

Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) Some useful item number information

Comprehensive information on CDBS compliance is set out in the Australian Government's Department of Health *Dental Benefits Rules* document. The correct use of item numbers is included in that document under the *Dental Benefits Schedule*.



There are some differences between the *Dental Benefits Schedule* and the ADA's *Australian Schedule of Dental Services and Glossary - Twelfth Edition*. It is therefore important to read the Australian Government's *Dental Benefits Schedule* carefully.

ITEM 88022

Limitation:

- maximum of four (4) per day

Clinical notes:

- a clinical notation should be made to indicate that the x-ray(s) has/have been reviewed.
- Findings from the x-rays need to be recorded, including negative findings e.g. NAD

ITEMS 88111 & 88114

Strict interpretation:

- if you are simply removing plaque and/or stain, you should submit a claim for an 88111
- if you remove calculus from any number of teeth as part of performing a dental prophylaxis, then you should submit a claim under item number 88114

Limitations:

- you must not claim an 88111 or an 88114 again within a 5 month period
- only one type of dental prophylaxis service (88111, 88114 or 88115) can be claimed per day
- you can only claim a limit of two (2) 88115 in a 12 month period

Clinical notes:

- it is always important that accurate clinical records are retained to reflect the service actually provided and itemised in the account.
- if an 88114 is performed, remember to record the presence of calculus in your clinical notes. This could be usefully noted as light, moderate or heavy.

ITEMS 88161 & 88162

Strict interpretation:

- each fissure sealant must be clinically relevant and clinically indicated

Limitations:

- four (4) per day on 88161
- use 88162 for additional fissure sealants on the same day
- no benefit applies if a benefit has been paid for a restoration service (88511-88535) on the same tooth on the same day

Clinical notes:

- Note each tooth number and the reason/diagnosis indicating that it was clinically relevant and clinically indicated



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For assistance with interpretation of CDBS item numbers, call
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