## Assessment of Public Comment

During the public comment period, the Board received two comments.

The first comment from an association strongly supported the proposal and opined that it "would reflect the State's ongoing commitment to fairness, quality, and access in the Workers' Compensation system, aligning dental fees with the standards of other healthcare services."

The other comment, from an individual provider, requested the inclusion of a small number of highly-specialized codes for highly-specialized services, for a condition not typically seen among injured workers, along with suggested fees for same. This suggestion was not echoed by the New York State Dental Association, or any other authoritative sources or commenters. Moreover, there are other codes available in the fee schedule that can be used for these procedures. Upon due consideration, the Board has elected to not incorporate the requested changes at this time, but can revisit the suggestion with the next version of the Dental Fee Schedule, should the need be deemed compelling

## Changes made:

• Update to date in regulation text to reflect October adoption/November effective date (rather than June proposal)