

DENTAL SERVICES IN PLAIN ENGLISH

An independent, plain-language reference cross-referenced to standard dental procedure codes, designed for patient communication, treatment plan acceptance, financial estimates, and billing clarity.

PMIC's DENTAL SERVICES IN PLAIN ENGLISH translates complex clinical and surgical dental terminology into clear, accessible language. Developed under standardized health-literacy guidelines to achieve an intuitive, universal reading level, these descriptions allow dental teams to clearly explain services, improve case acceptance, and eliminate patient confusion on treatment plans, estimates, pre-authorizations, and billing statements while preserving clinical integrity.

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THE NEED FOR PLAIN-LANGUAGE COMMUNICATION

Explaining dental procedures to patients and caregivers is a vital part of practice operations. While dentists, hygienists, and administrative staff speak fluent clinical terminology, patients rarely do. Many patients are hesitant or embarrassed to ask for clarification, which can lead to hesitation during treatment planning, non-compliance with aftercare, and disputes over insurance coverage, reimbursement, and out-of-pocket costs.

PURPOSE-BUILT FOR DENTAL PRACTICE & SOFTWARE COMPATIBILITY

To solve this communication barrier, PMIC developed concise, standardized plain-English descriptions for dental services and procedures.

Key Design Features Include:

- **Health-Literacy Standardized:** Engineered to target a clear 6th-grade reading level for universal comprehension across diverse patient populations.

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- **60-Character Standard Format:** Optimized specifically to fit standard line-item constraints on patient billing statements, pre-treatment estimates, routing slips, and electronic practice management systems.
- **Clinically Grounded:** Drafted to ensure the non-technical description accurately reflects the clinical intent and scope of the underlying dental service.

Code	Patient-Friendly Description (Max 60 Char)
D0120	Regular dental checkup for an existing patient
D0140	Quick exam focused on a specific teeth problem
D0145	Dental checkup for a child under three years old
D0150	Full, thorough dental exam for a new or old patient
D0367	3D scan of both your upper and lower jaws
D0368	Multiple 3D scans of your jaw joints
D0369	Detailed MRI scan of the face and jaw area
D0370	Ultrasound scan of the face and jaw area
D2332	Tooth-colored filling on three sides of a front tooth
D2753	White porcelain cap baked onto strong titanium metal
D2780	Partial cap made of high-quality gold metal
D2781	Partial cap made of everyday dental metal
D2782	Partial cap made of mid-grade dental metal
D2983	Fixing a chip or crack in a thin front tooth shell
D2989	Cleaning out decay to find if tooth can be saved
D2990	Filling early smooth surface decay with liquid plastic
D2991	Applying mineral medicine to help a tooth heal itself
D3472	Surgical fix for a dissolving root on a middle tooth
D3473	Surgical fix for a dissolving root on a back molar
D3501	Uncovering a front tooth root without cutting the tip
D3502	Uncovering a middle tooth root without cutting the tip
D4324	Fixing a broken internal wire or stabilizing bar
D4325	Fixing a broken external wire or stabilizing bar
D4326	Taking out an old stabilizing wire from inside teeth
D4327	Taking out an old stabilizing wire from outside teeth
D5521	Replacing all the teeth on an old top full denture
D5522	Replacing all the teeth on an old bottom full denture
D5611	Fixing a cracked pink plastic base on lower partial
D5612	Fixing a cracked pink plastic base on upper partial
D5876	Adding a hidden metal wire inside denture to make it strong
D5877	Making an exact backup copy of an upper full denture
D5878	Making an exact backup copy of a lower full denture

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D5899	Other removable teeth services not listed, with a report
D5950	Soft shaping piece to help fix a baby's ear shape
D5951	Special plastic plate to help a baby with cleft palate eat
D5952	Speech plate to help a child speak clearly
D5953	Speech plate to help an adult speak clearly
D6063	Shiny basic metal cap that fits onto an implant post
D6064	Shiny mid-grade metal cap that fits onto an implant post
D6065	Ceramic tooth cap screwed directly into an implant
D6066	Porcelain and gold cap screwed directly into implant
D6106	Dissolvable screen placed over an implant bone graft
D6107	Non-dissolvable screen placed over implant bone graft
D7540	Surgery to take a stuck object out of jaw bone or muscle
D7550	Scraped removal of loose, dead pieces of jaw bone
D7560	Opening the sinus wall to look for a broken tooth root
D7610	Surgical opening to wire or plate a broken upper jaw
D7880	Custom plastic bite splint for jaw joint pain
D7881	Tuning or shaving your jaw pain bite splint
D7882	Fixing a crack or adding a lining to your jaw splint
D7899	Other special jaw joint treatments not listed, with report
D7993	Placing a metal anchor screw outside the mouth on face
D7994	Placing an extra-long implant up into the cheekbone
D7995	Using fake plastic bone material to shape jaw lines
D7996	Placing a chin implant or jaw corner shape block
D9134	Numbing shot at back of head to block nerve pain
D9136	Special nerve numbing shot to block face pain
D9138	Numbing injection behind nose to block severe headaches
D9140	Pain medicine injection directly into a jaw ligament
D9933	Professional cleaning and checking of bottom dentures
D9934	Professional cleaning and checking of top partial plate
D9935	Professional cleaning and checking of bottom partial
D9936	Professional cleaning and inspection of a bite guard
D9994	Special classes or teaching to help understand mouth health
D9995	Live, real-time video talk with your dentist online
D9996	Sending photos to your dentist online to look at later
D9997	Extra case management assistance for special needs care



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