

**NOTE: If you downloaded the ASCII and Excel files prior to 6/26/2017, there was a File Content Error. CDT Code "D0290 posterior-anterior or lateral skull and facial bone survey radiographic image" is not effective in CDT 2018. This code was previously marked as deleted (Class 1 = 99) in the CDT 2017 code set file and should not have been included in this release. Please do not include D0290 as a valid CDT 2018 code in any licensed use of the code set.**

Dear CDT Licensee:

The CDT 2018 Codes on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature (i.e., Current Dental Terminology or CDT) are effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Only companies with an active CDT license have permission to use the Codes and must adhere to the grants and restrictions as stated in the license agreement. Please do not hesitate to contact the ADA if you need an explanation of contractual obligations or to update your agreement with new products or services.

In addition to this "ReadMe" letter, the following files are included as CDT 2018 Content:

- ASCII Text file of the CDT 2018 Codes
- Excel file of the CDT 2018 Codes
- Current ADA Claim Form © 2012

When using the Code data:

- Open ASCII Text file using Microsoft Excel (or software with equivalent functionality).
- ASCII Text file is imported into Excel as: 1) a DELIMITED file type; 2) with TABS as the delimiter; and 3) in the GENERAL column format.
- Codes are alphanumeric, variable length, tab delimited fields in the following format:

**Code<TAB>Class1<TAB>Nomenclature<TAB>Descriptor<TAB>Class2<TAB>Category of Service<TAB>Category Descriptor<TAB>Subcategory<TAB>Subcategory Descriptor<TAB>Sub-Subcategory<TAB>Sub-Subcategory Descriptor**

- Each CDT Code begins with the letter D followed by four numerals; **Note:** Procedure codes are in numeric order.
- CDT Code nomenclatures, descriptors and all other texts are variable length alphanumeric.
- Column "Class1" identifies the type of procedure code change, if any, in this version, with the following meanings:

- 30 = No change to existing procedure nomenclature or descriptor (if present)
- 31 = New procedure code and nomenclature, and descriptor, if present
- 35 = Revision to existing procedure code nomenclature or descriptor (or both)
- 39 = Editorial (e.g., syntax; spelling); **Note:** There are no Class1 editorial changes for 2017.
- 99 = Entire CDT Code entry is no longer valid (i.e., deleted) in this version;  
**Note:** The following Codes were deleted for 2018:
  - D5510: repair broken complete denture base
  - D5610: repair resin denture base
  - D5620: repair cast framework

- Column "Class2" identifies the type of CDT Code Category, Sub-Category or Sub-Subcategory code change, if any, in this version, with the following:
  - 40 = No change to existing Category of Service/Category Descriptor, or Subcategory/Subcategory Descriptor, etc.
  - 41 = New Category of Service/Category Descriptor, or Subcategory/Subcategory Descriptor, etc.
  - 45 = Revision in the existing Category of Service/Category Descriptor, or Subcategory/Subcategory Descriptor, etc.
  - 49 = Editorial (e.g., syntax; spelling); **Note:** There are no Class2 editorial changes for 2018.
  - 99 = Entire CDT Code entry is no longer valid (i.e., deleted) in this version; **Note:** There are no Class2 deletions for 2018.
- The "Classification of Materials" precedes the list of CDT Codes.

There are no changes to the ADA Claim Form for 2018. Your CDT license covers the use of the ADA Claim Form within your products or services, but you cannot obscure or remove the ADA copyright.

Instructions with a code for ordering your complimentary copy of the *CDT 2018: Dental Procedure Codes* book will be emailed in October 2017. To order additional print books, visit [www.adacatalog.org](http://www.adacatalog.org) or call 800-947-4746.

Questions regarding CDT Codes/Content should be emailed to [dentalcode@ada.org](mailto:dentalcode@ada.org). For information concerning the history and development of CDT, visit [ADA.org](http://ADA.org).

We look forward to working with you in 2018!

Sincerely,



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