

Insurance Coding for DentaSEAL Pro®

D4381 This sealant can be considered “Localized delivery of antimicrobial agents via a controlled release vehicle into diseased crevicular tissue, per tooth,” according to the American Dental Association Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature (CDT) as shared by Practice Booster. DentaSEAL Pro is used and delivered as a prescribed medicament for sustained contact with the gingiva, alveolar mucosa, and into the periodontal sulcus or pocket.

D4921 This sealant can be considered periodontal pocket irrigation using medicinal agents, e.g., chlorhexidine, per quadrant. However, payers typically consider gingival irrigation a part of the global D4910. PPO contracts may limit reimbursement for the use of gingival irrigation in periodontal maintenance. DentaSEAL Pro is a custom-fabricated, processed delivery carrier that places the polymer directly onto the teeth or prosthesis in direct contact with the alveolar mucosa. Used as a vehicle to deliver prescribed medicaments for sustained contact with the gingiva, alveolar mucosa, and into the periodontal sulcus or pocket. DentaSEAL Pro should be placed onto teeth or prosthetics directly.

When submitting a claim for **D4381**, it may be important to document the rationale for periodontal medicament delivery. This documentation could include the periodontal diagnosis, pocket probing depth charts, the extent of tissue ulceration in the form of bleeding points, patient health history of systemic diseases, and/or a brief description of prior periodontal treatment history.

DentaSEAL Pro® can be submitted with this code:

D0140 Limited examination if evaluation of and root sensitivity diagnosis is a separate appointment.

D9110 Palliative treatment for pain, per tooth in root sensitivity situations.

D9630 Drugs or medicaments dispensed in the office for home use. Includes, but is not limited to oral antibiotics, oral analgesics, and topical fluoride dispensed in the office for home use; does not include writing prescriptions. **D9630** is used for all medication dispensed from your office, so you may want to establish a specific identifying number or name for DentaSEAL Pro® in your practice management software. We have been recommending using **D4921** for full mouth DentaSEAL Pro application.

Talking to Patients about DentaSEAL Pro®

With any insurance plan, there can be no guarantee of payment. Many patients, especially those with complete treatment plans will maximize their insurance benefits and still have some out-of-pocket expenses. It is important to discuss this with patients and explain the importance of their treatment. Patients must understand that dental insurance pays only a percentage of the fee charged, and only until the maximum annual benefit has been exhausted. Listed below are ideas to help you talk to patients.

Patients need to know how important dental care and management is to their general health and wellness (oral systemic health information). Chronic infections and inflammation of the gingival tissues can make it harder for Type 2 diabetics to manage blood sugar, can lead to inflammation in the cells lining the arteries, appear to speed up the progression of dementia, and has been associated with cancer, especially pancreatic cancer. Gum disease is also associated with other chronic systemic inflammatory conditions like ED, pulmonary diseases, cancers, rheumatoid arthritis, and pregnancy complications. Be sure to refer to the patient’s health history. Tactfully explain that a disease should be treated. Gum disease is caused by chronic infection and is the leading cause of tooth loss and can impact a person’s smile, appearance, and ability to chew and enjoy food. As time goes by, the untreated disease will get progressively worse. Be sure to present treatment plans showing the long-term savings with DentaSEAL Pro®. The goal is to avoid periodontal infections and bone loss. Addressing the disease and improving health now can save a lot of money, discomfort and time in the future. For fearful patients, you can emphasize the uniquely non-invasive delivery technique offered by the DentaSEAL Pro®. Dental fear and phobia are the leading causes of patients staying away from the dentist. Use of this product will minimize the complications and reduce the patient’s fear factor about returning to the dentist on a regular basis. The possible lack of insurance coverage should not discourage anyone from performing a procedure that is known to provide a positive result. With or without reimbursement, DentaSEAL Pro® provides preventive therapy at a very modest cost to the patient. Happy patients are referring patients and DentaSEAL Pro® patients are a factor in the growth of a practice. You may also want to explain that new therapeutic concepts are not readily accepted by insurance carriers until the procedure becomes so pervasive it can no longer be ignored. (i.e., you could remind patients that dental implants were being performed for more than 20 years before the first insurance carriers began to provide coverage for them.) Other forms of coverage are Medical Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) and Health Savings Accounts (HSA). For patients with a medical FSA or HSA, the use of DentaSEAL Pro® will often apply. The active ingredient in DentaSEAL Pro® is cleared by the FDA as a safe and effective product to use intra-orally.



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