

A close-up photograph of a woman with curly hair, wearing a pink shirt, smiling as she reads a book to a young girl with curly hair, wearing a red shirt. The woman is pointing at the book, and the girl is looking down at the pages. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting.

# **CIGNA DENTAL CLINICAL COVERAGE DETERMINATION GUIDELINES**

**For Cigna Dental PPO and Indemnity Plans**

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# Introduction

Cigna Dental's Clinical Coverage Determination Guidelines have been developed, revised and are updated periodically. The Clinical Criteria are based upon procedure codes in the *Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature* (CDT Code), American Dental Association®.

Coverage and benefit availability for all procedures, techniques, and materials used in dental therapy are determined based on review and input from the following:

- › Appropriate government agency approval for the safety and efficacy of dental materials. This includes but is not limited to FDA approval.
- › Recent published studies on new dental treatment and techniques.
- › Position papers and/or statements from dental professional organizations, including but not limited to:
  - American Dental Association
  - American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
  - American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
  - American Academy of Periodontology
  - American Association of Endodontists
  - American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
  - American Association of Orthodontists
- › Cigna Dental's Clinical Advisory Panel of external leading dental experts.
- › On staff Specialist Dental Consultants and/or General Dentist Consultants.
- › Other outside experts, including educators and practicing dentists.

Cigna Dental's Clinical Coverage Determination Guidelines provide guidance in interpreting Cigna Dental benefit plans. When making coverage determinations the member specific benefit plan is referenced. Coverage for certain services under the member's specific benefit plan may differ from the standard Cigna Dental benefit plans.

These differences may include age limitations, frequency limitations, exclusion of coverage for certain procedures, and/ or alternate benefit provisions. The member specific benefit plan documents [e.g., Evidence of Coverage (EOC), and/or Summary Plan Description (SPD)] supersede Cigna Dental's Clinical Coverage Determination Guidelines. Other Clinical Policies and Coverage Guidelines may apply as well as Federal and State regulatory requirements. Cigna Dental reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify its Policies and Guidelines as necessary. This Cigna Dental Clinical Coverage Determination Guidelines is provided for informational purposes. It does not constitute medical advice.

Additionally, Utilization Management (UM) decision making is based only on appropriateness of care and service and existence of coverage. Cigna Dental does not specifically reward practitioners or other individuals for issuing denials of coverage. Financial incentives for UM decision makers do not encourage decisions that result in underutilization.

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# Diagnostic Treatment D0100 – D0999

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## **Policy DIAG-01 – D0160 – Detailed and Extensive Oral Evaluation**

*D0160 - Detailed and extensive oral evaluation – problem focused, by report*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following condition:**

- › If associated with dentofacial anomalies, complicated perioprosthetic conditions, complex temporomandibular (TMJ) dysfunction, facial pain of unknown origin, conditions requiring multi-disciplinary consultation, etc.

#### **Not allowable under the following condition:**

- › If reported with a service typically covered by a medical plan.

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# Restorative Treatment D2000 – D2999

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## **Policy REST-01 – D2542-D2664 - Onlays**

*D2542 - Onlay – metallic – two surfaces*

*D2543 - Onlay – metallic – three surfaces*

*D2544 - Onlay – metallic – four or more surfaces*

*D2642 - Onlay – porcelain / ceramic – two surfaces*

*D2643 - Onlay – porcelain / ceramic – three surfaces*

*D2644 - Onlay – porcelain / ceramic – four or more surfaces*

*D2662 - Onlay – resin-based composite – two surfaces*

*D2663 - Onlay – resin-based composite – three surfaces*

*D2664 - Onlay – resin-based composite – four or more surfaces*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When information submitted confirms extensive caries or fracture of the tooth that cannot be restored with an amalgam or composite resin filling material.
- › Replacement onlays are allowable if the existing onlay is unserviceable such as presence of recurrent decay, broken/fractured porcelain, or open margins. A plan frequency limitation may apply.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › If the tooth has a questionable periodontal, endodontic, and/or restorative prognosis.
- › When placed solely to increase vertical dimension and/or for cosmetic purposes.
- › When the available information does not confirm a clinical need for the replacement of an onlay.

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## Policy REST-02 – D2710-D2794 - Crowns

*D2710 - Crown – resin-based composite (indirect)*

*D2712 - Crown – ¾ resin-based composite (indirect)*

*This procedure does not include facial veneers*

*D2720 - Crown – resin with high noble metal*

*D2721 - Crown – resin with predominantly base metal*

*D2722 - Crown – resin with noble metal*

*D2740 - Crown – porcelain / ceramic*

*D2750 - Crown – porcelain fused to high noble metal*

*D2751 - Crown – porcelain fused to predominantly base metal*

*D2752 - Crown – porcelain fused to noble metal*

*D2753 – Crown – porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys*

*D2780 - Crown – ¾ cast high noble metal*

*D2781 - Crown – ¾ cast predominantly base metal*

*D2782 - Crown – ¾ cast noble metal*

*D2783 - Crown – ¾ porcelain / ceramic*

*This procedure does not include facial veneers*

*D2790 - Crown – full cast high noble metal*

*D2791 - Crown – full cast predominantly base metal*

*D2792 - Crown – full cast noble metal*

*D2794 - Crown – titanium and titanium alloys*

## Standards and Guidelines

### Allowable under the following conditions:

- › When information submitted confirms extensive caries or fracture of the tooth that cannot be restored with an amalgam or composite resin filling material.
- › Replacement crowns are allowable if the existing crown is unserviceable such as presence of recurrent decay, broken/fractured porcelain, or open margins. A plan frequency limitation may apply.

### Not allowable under the following conditions:

- › If the tooth has a questionable periodontal, endodontic, and/or restorative prognosis.
- › When placed solely to increase vertical dimension and/or for cosmetic purposes.
- › When the available information does not confirm a clinical need for the replacement of a crown.

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## **Policy REST-03 – D2799 - Provisional Crowns**

*D2799 – Provisional Crown - further treatment or completion of diagnosis necessary prior to final impression.*

*Not to be used as a temporary crown for a routine prosthetic restoration.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following condition:**

- › When the D2799 (provisional crown) is placed for an extended period of time (generally 6 months or more) to allow for other treatment and/or completion of diagnosis prior to final impression/restoration.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › As noted in the definition, allowance is not made for provisional/temporary crowns that are part of routine prosthetic restoration (generally when in place for less than 6 months).
- › When performed at the site of a dental implant.

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## **Policy REST-04 – D2929-D2934 – Prefabricated Crowns**

*D2929 - Prefabricated porcelain/ceramic crown – primary tooth*

*D2930 - Prefabricated stainless steel crown – primary tooth*

*D2931 - Prefabricated stainless steel crown – permanent tooth*

*D2932 - Prefabricated resin crown*

*D2933 - Prefabricated stainless steel crown with resin window.*

*Open-face stainless steel crown with aesthetic resin facing or veneer.*

*D2934 - Prefabricated esthetic coated stainless steel crown – primary tooth.*

*Stainless steel primary crown with exterior esthetic coating.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When information submitted confirms extensive caries or fracture of the tooth that cannot be restored with an amalgam or composite resin filling material.
- › Replacement crowns are allowable if the existing crown is unserviceable such as presence of recurrent decay, broken/fractured porcelain, or open margins. A plan frequency limitation may apply.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › If the tooth has a questionable periodontal, endodontic, and/or restorative prognosis.
- › When placed solely to increase vertical dimension and/or for cosmetic purposes.

