



The recently updated Denti-Cal provider bulletin, titled: **Benefits for Pregnant and Post-partum Women -Replacement Bulletin**, May 2010 Issue26, Volume 11 contains much of the **same** written information found in previous pregnant and post-partum bulletins: March 2010 Vol. 26, No. 6 and April 2010 Vol. 26, Issue 10, with the following exceptions.

Changes to this Denti-Cal (May 2010 Issue26, Volume 11) bulletin:

- The latest Denti-Cal bulletin changed information about pregnant beneficiaries 21 years of age and older and the services they are eligible for:
 - **May 2010, Issue 26, Vol 11 bulletin states:** certain pregnancy-related services as well as treatment that is a **covered benefit** for conditions that might complicate the pregnancy.
 - **Vol 26, No 6, March 2010 bulletin states:** certain pregnancy-related services as well as the treatment of other conditions that might complicate the pregnancy.

Note: *In the May 2010 issue, the term, **a covered benefit**, is more restrictive and could be confusing for providers. The March issue uses the same language as AB x 35, the bill that cut optional benefits which says:*

"Pregnancy related services and services for the treatment of other conditions that might complicate the pregnancy are not excluded from coverage under this section".

- 5 Pregnancy-Related benefits were added for a total of 21 benefits:
 1. D0220 Intraoral - periapical first film
 2. D0230 Intraoral - periapical each additional film
 3. D0270 Bitewing - single film
 4. D0272 Bitewings - two films
 5. D0274 Bitewings - four films
- Vol 26, No. 6, March 2010 bulletin noted the information below on root canals and was omitted from the latest bulletin:

Providers are also reminded that emergency root canal procedures are only allowed if the tooth is totally avulsed or there is a fracture of a coronal portion of a permanent tooth, exposing the vital pulpal tissue.
- When comparing provider bulletins for March, April and May 2010, there have been volume and number format changes. Below are the chronological changes seen in past Denti-Cal bulletins :

- Since July 2008 up to March 2010 the format has been:
Volume, number, month and year (e.g. Volume 26, Number 6, March 2010).
 - For the April 2010 bulletin, the format changed to:
Month, year, volume and issue (e.g. April 2010, Volume 26, Issue 10) and
this Denti-Cal bulletin has a new graphic design and layout.
 - The May 2010 bulletin reversed the order of the volume and issue to:
Month, year, issue and volume (e.g. May 2010, Issue 26, Volume 11).
- The Denti-Cal website, <http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov>, has a chart that provides links to all the Denti-Cal bulletins and the May 2010 bulletin is listed incorrectly. It is listed as Vol. 26, No. 11 and should read May 2010 Issue26, Volume 11 as noted on the top of the document.