

# PERIODONTAL PROCEDURE

## 2026 Dental Therapy

Criteria applicable January 1 through July 31

**ACC** = Adheres to Criteria    **SUB** = Marginally Substandard    **DEF** = Critical Deficiency

TREATMENT	
<b>Calculus Removal</b>	
<b>DEF</b>	There is calculus remaining on four (4) or more of the assigned surfaces.
TISSUE MANAGEMENT	
<b>Soft Tissue</b>	
<b>ACC</b>	There may be slight soft tissue trauma that is consistent with the procedure.
<b>SUB</b>	There is <b>minor</b> soft tissue trauma, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• abrasions,</li> <li>• lacerations or</li> <li>• ultrasonic burns.</li> </ul>
<b>DEF</b>	There is <b>major</b> soft tissue damage, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amputated papillae;</li> <li>• Exposure of the alveolar process;</li> <li>• A laceration or damage that requires suturing and/or periodontal packing;</li> <li>• One or more ultrasonic burns that require follow-up treatment;</li> <li>• Broken instrument tip is evident in the sulcus or soft tissue.</li> </ul>
<b>Hard Tissue</b>	
<b>ACC</b>	Instruments are effectively utilized so that no unwarranted hard tissue trauma occurs as a result of the scaling and polishing procedures.
<b>SUB</b>	There is <b>minor</b> hard tissue trauma that may include root surface abrasion(s) that do(es) not require additional definitive treatment.
<b>DEF</b>	A. There is major damage to hard tissue inconsistent with the procedure. B. Root Surface abrasions that would require additional definitive treatment.