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## Policy REST-05 – D2950 - Core Buildup

*D2950 - Core buildup, including pins when required.*

*Refers to building up of coronal structure when there is insufficient retention for a separate extra coronal restorative procedure. A core buildup is not a filler to eliminate any undercut, box form, or concave irregularity in a preparation.*

### Standards and Guidelines

#### Allowable under the following condition:

- › When the tooth has decay or fracture that would require the D2950 (Core Buildup) to assist in retaining the final extracoronary restoration.

#### Not allowable under the following conditions:

- › In the absence of major decay or fracture of the tooth.
- › When a buildup is not necessary to aid in the retention of the final restoration.
- › When completed on the same date of service and same tooth as delivery of the final extracoronary restoration. Exceptions may be considered for indirect restorations made with CAD-CAM technology.
- › When completed on the same date of service and same tooth as a post and core (D2952, D2953, D2954, D2957).
- › When performed in conjunction with any intracoronary restorations (inlays, direct restorative fillings)
- › When performed in conjunction with any onlays.

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## **Policy REST-06 – D2960, D2961, D2962 – Labial Veneers**

*D2960 – Labial veneer (resin laminate) – chairside.*

*Refers to labial/facial direct resin bonded veneers.*

*D2961 – Labial veneer (resin laminate) – laboratory.*

*Refers to labial/facial indirect resin bonded veneers.*

*D2962 – Labial veneer (porcelain laminate) – laboratory.*

*Refers also to facial veneers that extend interproximally and/or cover the incisal edge.*

*Porcelain/ceramic veneers presently include all ceramic and porcelain veneers.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When information submitted confirms extensive caries or fracture of the tooth that cannot be restored with an amalgam or composite resin filling material.
- › Replacement veneers are allowable if the existing veneer is unserviceable such as presence of recurrent decay, broken/fractured porcelain, or open margins. A plan frequency limitation may apply.
- › Limited to qualifying permanent anterior teeth (Teeth numbers 6-11 and 22-27).

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › If the tooth has a questionable periodontal, endodontic, and/or restorative prognosis.
- › When placed solely for cosmetic purposes.
- › When the available information does not confirm a clinical need for the replacement of a veneer.

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# Endodontic Treatment D3000 – D3999

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## **Policy ENDO-01 – D3221 - Pulpal Debridement**

*D3221 - Pulpal Debridement, primary and permanent teeth.*

*Pulpal debridement for the relief of acute pain prior to conventional root canal therapy.*

*This procedure is not to be used when endodontic treatment is completed on the same day.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following condition:**

- › When performed for relief of acute pain.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When submitted as the initial appointment for routine endodontic treatment.
- › When endodontic treatment is completed on the same date of service.
- › When submitted on a tooth with history of root canal treatment.

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## **Policy ENDO-02 – D3331 - Treatment of Root Canal Obstruction**

*D3331 - Treatment of root canal obstruction; non-surgical access.*

*In lieu of surgery, the formation of a pathway to achieve an apical seal without surgical intervention because of a non-negotiable root canal blocked by foreign bodies, including but not limited to separated instruments, broken posts, or calcification of 50% or more of the length of the tooth roots.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › Benefits are allowable on a per tooth basis.
- › When information submitted confirms both the presence of and the treatment of root canal blocked by foreign bodies, including but not limited to separated instruments, broken posts; or calcification of 50% or more of the length of the tooth roots.

#### **Not allowable under the following condition:**

- › When completed on the same tooth as routine root canal retreatment (D3346, D3347, D3348).

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## **Policy ENDO-03 – D3332 - Incomplete Endodontic Therapy**

*D3332 - Incomplete endodontic therapy; inoperable, unrestorable or fractured tooth.*

*Considerable time is necessary to determine diagnosis and/or provide initial treatment before the fracture makes the tooth unretainable.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When the patient is not returning for completion of root canal treatment of the same tooth.
- › When the tooth is unrestorable or requires extraction.

#### **Not allowable under the following condition:**

- › In the absence of documentation demonstrating that considerable time was expended in determining the diagnosis that the tooth is inoperable, unrestorable, or fractured.

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## **Policy ENDO-04 – D3428, D3429 - Bone Graft in Conjunction with Periradicular Surgery**

*D3428 - Bone graft in conjunction with periradicular surgery, per tooth, single site.*

*Includes non-autogenous graft material.*

*D3429 - Bone graft in conjunction with periradicular surgery, each additional contiguous tooth in the same surgical site.*

*Includes non-autogenous graft material.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When performed in conjunction with other periradicular surgery (D3410, D3421, D3425, D3426, or D3427) on the same tooth.
- › When information submitted confirms a lesion of 1cm (25/64 inch) or greater in size.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When the above allowable criteria have not been met.
- › When another regenerative procedure (D3431 or D3432) has been benefited at the same site. The Plan generally allows coverage for only one regenerative procedure at a given site.

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## **Policy ENDO-05 – D3431 - Biologic Materials in Conjunction with Periradicular Surgery**

*D3431 - Biologic materials to aid in soft and osseous tissue regeneration in conjunction with periradicular surgery*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › Benefits are allowable on a per tooth basis.
- › When performed in conjunction with other periradicular surgery (D3410, D3421, D3425, D3426, or D3427) on the same tooth.
- › When information submitted confirms a lesion of 1cm (25/64 inch) or greater in size.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When the above allowable criteria have not been met.
- › When another regenerative procedure (D3428, D3429, or D3432) has been benefited at the same site. The Plan generally allows coverage for only one regenerative procedure at a given site.
- › When performed with any allowable bone graft procedure at the same site and same date of service.

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## **Policy ENDO-06 – D3432 - Guided Tissue Regeneration in Conjunction with Periradicular Surgery**

*D3432 - Guided tissue regeneration, restorable barrier, per site, in conjunction with periradicular surgery*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › Benefits are allowable on a per tooth basis.
- › When performed in conjunction with other periradicular surgery (D3410, D3421, D3425, D3426, or D3427) on the same tooth.
- › When information submitted confirms a lesion of 1cm (25/64 inch) or greater in size.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When the above allowable criteria have not been met.
- › When another regenerative procedure (D3428, D3429, or D3431) has been benefited at the same site. The Plan generally allows coverage for only one regenerative procedure at a given site.
- › When performed with any allowable bone graft procedure at the same site and same date of service.

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# Periodontics Treatment D4000 – D4999

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## SECTION IV.

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## **Policy PERIO-01 – D4210, D4211 - Gingivectomy or Gingivoplasty**

*D4210 - Gingivectomy or Gingivoplasty. Four or more contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant. The teeth in the mouth are divided into four quarters or sections. D4210 is covered when four or more teeth within a section meet the allowable criteria below.*

*It is performed to eliminate suprabony pockets or to restore normal architecture when gingival enlargements or asymmetrical or unaesthetic topography is evident with normal bony configuration.*

*D4211 - Gingivectomy or Gingivoplasty. One to three contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant. The teeth in the mouth are divided into four quarters or sections. D4211 is covered when one to three teeth within a section meet the allowable criteria below.*

*It is performed to eliminate suprabony pockets or to restore normal architecture when gingival enlargements or asymmetrical or unaesthetic topography is evident with normal bony configuration.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When periodontal pocket depths are 5mm (13/64 inch) or more.
- › When it is clinically necessary to improve the shape of the gum tissue by correcting irregularities in the gum tissue around the teeth.
- › When performed to remove overgrown gum tissue.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When the procedure is being performed only to improve appearance and there is no disease present.
- › When performed in conjunction with, and is considered incidental to, another surgical procedure.
- › When a more extensive procedure is needed to gain access to and/or to treat the supporting bone.
- › When this procedure is being performed at the same site on the same date of service, or within 30 days of, crown, bridge, and/or implant prosthesis preparations, impressions, and/or delivery.

