



SADA Professional Advisory Bulletin

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Dear SADA Member

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The SADA Clinical Department would like to advise members of the following important updates with respect to schemes and the updated SADA Dental Coding guideline.

GEMS Age limit for a scale and polish

Members are notified that GEMS has lowered their minimum age for a scale and polish (code 8159) to be claimed from 12 years to 10 years of age, when clinically appropriate.

Requirement for CBCT registration

Members are advised that as of the 3rd of October 2023, members are no longer required to register the purchase of their CBCT machines with Momentum to claim from the scheme for CBCT scans, or for their patients to claim reimbursement for the same. Momentum will, however, not be reprocessing claims from dates prior to 3rd October 2023 for unregistered providers.

Genesis Medical scheme benefits

Members have informed the SADA Head Office of a lack of tariff or billing guide with respect to claims submitted to Genesis medical scheme, which means that providers are unsure as to which codes have been allocated benefits as well as what the medical rate payable for the procedure is. After consultation with the scheme, they have advised that they do not provide rand amounts to providers therefore claims will either be paid at the lower of either the claimed or scheme rate. Members may contact the Genesis call centre to determine which codes attract a benefit, while general benefit limitations are available on the Genesis website.

Invoicing Rules

Members that bill patients privately are reminded that as per the Health Professions Act, patients are required to be furnished with a detailed account containing the relevant procedure codes, diagnostic (ICD-10) codes and lab codes that relate to a particular health service. When the dental technician claims directly from the medical aid or patient, the dentist's account to the patient shall reflect code 8099 at a zero value.

Updated SADA Coding

Members are encouraged to download the updated 2023 SADA Dental Procedure Codes and Guidelines by following the steps below. The guideline is available for free download by SADA members:

1. Log in to the SADA website with the member's username and password.
2. Click on 'Publications and Press'
3. Click on 'The SADA Dental Procedure Codes and Guidelines'
4. Select the preferred version (PDF or Excel) under 2023 to download the guideline and save it for reference.

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COMPLIANCE NOTICE ISSUED BY THE INFORMATION REGULATOR - PROMOTION OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT 2 OF 2000

The Information Regulator ("Regulator") is a statutory body established in terms of section 39 of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013.

The Regulator has powers to monitor and enforce compliance by public and private bodies with the provisions of the Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000 ("PAIA").

Members were given notice on 6 December 2021 by the Association to compile their PAIA Manual which regulates requests for access to information from a dental practice. The deadline date for the compilation of the manual was 1 January 2023. A sample template manual was provided to members and is [available online](#) for new practitioners and those who did not compile one.

The Minister of Justice and Correctional Services on 27 August 2021 in a notice in the gazette which repealed certain forms.

The Regulator has noticed that there are some private and public bodies that still have the above-mentioned Forms on their websites and this practice is hampering the right of access to information.

In accordance with section 83(3)(d) of PAIA, members are requested and urged to ensure that the following prescribed forms are uploaded on the websites of their practices.

- [Form 02: Request for Access to Record \[Regulation 7\]- Public & Private Bodies.](#)
- [Form 03: Outcome of request and of fees payable \[Regulation 8\]- Public & Private Bodies.](#)

In order to ensure the provision of reasonable access to the records of public and private bodies swiftly, inexpensively and effortlessly, the above-prescribed PAIA Forms must be uploaded to the websites of all public and private bodies within fourteen (14) days of receipt or publication of the date of the notice which was issued on 6 October 2022.

Yours in oral health

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