**Dental and Oral Conditions VASRD Change Introduction**

**Exciting new updates to the rating schedule (using this and the currently published VA Rating Schedule, you should be able to answer all quiz questions in the video) …**

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| **Code** | **Change Description** |
| **9900** | New diagnosis of osteonecrosis |
| **9902** | Two additional levels of disability; evaluations are now based on involvement of temporomandibular articulation and the ability for the missing sections to be replaced by a suitable prosthesis.  Diagnostic codes 9901, 9906, and 9907 have been removed |
| **9903** | Now includes language for diagnostic imaging and false motion. Previous Note has been removed |
| **9904** | A requirement for diagnostic imaging has been defined. The evaluation criteria now include open bite. Previous note has been removed. |
| **9905** | The new evaluative criteria adds dietary restrictions as a symptom and adjusts ranges of motion (ROMs) for evaluation levels.  **0 to10 millimeters (mm) of maximum unassisted vertical opening.**  With dietary restrictions to all mechanically altered foods 50  Without dietary restrictions to mechanically altered foods 40  **11 to 20 mm of maximum unassisted vertical opening.**  With dietary restrictions to all mechanically altered foods 40  Without dietary restrictions to mechanically altered foods 30  **21 to 29 mm of maximum unassisted vertical opening.**  With dietary restrictions to full liquid and pureed foods 40  **Law Change Effective September 10, 2017**  With dietary restrictions to soft and semi-solid foods 30  Without dietary restrictions to mechanically altered foods 20  **30 to 34 mm of maximum unassisted vertical opening.**  With dietary restrictions to full liquid and pureed foods 30  With dietary restrictions to soft and semi-solid foods 20  Without dietary restrictions to mechanically altered foods 10  **Note 2 (new)**: defines normal range of vertical jaw opening as 35 – 50 mm.  **Note 3 (new)**: discusses levels of mechanically altered foods: full liquid, puree, soft, and semisolid foods. To warrant elevation based on mechanically altered foods, the use of texture-modified diets must be recorded or verified by a physician. |
| **9906 & 9907** | Both these diagnostic codes were deleted and incorporated into 9902. |
| **9911 & 9912** | The evaluation criteria has not changed-these diagnostic codes have been combined under 9911, and 9912 has been deleted. |
| **9916** | New note: severity depends on presence or absence of false motion following treatment. Diagnostic imaging is required to confirm maxillary nonunion. |
| **9917 & 9918** | New diagnostic codes for benign (9917) and malignant (9918) neoplasms. |

**Important considerations –** Now that we’ve previewed the new criteria… Consider the following:

* Depending on dates… what criteria apply? When filling in evaluation builder and VBMS pay attention to when you should be using the historical or current criteria
* Watch the DBQs…ensure we have all the information we need. If not, can we grant something now while asking for clarification?
* VBMS updates – watch the VBMS Release Information and User Guides page [here](http://vbaw.vba.va.gov/VBMS/Resources_Technical_Information.asp).
* The Regulation Citator tool assists in viewing historical rating criteria. Click [here](http://vacoappbva2.dva.va.gov/lsa/cgi-bin/query-meta.exe).