

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Health and Community Services Dental Services

MEMO

To: All Providers

From: Dr. Ed Williams

RE: Removal of surgical exposure and bracketing codes

Date: September 20th, 2018

Effective April 1st, 2018, please be advised that the following surgical exposure and bracketing codes have been removed from the list of insured services:

84070 Surgical exposure, uncomplicated, soft tissue coverage, per tooth \$122.81

- 84072 Surgical exposure, complex hard tissue coverage, per tooth \$159.63

84074 Surgical exposure, unerupted tooth with orthodontic attachment \$329.88

As some of these procedures may be associated with an extended treatment plan, to include orthodontics, these codes will continue to be honoured if the treatment plan requiring the exposure was started prior to the April 1st, 2018 date.

A Prior Approval request must be submitted to MCP, indicating the following:

- circumstances surrounding this service (e.g. Orthodontic treatment)
- the start date of this treatment (date orthodontic treatment plan was accepted by the patient)
- the dentist performing the orthodontic treatment