health conditions or other unusual circumstances, by report, or established patients who have been absent from active treatment for three or more years. It is a thorough evaluation and recording of the extraoral and intraoral hard and soft tissues. It may require interpretation of information acquired through additional diagnostic procedures. Additional diagnostic procedures should be reported separately. This includes an evaluation of oral cancer where indicated, the evaluation and recording of the patient’s dental and medical history and a general health assessment. It may include the evaluation and recording of dental caries, missing or unerupted teeth, restorations, existing prosthesis, occlusal relationships, periodontal conditions (including periodontal screening and/or charting), and soft tissue anomalies, etc.

D0330  Panoramic radiographic image

D0340  2D Cephalometric radiographic image – acquisition, measurement and analysis – Image of the head made using a cephalostat to standardize anatomic positioning, and with reproducible x-ray beam geometry.

D0350  2D oral/facial photographic image obtained intra-orally or extra-orally

D0351  3D photographic image – This procedure is for dental or maxillofacial diagnostic purposes. Not applicable for a CAD-CAM procedure.

D0364  Cone beam CT capture and interpretation with limited field of view – less than one whole jaw

D0365  Cone beam CT capture and interpretation with field of view of one full dental arch – mandible

D0366  Cone beam CT capture and interpretation with field of view of one full dental arch – maxilla, with or without cranium

D0367  Cone beam CT capture and interpretation with field of view of both jaws; with or without cranium

D0368  Cone beam CT capture and interpretation for TMJ series including two or more exposures

D0380  Cone beam CT image capture with limited field of view – less than one whole jaw (image capture only)

D0381  Cone beam CT image capture with field of view of one full dental arch – mandible (image capture only)

D0382  Cone beam CT image capture with field of view of one full dental arch – maxilla, with or without cranium (image capture only)

D0383  Cone beam CT image capture with field of view of both jaws, with or without cranium (image capture only)

D0384  Cone beam CT image capture for TMJ series including two or more exposures (image capture only)

D0470  Diagnostic casts – Also known as diagnostic models or study models.

D7292  Placement of temporary anchorage device [screw retained plate] requiring flap; includes device removal

D7293  Placement of temporary anchorage device requiring flap; includes device removal

D7294  Placement of temporary anchorage device without flap; includes device removal

D9450  Case presentation, detailed and extensive treatment planning – Established patient. Not performed on same day as evaluation.

D9944*  Occlusal guard – hard appliance, full arch – Removable dental appliance designed to minimize the effects of bruxism or other occlusal factors. Not to be reported for any type of sleep apnea, snoring or TMD appliances.

D9945*  Occlusal guard – soft appliance, full arch – Removable dental appliance designed to minimize the effects of bruxism or other occlusal factors. Not to be reported for any type of sleep apnea, snoring or TMD appliances.

D9946*  Occlusal guard – hard appliance, partial arch – Removable dental appliance designed to minimize the effects of bruxism or other occlusal factors. Provides only partial occlusal coverage such as anterior deprogrammer. Not to be reported for any type of sleep apnea, snoring or TMD appliances.