

PERIODONTAL PROCEDURE

2026 Dental Therapy

Criteria applicable January 1 through July 31

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

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