

interChange Provider Important Message

Please see updated information from the previous Important Message Dated 1/4/2023

Attention All Public Health Registered Dental Hygienists: Updates to the Caries Risk Assessment Tool and New Caries Risk Assessment Web-based Training

Please be advised effective March 1, 2023, Dental Hygienists who conduct the Connecticut Dental Health Partnership Caries Risk Assessment in public health settings and use D0601-D0603 screening codes for reimbursement (in compliance with Provider Bulletin PB2014-71) should use the updated CT Dental Health Partnership (CTDHP) Caries Risk Assessment Tool (CRAT) and the CTDHP Parent/Guardian Report form. The CRAT has been updated based on feedback from the Registered Dental Hygienist community and can be found at CTDHP.org. One new question has been added to the tool for subsequent assessments to determine if there are new areas of tooth enamel demineralization since the last assessment.

Please note only Registered Dental Hygienists who are conducting the CTDHP CRAT solely permitted in **public health settings** e.g. schools, long term care facilities, mobile dental vans, or community-based events designed to provide dental screenings for HUSKY Health members and who bill in accordance to Provider Bulletin 2014-17 **are required to complete the web-based training.**

Registered Dental Hygienists who operate in private dental offices, FQHCs (at the FQHC site), and dental clinics, are **NOT** required to complete the web-based training and cannot use the associated screening codes for reimbursement. The Connecticut Oral Health Screening Assessment Tool Training is accessible from the Department of Social Services' LearnCenter.

If you have previously taken trainings via the DSSLearn Center and have an assigned username and password, please access the training [HERE](#). If you have forgotten your username and password, please follow the steps to reset your account via the DSS LearnCenter. Please select "Forgot your username/password? Click Here" and follow the prompts.

Once you have entered the DSS LearnCenter landing page you may locate the training by using the search bar in the upper right hand corner of the page or search under OSD Catalog for the title "CT Oral Health Screening Assessment Tool Training".



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If you are new to conducting the CTDHP CRAT **in public health settings**, haven't taken trainings via the DSSLearn Center, or have not been assigned a username or password, please email training@ctdhp.com to request the training assignment. Please provide your NPI, verify the setting in which you will be conducting assessing HUSKY Health members and using the CRAT, and length of time working as a Registered Dental Hygienist in the email. You will receive an email with your username, temporary password, and instructions on how to access the training within 5 business days of your request from CTDHP staff.

Providers may refer to Provider Bulletin PB14-71 effective October 1, 2014, the D0120 Periodic Oral Examination code will no longer be available for use by Public Health Dental Hygienists for children under the age of 21. In lieu of the D0120 code, the following codes will be used:

- D0601 Caries Risk Assessment, Low Risk;
- D0602 Caries Risk Assessment, Moderate Risk; and
- D0603 Caries Risk Assessment, High Risk.

For training information, please contact the CTDHP Member Service Call Center at 1-855-CT-DENTAL (1-855-283-3682) or email training@ctdhp.com.

For policy related information, please contact the Department of Social Services, Division of Health Services, Integrated Care, Dental Unit, DonnaBalaski, D.M.D. at (860) 967-8545 or donna.balaski@ct.gov