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## **Policy PERIO-02 – D4212 - Gingivectomy or Gingivoplasty**

*D4212 - Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty to allow access for restorative procedure, per tooth*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › Benefits are allowable on a per tooth basis.
- › When information submitted confirms the need for this procedure to allow access for the placement of a direct restoration (filling).

#### **Not allowable under the following condition:**

- › When performed in conjunction with the preparation or placement of an indirect restoration (Crown, Bridge, Onlay, Veneer).

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## Policy PERIO-03 – D4240, D4241- Gingival Flap Procedure

*D4240 - Gingival flap procedure, including root planning, four or more contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant.*

*A soft tissue flap is reflected or resected to allow debridement of the root surface and the removal of granulation tissue. Osseous recontouring is not accomplished in conjunction with this procedure. May include open flap curettage, reverse bevel flap surgery, modified Kirkland flap procedure, and modified Widman surgery. This procedure is performed in the presence of moderate to deep probing depth, loss of attachment, need to maintain esthetics, need for increased access to the root surface and alveolar bone, or to determine the presence of a cracked tooth, fractured root, or external root resorption. Other procedures may be required concurrent to D4240 and should be reported separately using their own unique codes.*

*D4241 - Gingival flap procedure, including root planning – one to three contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant.*

*A soft tissue flap is reflected or resected to allow debridement of the root surface and the removal of granulation tissue. Osseous recontouring is not accomplished in conjunction with this procedure. May include open flap curettage, reverse bevel flap surgery, modified Kirkland flap procedure, and modified Widman surgery. This procedure is performed in the presence of moderate to deep probing depth, loss of attachment, need to maintain esthetics, need for increased access to the root surface and alveolar bone, or to determine the presence of a cracked tooth, fractured root, or external root resorption. Other procedures may be required concurrent to D4241 and should be reported separately using their own unique codes.*

### Standards and Guidelines

#### Allowable under the following conditions:

- › When periodontal pocket depths are 5mm (13/64 inch) or more and there is also evidence of loss of attachment (bone loss).
- › When needing access to the roots of the teeth and supporting bone in order to debride the root surface and/or determine the presence of a cracked tooth, fractured root, or external root resorption.

#### Not allowable under the following conditions:

- › When this procedure is being performed in conjunction with, and is considered incidental to, another surgical procedure.
- › When pocket depths between the teeth and gum tissue are less than 5mm (13/64 inch).
- › When performed solely for cosmetic purposes.

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## Policy PERIO-04 – D4245 - Apically Positioned Flap

*D4245 - Apically positioned flap.*

*Procedure is used to preserve keratinized gingiva in conjunction with osseous resection and second stage implant procedure. Procedure may also be used to preserve keratinized/attached gingiva during surgical exposure of labially impacted teeth, and may be used during treatment of peri-implantitis.*

### Standards and Guidelines

#### Allowable under the following conditions:

- › Benefits are allowable on a per quadrant basis.
- › For plans that provide coverage for surgical placement of implants and the surgical implant(s) meets plan guidelines for coverage.
- › When performed in conjunction with an implant and the plan includes coverage for surgical placement of implants and related procedures.
- › When information submitted (periodontal charting, radiographs) confirms the need for procedure.

#### Not allowable under the following conditions:

- › When this procedure is being performed in conjunction with, and is considered incidental to, another surgical procedure.
- › When performed at the same site as an extraction.
- › When performed in conjunction with an implant and the plan does not have coverage for surgical placement of implants or related procedures.
- › When performed solely for cosmetic purposes.

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## Policy PERIO-05 – D4249 – Clinical Crown Lengthening

*D4249 - Clinical crown lengthening, hard tissue.*

*This procedure is employed to allow a restorative procedure on a tooth with little or no tooth structure exposed to the oral cavity. Crown lengthening requires reflection of a full thickness flap and removal of bone, altering the crown to root ratio. It is performed in a healthy periodontal environment, as opposed to osseous surgery, which is performed in the presence of periodontal disease.*

### Standards and Guidelines

#### Allowable under the following conditions:

- › Benefits are allowable on a per tooth basis.
- › When information submitted (periodontal charting and radiographs) confirms that the tooth being treated and the adjacent teeth demonstrate a healthy periodontal condition.
- › When performed, this procedure must include reflection of a full thickness flap and removal of alveolar bone, without negatively affecting the outcome of the prosthesis.

#### Not allowable under the following conditions:

- › When the tooth being treated does not demonstrate restorative need.
- › When this procedure is being performed in conjunction with, and is considered incidental to, another surgical procedure.
- › When this procedure is being performed on the same tooth and on the same date of service as a restorative procedure.
- › When performed solely for cosmetic purposes.

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## Policy PERIO-06 – D4260, D4261 – Osseous Surgery

*D4260 - Osseous surgery (including elevation of a full thickness flap and closure) - four or more contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant.*

*This procedure modifies the bony support of the teeth by reshaping the alveolar process to achieve a more physiologic form during the surgical procedure. This must include the removal of supporting bone (ostectomy) and/or non-supporting bone (osteoplasty). Other procedures may be required concurrent to D4260 and should be reported using their own unique codes.*

*D4261 - Osseous surgery (including elevation of a full thickness flap and closure) – one to three contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant.*

*This procedure modifies the bony support of the teeth by reshaping the alveolar process to achieve a more physiologic form during the surgical procedure. This must include the removal of supporting bone (ostectomy) and/or non-supporting bone (osteoplasty). Other procedures may be required concurrent to D4261 and should be reported using their own unique codes.*

### Standards and Guidelines

#### Allowable under the following conditions:

- › When there is a need for the surgical treatment of periodontal pockets with a depth of 5 mm (13/64 inch) or more and that are bleeding, swollen, and infected.
- › When information submitted confirms loss of attachment (bone loss).
- › When performed, this procedure must include reflection of a full thickness flap and removal of alveolar bone to treat bone loss or bone defects.

#### Not allowable under the following conditions:

- › When the surgery will result in lack of adequate bone support for the teeth.
- › When the involved tooth or teeth appear to have a poor prognosis.
- › When the patient does not clean and maintain their teeth properly.
- › When the periodontal pocket depth around the tooth or teeth is/are less than 5 mm (13/64 inch).

