

# Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)

Some useful item number information

Comprehensive information on CDBS compliance is set out in the Australian Government's Department of Health *Dental Benefits Rules* document. The correct use of item numbers is included in that document under the *Dental Benefits Schedule*.



There are some differences between the Dental Benefits Schedule and *The Australian Schedule of Dental Services and Glossary - Thirteenth Edition*. It is therefore important to read the Australian Government's Dental Benefits Schedule carefully.

## ITEM 88022

### Limitation:

- maximum of four (4) per day

### Clinical notes:

- a clinical notation should be made to indicate that the x-ray(s) has/have been reviewed.
- Findings from the x-rays need to be recorded, including negative findings e.g. NAD

## ITEMS 88111 & 88114

### Strict interpretation:

- if you are simply removing plaque and/or stain, you should submit a claim for an 88111
- if you remove calculus from any number of teeth as part of performing a dental prophylaxis, then you should submit a claim under item number 88114

### Limitations:

- you must not claim an 88111 or an 88114 again within a 5 month period
- only one type of dental prophylaxis service (88111, 88114 or 88115) can be claimed per day
- you can only claim a limit of two (2) 88111 or 88114 per calendar year

### Clinical notes:

- it is always important that accurate clinical records are retained to reflect the service actually provided and itemised in the account.
- if an 88114 is performed, remember to record the presence of calculus in your clinical notes. This could be usefully noted as light, moderate or heavy.

## ITEMS 88161 & 88162

### Strict interpretation:

- each fissure sealant must be clinically relevant and clinically indicated

### Limitations:

- four (4) 88161 per day
- use 88162 for additional fissure sealants on the same day
- no benefit applies if a benefit has been paid for a restoration service (88511-88535) on the same tooth on the same day

### Clinical notes:

- Note each tooth number and the reason/diagnosis indicating that it was clinically relevant and clinically indicated