



**TO: All Dental Providers, Dental Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and School-Based Health Clinics**  
**RE: Guidance on Place of Service Codes at School Based and Community Locations**

The purpose of this provider bulletin (PB) is to update and supplement the guidance from PB 22-64 “Dental Claim Form Field Update Reminder”.

All dental providers must enter the Place of Service (POS) code located in field number 38 on the dental claim form. POS codes are two-digit codes that identify the setting or location where health care services are provided, not the location of where the provider is based.

These POS codes are developed and maintained by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and are available in the Place of Service Code Set.

As a reminder dental services rendered in an office based dental practice and clinic should be using POS 11 – Office on the dental claim form. Services rendered in a hospital-based outpatient clinic should use POS 22 - On Campus Outpatient Hospital. Services rendered in an Ambulatory Service Center should use POS 24 – Ambulatory Surgical Center.

**POS CODE 03 – All School Based Dental Care:**

For dates of service, March 1, 2026 and forward, the Department of Social Services (DSS) will require all dental clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), and individual providers delivering dental services to students at a school-based location to report POS Code 03 – School. By listing this POS, it will help identify dental services delivered to students at school-based locations.

This requirement applies regardless of the modality of service delivery, including services

provided via mobile dental vans, portable dental equipment, or at a fixed site within a school.

**As defined by CMS, POS Code 03:**

School — A facility whose primary purpose is education.

Examples:

- A mobile dental van provides dental care to elementary students at an elementary school. POS 03 to be reported on the claim form.
- A fixed-site dental clinic located within a high school provides care to enrolled students. POS 03 to be reported on the claim form.
- A Public Health Registered Dental Hygienist performs Caries Risk Assessments for high school students at a high school. POS 03 to be reported on the claim form.

**Use of POS Codes – Mobile Dental Vans and Portable Dental Services in the Community:**

Providers operating mobile dental vans or delivering services in community-based settings using portable dental equipment are strongly encouraged to report the POS code that accurately reflects the location where the service was rendered. Accurate POS reporting enables DSS to better identify and monitor where dental care is delivered within the community. These codes can be found at: [Place of Service Code Set | CMS](http://www.ctdssmap.com).

Examples:

- A mobile dental van provides dental services at an outpatient methadone treatment program. POS 58 - Non-Residential Opioid Treatment Facility should be reported on the claim form.
- A mobile dental van provides dental services as part of an outreach event at a religious organization. POS 27 - Outreach Site/Street should be reported on the claim form.
- A dentist provides dental services using portable equipment at a skilled nursing facility. POS 31 - Skilled Nursing Facility should be reported on the claim form.

For questions about billing or if further assistance is needed to access the fee schedule on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site, please contact the Provider Assistance Center, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1-800-842-8440.