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## Policy PERIO-07 – D4263, D4264 – Bone Replacement Graft

*D4263 - Bone replacement graft, retained natural tooth, first site in quadrant.*

*This procedure involves the use of grafts to stimulate periodontal regeneration when the disease process has led to a deformity of the bone. This procedure does not include flap entry and closure, wound debridement, osseous contouring, or the placement of biologic materials to aid in osseous tissue regeneration or barrier membranes. Other separate procedures delivered concurrently are documented with their own unique codes. Not to be reported for an edentulous space or an extraction site.*

*D4264 - Bone replacement graft, retained natural tooth, each additional site in quadrant.*

*This procedure involves the use of grafts to stimulate periodontal regeneration when the disease process has led to a deformity of the bone. This procedure does not include flap entry and closure, wound debridement, osseous contouring, or the placement of biologic materials to aid in osseous tissue regeneration or barrier membranes. This procedure is performed concurrently with one or more bone replacement grafts to document number of sites involved. Not to be reported for an edentulous space or an extraction site.*

### Standards and Guidelines

#### Allowable under the following condition:

- › When periodontal pocket depths are 5mm (13/16 inch) or more and there is also loss of attachment (bone loss) and evidence of a vertical bony defect adjacent to a retained natural tooth.

#### Not allowable under the following conditions:

- › When performed at the same site as an extraction.
- › When performed in conjunction with, and/or at the same site of, a dental implant.
- › When performed at the same site as an apicoectomy, hemisection, root amputation, and/or periradicular surgery.
- › When performed at an edentulous site.

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## Policy PERIO-08 – D4265 – Biological Materials

*D4265 - Biologic materials to aid in soft and osseous tissue regeneration.*

*Biologic materials may be used alone or with other regenerative substrates such as bone and barrier membranes, depending upon their formulation and the presentation of the periodontal defect. This procedure does not include surgical entry and closure, wound debridement, osseous contouring, or the placement of graft materials and/or barrier membranes. Other separate procedures may be required concurrent to D4265 and should be reported using their own unique codes.*

### Standards and Guidelines

#### Allowable under the following conditions:

- › Benefits are allowable on a per tooth basis.
- › When periodontal pocket depths are 5mm (13/64 inch) or more and there is also loss of attachment (bone loss).
- › When reported as the only regenerative procedure at the site of an implant placement as long as the plan provides coverage for surgical placement of implants and the implant meets plan guidelines for coverage.

#### Not allowable under the following conditions:

- › When performed with any other periodontal regenerative procedure at the same site and same date of service.
- › When performed with any other allowable bone graft procedure at the same site and same date of service.
- › When performed at the same site as an extraction.
- › When performed at the same site as an apicoectomy, hemisection, root amputation, and/or periradicular surgery.
- › When performed at an edentulous site.
- › When performed in conjunction with an implant and the plan does not provide coverage for surgical placement of implants or related procedures.

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## Policy PERIO-09 – D4266, D4267 – Guided Tissue Regeneration

*D4266 - Guided tissue regeneration, resorbable barrier, per site.*

*This procedure does not include flap entry and closure, or, when indicated, wound debridement, osseous contouring, bone replacement grafts, and placement of biologic materials to aid in osseous regeneration. This procedure can be used for periodontal and peri-implant defects.*

*D4267 - Guided tissue regeneration, non-resorbable barrier, per site (includes membrane removal).*

*This procedure does not include flap entry and closure, or, when indicated, wound debridement, osseous contouring, bone replacement grafts, and placement of biologic materials to aid in osseous regeneration. This procedure can be used for periodontal and peri-implant defects.*

### Standards and Guidelines

#### Allowable under the following conditions:

- › Benefits are allowable on a per tooth basis.
- › When periodontal pocket depths are 5mm (13/44 inch) or more and there is also loss of attachment (bone loss).

#### Not allowable under the following conditions:

- › When performed with any other periodontal regenerative procedure at the same site and same date of service.
- › When performed with any other allowable bone graft procedure at the same site and same date of service.
- › When performed at the same site as an extraction.
- › When performed at the same site as an apicoectomy, hemisection, root amputation, and/or periradicular surgery.
- › When performed at an edentulous site.
- › When performed at the same site and same date of service as the surgical placement of a dental implant.
- › When performed in conjunction with an implant and the plan does not have coverage for surgical placement of implants or related procedures.

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## Policy PERIO-10 – D4270 – Pedicle Soft Tissue Graft

*D4270 - Pedicle soft tissue graft procedure.*

*A pedicle flap of gingiva can be raised from an edentulous ridge, adjacent teeth, or from the existing gingiva on the tooth and moved laterally or coronally to replace alveolar mucosa as marginal tissue. The procedure can be used to cover an exposed root or to eliminate a gingival defect if the root is not too prominent in the arch.*

### Standards and Guidelines

#### Allowable under the following conditions:

- › Benefits are allowable on a per tooth basis.
- › When information submitted (periodontal charting, photographs, narrative) confirms there is rapid shrinking (or recession) of the gingiva (gums).
- › When information submitted (periodontal charting, photographs, narrative) confirms the amount of attached gingiva (gum) is less than 2mm (5/64 inch).

#### Not allowable under the following conditions:

- › When performed with any other periodontal soft tissue graft procedure at the same site and same date of service.
- › When the procedure is being performed only to improve appearance and there is no disease present.
- › When the procedure is being performed to repair damage from brushing too hard with no other signs of gum disease.
- › When the procedure is being performed to treat shrinking attached gingiva (gums) with no disease present.
- › When performed with any other periodontal regenerative procedure at the same site and same date of service.

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## **Policy PERIO-11 – D4273, D4283 – Autogenous Connective Tissue Graft**

*D4273 - Autogenous connective tissue graft procedure (including donor and recipient surgical sites) first tooth, implant, or edentulous tooth position in graft.*

*There are two surgical sites. The recipient site utilizes a split thickness incision, retaining the overlapping flap of gingiva and/or mucosa. The connective tissue is dissected from a separate donor site leaving an epithelialized flap for closure.*

*D4283 - Autogenous connective tissue graft procedure (including donor and recipient surgical sites) – each additional contiguous tooth, implant or edentulous tooth position in same graft site.*

*Used in conjunction with D4273*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › Benefits are allowable on a per tooth basis.
- › When information submitted (periodontal charting, photographs, narrative) confirms there is rapid shrinking (or recession) of the gingiva (gums).
- › When information submitted (periodontal charting, photographs, narrative) confirms the amount of attached gingiva (gum) is less than 2mm (5/64 inch).

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When performed with any other periodontal soft tissue graft procedure at the same site and same date of service.
- › When the procedure is being performed only to improve appearance and there is no disease present.
- › When the procedure is being performed to repair damage from brushing too hard with no other signs of gum disease.
- › When the procedure is being performed to treat shrinking attached gingiva (gums) with no disease present.
- › When performed with any other periodontal regenerative procedure at the same site and same date of service.

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## **Policy PERIO-12 – D4274 – Mesial/Distal Wedge**

*D4274 - Mesial/Distal wedge procedure, single tooth (when not performed in conjunction with surgical procedures in the same anatomical area).*

*This procedure is performed in an edentulous area adjacent to a tooth, allowing removal of a tissue wedge to gain access for debridement, to permit close flap adaptation, and reduce pocket depths.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › Benefits are allowable on a per tooth basis.
- › When periodontal pocket depths are 5mm (13/64 inch) or more.

#### **Not allowable under the following condition:**

- › When this procedure is being performed in conjunction with, and is considered incidental to, another surgical procedure.

