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Judging by the number of calls we receive at the ADA Call Center, insurance and coding are definitely hot button issues for the dental profession. Knowledge is power, and the information in this issue gives you the power to deal with insurance and coding efficiently and effectively. A quick reminder on another matter—please sign up your Give Kids A Smile program [online](#). The information you enter will help us to better address the access to care issue.

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## WHAT'S NEW IN CDT-2005?



The Current Dental Terminology (CDT) Code is designated as the national standard for reporting dental services under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and is recognized by third-party payers nationwide. We tell you what has changed for CDT-2005. Incidentally, CDT-2005 contains more than the the CDT Code. It's designed to be a useful educational resource, incorporating other instructive tools for dentists and office staff for processing claims and addressing other administrative matters.

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## What do YOU think?



Do you plan to participate in the Give Kids A Smile program? Why or why not?

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## TIPS FOR CLAIM FILING AND USING PROMPT PAY LAW

The first step to achieving prompt processing of claims is filing claims correctly. Here are some tips on using prompt pay laws and equipping your practice to better manage claims from the outset.

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## INSURANCE AND CODING FAQ



We've collected the most frequently asked insurance and coding questions from members and provided detailed responses. Questions include: "Why is the cap on dental insurance still usually \$1,000? Can't the ADA do anything about this?" and "Insurance companies have too much power! Why doesn't the ADA do something to help me?"

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