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Article 9.2.1 (d) - Dental Plan

The nine-month limitation applies to 1) polishing, 2) the application of fluoride, and 3) the recall itself. The nine-month limitation does not apply to scaling; any current scaling limits in dental contracts apply.

The process for an individual faculty employee to have his/her teeth cleaned more frequently than every 9 months as provided by Article 9.2.1 (d) is as follows:

- Faculty employee visits dentist as usual
- Dentist advises that the faculty employee has gum disease or other dental problem which requires cleaning more frequently than every 9 months
- Dentist fills in the usual claim form, but in addition notes that the faculty employee has gum disease or specifies the other dental problem that requires more frequent cleaning
- Faculty employee or dentist submits the form to the Insurance Carrier as normal
- The Insurance Carrier determines if the reasons set out by the dentist fit within the approved reasons under the dental plan for having teeth cleaned more frequently than every 9 months

The employers' approval of the more frequent cleaning is not required.