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## **Policy PERIO-13 – D4275, D4285 – Non-autogenous Tissue Graft**

*D4275 - Non-autogenous tissue graft (including recipient site and donor material) first tooth, implant, or edentulous tooth position in graft.*

*There is only a recipient surgical site utilizing split thickness incision, retaining the overlying flap of gingiva and/or mucosa. A donor surgical site is not present.*

*D4285 - Non-autogenous connective tissue graft procedure (including recipient surgical site and donor material) – each additional contiguous tooth, implant or edentulous tooth position in same graft site.*

*Used in conjunction with D4275.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › Benefits are allowable on a per tooth basis.
- › When information submitted (periodontal charting, photographs, narrative) confirms there is rapid shrinking (or recession) of the gingiva (gums).
- › When information submitted (periodontal charting, photographs, narrative) confirms the amount of attached gingiva (gum) is less than 2mm (5/64 inch).

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When performed with any other periodontal soft tissue graft procedure at the same site and same date of service.
- › When this procedure is being performed in conjunction with, and is considered incidental to, another surgical procedure.
- › When the procedure is being performed only to improve appearance and there is no disease present.
- › When the procedure is being performed to repair damage from brushing too hard with no other signs of gum disease.
- › When the procedure is being performed to treat shrinking attached gingiva (gums) with no disease present.

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## **Policy PERIO-14 – D4276 – Combined Connective Tissue and Double Pedicle Graft**

*D4276 - Combined connective tissue and double pedicle graft, per tooth.*

*Advanced gingival recession often cannot be corrected with a single procedure. Combined tissue grafting procedures are needed to achieve the desired outcome.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › Benefits are allowable on a per tooth basis.
- › When information submitted (periodontal charting, photographs, narrative) confirms there is rapid shrinking (or recession) of the gingiva (gums).
- › When information submitted (periodontal charting, photographs, narrative) confirms the amount of attached gingiva (gum) is less than 2mm (5/64 inch).

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When performed with any other periodontal soft tissue graft procedure at the same site and same date of service.
- › When this procedure is being performed in conjunction with, and is considered incidental to, another surgical procedure.
- › When the procedure is being performed only to improve appearance and there is no disease present.
- › When the procedure is being performed to repair damage from brushing too hard with no other signs of gum disease.
- › When the procedure is being performed to treat shrinking attached gingiva (gums) with no disease present.

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## **Policy PERIO-15 – D4277, D4278 – Free Soft Tissue Graft**

*D4277 - Free soft tissue graft procedure (including recipient and donor surgical sites), first tooth, implant, or edentulous tooth position in graft.*

*D4278 - Free soft tissue graft procedure (including recipient and donor surgical sites), each additional contiguous tooth, implant, or edentulous tooth position in same graft site.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › Benefits are allowable on a per tooth basis.
- › When information submitted (periodontal charting, photographs, narrative) confirms there is rapid shrinking (or recession) of the gingiva (gums).
- › When information submitted (periodontal charting, photographs, narrative) confirms the amount of attached gingiva (gum) is less than 2mm (5/64 inch).

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When performed with any other periodontal soft tissue graft procedure at the same site and same date of service.
- › When this procedure is being performed in conjunction with, and is considered incidental to, another surgical procedure.
- › When the procedure is being performed only to improve appearance and there is no disease present.
- › When the procedure is being performed to repair damage from brushing too hard with no other signs of gum disease.
- › When the procedure is being performed to treat shrinking attached gingiva (gums) with no disease present.

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## **Policy PERIO-16 – D4341, D4342 – Periodontal Scaling and Root Planing**

*D4341 - Periodontal scaling and root planing - four or more teeth per quadrant.*

*This procedure involves instrumentation of the crown and root surfaces of the teeth to remove plaque and calculus from these surfaces. It is indicated for patients with periodontal disease and is therapeutic, not prophylactic, in nature. Root planing is the definitive procedure designed for the removal of cementum and dentin that is rough and/or permeated by calculus, or contaminated with toxins or microorganisms. Some soft tissue removal occurs. This procedure may be used as a definitive treatment in some stages of periodontal disease and/or as part of pre-surgical procedure in others.*

*D4342 - Periodontal scaling and root planing – one to three teeth per quadrant.*

*This procedure involves instrumentation of the crown and root surfaces of the teeth to remove plaque and calculus from these surfaces. It is indicated for patients with periodontal disease and is therapeutic, not prophylactic, in nature. Root planing is the definitive procedure designed for the removal of cementum and dentin that is rough and/or permeated by calculus, or contaminated with toxins or microorganisms. Some soft tissue removal occurs. This procedure may be used as a definitive treatment in some stages of periodontal disease and/or as part of pre-surgical procedure in others.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When information submitted (periodontal charting, radiographic images) confirms periodontal pocket depths are 4mm (5/32 inch) or more, as well as radiographic evidence of bone loss.
- › D4341 requires four or more teeth with periodontal pocket depths of 4 mm (5/32 inch) or more in the quadrant, as well as radiographic evidence of bone loss.
- › D4342 requires one to three teeth with periodontal pocket depths of 4 mm (5/32 inch) or more in the quadrant, as well as radiographic evidence of bone loss.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When this procedure is being performed in conjunction with, and is considered incidental to, another periodontal procedure.
- › When this procedure is performed on the same date of service as a periodontal maintenance (D4910).
- › When information submitted (periodontal charting, radiographic images) does not confirm radiographic evidence of bone loss.

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## **Policy PERIO-17 – D4346 – Scaling in the Presence of Generalized Moderate/Severe Gingival Inflammation**

*D4346 - Scaling in the presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation, full mouth, after oral evaluation.*

*The removal of plaque, calculus and stains from supra- and sub-gingival tooth surfaces when there is generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation in the absence of periodontitis. It is indicated for patients who have swollen, inflamed gingiva, generalized suprabony pockets, and moderate to severe bleeding on probing. Should not be reported in conjunction with prophylaxis, scaling and root planing, or debridement procedures.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When preceded by an oral evaluation (D0120, D0150, or D0180).
- › When generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation is present.
- › This is a full mouth procedure.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › In the presence of periodontitis and/or bone loss.
- › When submitted with certain other procedures (D1110/D1120, D4341/D4342, D4355, and/or D4910), on the same date of service or within the same calendar/policy year, plan guidelines may apply.
- › Plan frequency limitations may apply.

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## Policy PERIO-18 – D4355 – Full Mouth Debridement

*D4355 - Full mouth debridement to enable comprehensive evaluation and diagnosis on a subsequent visit.*

*Full mouth debridement involves the preliminary removal of plaque and calculus that interferes with the ability of the dentist to perform a comprehensive oral evaluation. Not to be completed on the same day as D0150, D0160, or D0180.*

### Standards and Guidelines

#### Allowable under the following conditions:

- › When clinical conditions require removal of excessive plaque and calculus in order to perform a comprehensive oral evaluation and diagnosis on a subsequent visit.
- › Procedure is allowable once per lifetime.

#### Not allowable under the following conditions:

- › When full mouth debridement (D4355) is reported on the same date of service as a D1110, D1120, D4341, D4342, D4346, and/or D4910.
- › When this procedure is being performed in conjunction with a periodontal surgical procedure.

