

**Health Level Seven, Inc. (HL7) and
American Dental Association
Standards Committee on Dental Informatics (SCDI)**

**Joint Project Statement:
Additional Information Specifications
to Support a Claim (Claim Attachments)
With Dental Content**

This joint project statement has been created in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between HL7 and the ADA SCDI. This joint project shall be known as the Dental Attachment Project.

1. Background

- 1.1. HL7 has produced balloted Recommendations for additional information to support a claim. These recommendations include the Additional Information Specifications (AISs) for specific types of claims and the HL7 Additional Information Specification Implementation Guide (CDARIAIS0000) that describes a technological approach used in preparing AIS documents.
- 1.2. SCDI represents a broad collection of stakeholders with specific interests and specialized knowledge of dentistry, including stakeholders representing providers of dental services, health plans, and vendors of information systems targeted at dental services.
- 1.3. Mutually acceptable projects to produce AISs with dental content may be initiated at the request of the either SDO.
- 1.4. This agreement may also be the basis for future projects for additional information to support a claim, referral or request for precertification for other dental procedures.

2. Joint Project

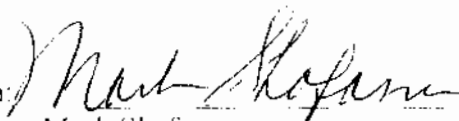
- 2.1. SCDI and HL7 agree to work together in a two-part project. In part (1) SCDI develops the specification of the information content necessary to support a periodontal claim. In part (2) HL7 creates an AIS for that information content.
- 2.2. The SCDI project will consider the information on periodontal claims already collected by HL7 as one of the inputs to its decision process.
- 2.3. The expected deliverables of the joint project include:


- 2.3.1. Title of the SCDI Deliverable
- 2.3.2. ADA SCDI/HL7 Additional Information Specification: Periodontal Claims
- 2.4. The HL7 committee responsible for this project will be the Attachments Special Interest Group
- 2.5. The SCDI committee responsible for this project will be the ADA SCDI WG 10.10
- 2.6. Each deliverable will be approved by the usual process of each SDO consistent with this agreement for such deliverables.
- 2.7. The expected time frame for the SCDI deliverable will be: March 2006
- 2.8. The expected time frame for the HL7 deliverable will be 12 months from the receipt of the SCDI deliverable.
- 2.9. SCDI and HL7 agree to exchange early drafts of the deliverables in order to accomplish as much as is possible in parallel.

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