Definition: D1110-prophylaxis- adult: *Removal of plaque, calculus and stains from the tooth structures in the permanent and transitional dentition. It is intended to control local irritational factors.*

**Criteria for covering a D1110 more than once a year, not to exceed four times a year**

- Patients who are physically disabled or reside in a facility (including nursing homes) or group home setting in which they rely on others to provide daily oral care, or are unable to adequately perform this function themselves or
- Patients who have a medical condition that puts them at high risk for complications, including xerostomia (such as transplants, including heart valve replacement, radiation therapy to the head or neck, history of receiving IV bisphosphonate therapy, diabetes, dialysis, cardiovascular disease, pregnant women) or
- Patients with cognitive impairments that render cooperation with daily oral care challenging or
- Patients taking medications known to cause gingival hyperplasia or xerostomia.

Not covered for:

- Cosmetic purposes
- Solely for the removal of stain

Required documentation:

- Level of plaque and calculus
- Objective documentation of patients condition that meets the above criteria
- Documentation regarding education/ oral hygiene instruction conducted with patient and/or caregiver

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