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## **Policy PERIO-19 – D4381 – Localized Delivery of Antimicrobial Agents**

*D4381- Localized delivery of antimicrobial agents via a controlled release vehicle into diseased crevicular tissue, per tooth.*

*FDA approved subgingival delivery devices containing antimicrobial medication(s) are inserted into periodontal pockets to suppress the pathogenic microbiota. These devices slowly release the pharmacological agents so they can remain at the intended site of action in a therapeutic concentration for a sufficient length of time.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › Benefits are allowable on a per tooth basis.
- › When information submitted (periodontal charting, radiographic images) confirms periodontal pocket depths are 5mm (13/64 inch) or more.
- › When there is a history of active periodontal therapy (D4240/D4241, D4260/D4261, or D4341/D4342). History of active therapy should be, at minimum, 4 weeks prior to the reported D4381.
- › Coverage for D4381 is limited to two (2) teeth per quadrant.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When the periodontal pocket depths are less than 5 mm (13/64 inch).
- › When D4381 is performed in the absence of periodontal disease or if there is no history of active periodontal therapy (D4210/D4211, D4240/D4241, D4260/D4261, or D4341/D4342).
- › When D4381 is performed on the same date of service as a D4355, D4210/D4211, D4240/D4241, or D4260/D4261.
- › When D4381 is reported around an existing implant.
- › When D4381 is reported on more than eight (8) teeth on the same date of service.

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## Policy PERIO-20 – D4910 – Periodontal Maintenance

*D4910 - Periodontal maintenance.*

*This procedure is instituted following periodontal therapy and continues at varying intervals, determined by the clinical evaluation by the dentist, for the life of the dentition or any implant replacements. It includes removal of the bacterial plaque and calculus from supragingival and subgingival regions, site specific scaling and root planing where indicated and polishing the teeth. If new or recurring periodontal disease appears, additional diagnostic and treatment procedures must be considered.*

### Standards and Guidelines

#### Allowable under the following conditions:

- › When there is a history of active periodontal therapy (D4210/D4211, D4240/D4241, D4260/D4261, or D4341/D4342).
- › When there is history of previously allowed D4910.

#### Not allowable under the following condition:

- › When there is no history of active periodontal therapy (D4210/D4211, D4240/D4241, D4260/D4261, or D4341/D4342).
- › When there is no history of previously allowed D4910.
- › When submitted with certain other procedures (D1110, D1120, or D4346), on the same date of service or within the same calendar/policy year, plan guidelines may apply.
- › Plan frequency limitations may apply.

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# Removable Prosthetic Treatment D5000 – D5899

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## **Policy RPROS-01 – D5130, D5140 – Immediate Dentures**

*D5130 - Immediate denture, maxillary.*

*Includes limited follow-up care only; does not include required future rebasing/relining procedure(s).*

*D5140 - Immediate denture, mandibular.*

*Includes limited follow-up care only; does not include required future rebasing/relining procedure(s).*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following condition:**

- › When extraction(s) of all remaining natural teeth are completed and the prosthesis is delivered immediately on the same date of service.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When there are no extraction(s) submitted on the same date of service that the prosthesis is delivered.
- › When the specific benefit plan has certain missing tooth or frequency limitations that may apply.

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## **Policy RPROS-02 – D5810, D5811, D5820, D5821 – Interim Dentures**

*D5810 - Interim complete denture (maxillary)*

*D5811 - Interim complete denture (mandibular)*

*D5820 - Interim partial denture (maxillary)*

*D5821 - Interim partial denture (mandibular)*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following condition:**

- › When a provisional prosthesis is used over a limited period of time (for example to allow healing after an extraction(s)), after which it is to be replaced by a more definitive prosthesis.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When there are no extraction(s) in history or submitted prior to the date of service that the interim prosthesis is delivered.
- › When the specific benefit plan has certain missing tooth or frequency limitations that may apply.

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# Implant Treatment D6000 – D6199

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# Policy IMPLNT-01 – D6010, D6013 – Surgical Placement of Implants

*D6010 - Surgical placement of implant body: endosteal implant.*

*D6013 - Surgical placement of mini implant.*

## Standards and Guidelines

### Allowable under the following conditions:

- › For plans that provide coverage for surgical placement of implants and the surgical implant(s) meets plan guidelines for coverage.
- › Some considerations for surgical placement of implant coverage include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Presenting condition of the remaining dentition in the arch(es) involved should have a favorable periodontal and restorative prognosis.
  - Surgical placement of implant(s) may be considered in sites when there is/are a limited number of missing un-replaced teeth in the involved arch and when those tooth sites are in reasonable areas of function.
  - Surgical placement of implants may be considered in fully edentulous (all teeth missing in an arch) cases. Clinical rationale must be provided for consideration.
    - When allowable, surgical placement of implants in a fully edentulous arch is limited to three surgical implants per quadrant (six per arch).

### Not allowable under the following conditions:

- › For plans that do not provide coverage for surgical placement of implants.
- › When the reported surgical implant(s) does/do not meet plan guidelines for coverage.
- › When tooth replacement may be reasonably addressed by conventional prosthetic means (typically when there are 4 or more missing un-replaced teeth), surgical placement of implants may not be covered.
- › Prior prosthetic (tooth replacement) coverage decisions and/or history of current or prior prostheses in the same arch may impact coverage of surgical implants.

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## **Policy IMPLNT-02 – D6011 – Second Stage Implant Surgery**

*D6011 - Second stage implant surgery.*

*Surgical access to an implant body for placement of a healing cap or to enable placement of an abutment*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For plans that provide coverage for surgical placement of implants and the surgical implant(s) meets plan guidelines for coverage.
- › When preceded by the placement of an allowable surgical implant (D6010) on a previous date of service.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For plans that do not provide coverage for surgical placement of implants.
- › When this surgical procedure is being performed in conjunction with, and is considered incidental to, another surgical procedure.
- › When the reported surgical implant(s) does/do not meet plan guidelines for coverage.

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## **Policy IMPLNT-03 – D6055 – Connecting Bar**

*D6055 - Connecting bar, implant supported or abutment supported.*

*Utilized to stabilize and anchor a prosthesis.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For plans that provide coverage for surgical placement of implants and the surgical implant(s) meets plan guidelines for coverage.
- › When performed in conjunction with an allowable surgical implant.
- › One per arch (maxilla or mandible).

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For plans that do not provide coverage for surgical placement of implants.
- › When the reported surgical implant(s) does/do not meet plan guidelines for coverage.

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## **Policy IMPLNT-04 – D6056, D6057 – Implant Abutments**

*D6056 - Prefabricated abutment – includes modification and placement.*

*Modification of a prefabricated abutment may be necessary.*

*D6057 - Custom fabricated abutment – includes placement.*

*Created by a laboratory process, specific for an individual application.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For plans that provide coverage for surgical placement of implants and the surgical implant(s) meets plan guidelines for coverage.
- › When performed in conjunction with an allowable surgical implant.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For plans that do not provide coverage for surgical placement of implants.
- › When the reported surgical implant(s) does/do not meet plan guidelines for coverage.
- › If reported in conjunction with an implant supported (as opposed to abutment supported) crown, bridge, or prosthesis.
- › When the abutment may be considered a component of another reported abutment and/or restoration.

