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Dear Dental Professionals

Lava Ultimate Restorative is a new innovative CAD/CAM material that 3M ESPE classifies as Resin Nano Ceramic. While this material is predominantly ceramic (silica and zirconia), the ADA's Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature (CDT Code) in the past did not yet reflect advances in ceramics and material science when the product was launched.

We are pleased to inform you that effective January 1, 2013, Lava Ultimate restorative now falls under the CDT Code's broadened definition of porcelain/ceramics materials, thus allowing Lava Ultimate restorative to be classified as a porcelain/ceramic. This means Lava Ultimate restorative is now covered under any CDT code referring to porcelain/ceramics, allowing for the same rate of reimbursement as other ceramic materials.

The new definition specifies:

Porcelain/ceramic
Refers to pressed, fired, polished or milled materials containing ***predominantly*** *inorganic refractory compounds – including porcelains, glasses, ceramics and glass ceramics. [emphasis added]*

The insurance reimbursement enabled by the revised definition of porcelain/ceramic materials will make it even easier for dentists to take advantage of Lava Ultimate restorative's unique functionality, providing restorations that are strong as well as kind to the opposing dentition. The restorations can be repaired intraorally if necessary, and are backed by a 10-year warranty from 3M ESPE.

We are very excited about Lava Ultimate restorative If you have any questions, please feel free to contact 3M ESPE customer care: 1-800-634-2249 or for additional information on Lava Ultimate restorative, visit www.3MESPE.com/LavaUltimate

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