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## **Policy IMPLNT-05 – D6058-D6064, D6094, D6194 -**

### **Abutment Supported Crowns**

*D6058 - Abutment supported porcelain/ceramic crown.*

*A single crown restoration that is retained, supported and stabilized by an abutment on an implant.*

*D6059 - Abutment supported porcelain fused to metal crown (high noble metal).*

*A single metal-ceramic crown restoration that is retained, supported and stabilized by an abutment on an implant.*

*D6060 - Abutment supported porcelain fused to metal crown (predominantly base metal).*

*A single metal-ceramic crown restoration that is retained, supported and stabilized by an abutment on an implant.*

*D6061 - Abutment supported porcelain fused to metal crown (noble metal).*

*A single metal-ceramic crown restoration that is retained, supported and stabilized by an abutment on an implant.*

*D6062 - Abutment supported cast metal crown (high noble metal).*

*A single cast metal crown restoration that is retained, supported and stabilized by an abutment on an implant.*

*D6063 - Abutment supported cast metal crown (predominantly base metal).*

*A single cast metal crown restoration that is retained, supported and stabilized by an abutment on an implant.*

*D6064 - Abutment supported cast metal crown (noble metal).*

*A single cast metal crown restoration that is retained, supported and stabilized by an abutment on an implant.*

*D6094 – Abutment supported crown (titanium and titanium alloys).*

*A single crown restoration that is retained, supported and stabilized by an abutment on an implant.*

*D6097 - Abutment supported crown – porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys.*

*A single metal-ceramic crown restoration that is retained, supported, and stabilized by an abutment on an implant.*

*D6098 - Implant supported retainer – porcelain fused to predominantly base alloys.*

*A metal-ceramic retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support, and stability from an abutment on an implant.*

*D6099 - Implant supported retainer for FPD – porcelain fused to noble alloys.*

*A metal-ceramic retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support, and stability from an implant.*

*D6120 - Implant supported retainer – porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys.*

*A metal-ceramic retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support, and stability from an implant.*

*D6121 - Implant supported retainer for metal FPD – predominantly base alloys.*

*A metal retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support, and stability from an implant.*

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*D6122 - Implant supported retainer for metal FPD – noble alloys.*

*A metal retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support, and stability from an implant.*

*D6123 - Implant supported retainer for metal FPD – titanium and titanium alloys.*

*A metal retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support, and stability from an implant.*

*D6194 - Abutment supported retainer crown for FPD (titanium and titanium alloys).*

*A retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support and stability from an abutment on an implant.*

*D6195 - Abutment supported retainer – porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys.*

*A metal-ceramic retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support, and stability from an abutment on an implant.*

## **Standards and Guidelines**

### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For plans that provide coverage for prosthesis over implant restorations.
- › For the restoration of a single implant when there is/are a limited number of missing un-replaced teeth in the involved arch and when those tooth sites are in reasonable areas of function.
- › Replacement implant crowns and implant retainers are allowable if the existing crown is unserviceable such as broken/fractured porcelain, or open margins. A plan frequency limitation may apply.

### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For plans that do not provide coverage for prosthesis over implant restorations.
- › When the available information does not confirm a clinical need for the replacement of an implant crown.

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## **Policy IMPLNT-06 – D6065-D6067 - Implant Abutment Supported Crowns**

*D6065 - Abutment supported porcelain/ceramic crown.*

*A single crown restoration that is retained, supported and stabilized by an abutment on an implant.*

*D6066 - Abutment supported porcelain fused to high noble alloys.*

*A single metal-ceramic crown restoration that is retained, supported and stabilized by an abutment on an implant.*

*D6067 - Abutment supported porcelain fused to high noble alloys. A single metal crown restoration that is retained, supported and stabilized by an abutment on an implant.*

*D6082 - Implant supported crown – porcelain fused to predominantly base alloys.*

*A single metal-ceramic crown restoration that is retained, supported and stabilized by an implant.*

*D6083 - Implant supported crown – porcelain fused to noble alloys.*

*A single metal-ceramic crown restoration that is retained, supported and stabilized by an implant.*

*D6084 - Implant supported crown – porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys.*

*A single metal-ceramic crown restoration that is retained, supported and stabilized by an implant.*

*D6086 - Implant supported crown – predominantly base alloys.*

*A single metal crown restoration that is retained, supported and stabilized by an implant.*

*D6087 - Implant supported crown – noble alloys.*

*A single metal crown restoration that is retained, supported and stabilized by an implant.*

*D6088 - Implant supported crown – titanium and titanium alloys.*

*A single metal crown restoration that is retained, supported and stabilized by an implant.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For plans that provide coverage for prosthesis over implant restorations.
- › For the restoration of a single implant when there is/are a limited number of missing un-replaced teeth in the involved arch and when those tooth sites are in reasonable areas of function.
- › Replacement implant crowns and implant retainers are allowable if the existing crown is unserviceable such as broken/fractured porcelain, or open margins. A plan frequency limitation may apply.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For plans that do not provide coverage for prosthesis over implant restorations.
- › When the available information does not confirm a clinical need for the replacement of an implant crown.

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## **Policy IMPLNT-07 – D6068-D6074 - Abutment Supported Retainers for Fixed Partial Dentures**

*D6068 - Abutment supported retainer for porcelain/ceramic FPD.*

*A ceramic retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support and stability from an abutment on an implant.*

*D6069 - Abutment supported retainer for porcelain fused to metal FPD (high noble metal).*

*A metal-ceramic retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support and stability from an abutment on an implant.*

*D6070 - Abutment supported retainer for porcelain fused to metal FPD (predominantly base metal).*

*A metal-ceramic retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support and stability from an abutment on an implant.*

*D6071 - Abutment supported retainer for porcelain fused to metal FPD (noble metal).*

*A metal-ceramic retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support and stability from an abutment on an implant.*

*D6072 - Abutment supported retainer for cast metal FPD (high noble metal).*

*A cast metal retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support and stability from an abutment on an implant.*

*D6073 - Abutment supported retainer for cast metal FPD (predominantly base metal).*

*A cast metal retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support and stability from an abutment on an implant.*

*D6074 - Abutment supported retainer for cast metal FPD (noble metal).*

*A cast metal retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support and stability from an abutment on an implant.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For plans that provide coverage for prosthesis over implant restorations.
- › For the abutment supported retainer restoration of an implant(s) when there is/are a limited number of missing un-replaced teeth in the involved arch and when those tooth sites are in reasonable areas of function.
- › Replacement implant crowns and implant retainers are allowable if the existing crown is unserviceable such as broken/fractured porcelain, or open margins. A plan frequency limitation may apply.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For plans that do not provide coverage for prosthesis over implant restorations.
- › When the available information does not confirm a clinical need for the replacement of an implant retainer crown.

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## **Policy IMPLNT-08 – D6075-D6077 - Implant Supported Retainers for Fixed Partial Dentures**

*D6075 - Implant supported retainer for ceramic FPD.*

*A ceramic retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support and stability from an implant.*

*D6076 - Implant supported retainer for FPD - porcelain fused to high noble alloys.*

*A metal-ceramic retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support and stability from an implant.*

*D6077 - Implant supported retainer for metal FPD - high noble alloys.*

*A metal retainer for a fixed partial denture that gains retention, support and stability from an implant.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For plans that provide coverage for prosthesis over implant restorations.
- › For the implant supported retainer restoration of an implant(s) when there is/are a limited number of missing un-replaced teeth in the involved arch and when those tooth sites are in reasonable areas of function.
- › Replacement implant crowns and implant retainers are allowable if the existing crown is unserviceable such as broken/fractured porcelain, or open margins. A plan frequency limitation may apply.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For plans that do not provide coverage for prosthesis over implant restorations.
- › When the available information does not confirm a clinical need for the replacement of an implant retainer crown.

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## **Policy IMPLNT-09 – D6101 – Debridement of a Peri-implant Defect**

*D6101 - Debridement of a peri-implant defect or defects surrounding a single implant, and surface cleaning of the exposed implant surfaces, including flap entry and closure.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For plans that provide coverage for surgical placement of implants.
- › When information submitted (periodontal charting, radiographic images) confirms pocket depths between the implant and gum tissue are 4-6 mm (5/32-15/64 inch) and there is also loss of attachment (bone loss).
- › A plan frequency limitation may apply.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When this procedure is being performed in conjunction with, and is considered incidental to, another surgical procedure.
- › When there is history of D6101, D6102 and/or another periodontal procedure at the same site/quadrant, a plan frequency limitation may apply.
- › When information submitted (periodontal charting, radiographic images) does not confirm there is loss of attachment (bone loss).

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## **Policy IMPLNT-10 – D6102 – Debridement and Osseous Contouring of a Peri-implant Defect**

*D6102 - Debridement and osseous contouring of a peri-implant defect or defects surrounding a single implant and includes surface cleaning of the exposed implant surfaces, including flap entry and closure*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For plans that provide coverage for surgical placement of implants.
- › When information submitted (periodontal charting, radiographic images) confirms pocket depths between the implant and gum tissue are 4-6 mm (5/32-15/64 inch) and there is also loss of attachment (bone loss).
- › When the bone needs to be reshaped to treat bone loss or bone defects.
- › A plan frequency limitation may apply.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When this procedure is being performed in conjunction with, and is considered incidental to, another surgical procedure.
- › When there is history of D6101, D6102 and/or another periodontal procedure at the same site/quadrant, a plan frequency limitation may apply.
- › When information submitted (periodontal charting, radiographic images) does not confirm there is loss of attachment (bone loss).

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## **Policy IMPLNT-11 – D6103 – Bone Graft for Repair of Peri-implant Defect**

*D6103 - Bone graft for repair of peri-implant defect – does not include flap entry and closure. Placement of a barrier membrane or biologic materials to aid in osseous regeneration, are reported separately.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For plans that provide coverage for surgical placement of implants.
- › When pocket depths between the implant and gum tissue are 5mm (13/64 inch) or more and there is also loss of attachment (bone loss) and evidence of a vertical bony peri-implant defect.
- › A plan frequency limitation may apply.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When performed at the same site as an extraction and/or implant removal.
- › When performed during the initial surgical placement of a dental implant.
- › When performed at the same site as an apicoectomy, hemisection, root amputation, and/or periradicular surgery.
- › When performed at an edentulous site.

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## **Policy IMPLNT-12 – D6104 – Bone Graft at the Time of Implant Placement**

*D6104 - Bone graft at the time of implant placement.*

*Placement of a barrier membrane, or biologic materials to aid in osseous regeneration are reported separately.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For plans that provide coverage for surgical placement of implants and the surgical implant(s) meets plan guidelines for coverage.
- › When reported on the same date of service as a surgical placement of an implant and there is a need to repair an osseous defect or to improve osseous contouring.
- › A plan frequency limitation may apply.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When performed at the same site as an existing implant.
- › When performed at the same site as an extraction and/or implant removal with no surgical placement of an implant on the same date of service.
- › When performed at the same site as an apicoectomy, hemisection, root amputation, and/or periradicular surgery.
- › When performed at an edentulous site.
- › When the reported surgical implant(s) does/do not meet plan guidelines for coverage.

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## **Policy IMPLNT-13 – D6190 – Radiographic/Surgical Implant Index**

*D6190 - Radiographic/surgical implant index, by report.*

*An appliance, designed to relate osteotomy or fixture position to existing anatomic structures, to be utilized during radiographic exposure for treatment planning and/or during osteotomy creation for fixture installation.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following condition:**

- › For plans that provide coverage for surgical placement of implants and the surgical implant(s) meets plan guidelines for coverage.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For plans that do not provide coverage for surgical placement of implants.
- › When the reported surgical implant(s) does/do not meet plan guidelines for coverage.

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# **Fixed Prosthodontic Treatment D6200 – D6999**

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## **Policy FPROS-01 – D6205 – D6252 – Fixed Partial Denture**

### **Pontics**

*D6205 – Pontic – indirect resin based composite*

*D6210 – Pontic – cast high noble metal*

*D6211 – Pontic – cast predominantly base metal*

*D6212 – Pontic – cast noble metal*

*D6214 – Pontic – titanium and titanium alloys*

*D6240 – Pontic – porcelain fused to high noble metal*

*D6241 – Pontic – porcelain fused to cast predominantly base metal*

*D6242 – Pontic – porcelain fused to noble metal*

*D6243 – Pontic – porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloy*

*D6245 – Pontic – porcelain/ceramic*

*D6250 – Pontic – resin with high noble metal*

*D6251 – Pontic – resin with predominantly base metal*

*D6252 – Pontic – resin with noble metal*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For the replacement of one to three contiguous missing teeth in a tooth bounded space in the affected arch.
- › For the replacement of missing teeth when the supporting (retainer) teeth have a favorable long term prognosis.
- › Replacement of an existing bridge is allowable if it is unserviceable due to conditions such as open margins, recurrent decay, or restorative material failure. A plan frequency limitation may apply.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › If a supporting (retainer) tooth has a questionable periodontal, endodontic, and/or restorative prognosis.
- › When placed solely to increase vertical dimension or for cosmetic purposes.
- › When placed for the purpose of splinting.
- › When tooth replacement may be reasonably addressed by other conventional prosthetic means (typically when there are 4 or more missing un-replaced teeth in the involved arch).
- › When the available information does not confirm a clinical need for the replacement of a bridge.

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## **Policy FPROS-02 – D6545 – D6634– Fixed Partial Denture Retainer Inlays/Onlays**

*D6545 – Retainer – cast metal for resin bonded fixed prosthesis*

*D6548 – Retainer – porcelain/ceramic for resin bonded fixed prosthesis*

*D6549 – Resin retainer – for resin bonded fixed prosthesis*

*D6600 – Retainer inlay – porcelain/ceramic – two surfaces*

*D6601 – Retainer inlay – porcelain/ceramic – three or more surfaces*

*D6602 – Retainer inlay – cast high noble metal, two surfaces*

*D6603 – Retainer inlay – cast high noble metal, three or more surfaces*

*D6604 – Retainer inlay – cast predominantly base metal, two surfaces*

*D6605 – Retainer inlay – cast predominantly base metal, three or more surfaces*

*D6606 – Retainer inlay – cast noble metal, two surfaces*

*D6607 – Retainer inlay – cast noble metal, three or more surfaces*

*D6608 – Retainer onlay – porcelain/ceramic, two surfaces*

*D6609 – Retainer onlay – porcelain/ceramic, three or more surfaces*

*D6610 – Retainer onlay – cast high noble metal, two surfaces*

*D6611 – Retainer onlay – cast high noble metal, three or more surfaces*

*D6612 – Retainer onlay – cast predominantly base metal, two surfaces*

*D6613 – Retainer inlay – cast predominantly base metal, three or more surfaces*

*D6614 – Retainer onlay – cast noble metal, two surfaces*

*D6615 – Retainer onlay – cast noble metal, three or more surfaces*

*D6624 – Retainer inlay – titanium*

*D6634 – Retainer onlay – titanium*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For the replacement of one to three contiguous missing teeth in a tooth bounded space in the affected arch.
- › For the replacement of missing teeth when the supporting (retainer) teeth have a favorable long term prognosis.
- › Replacement of an existing bridge retainer is allowable if it is unserviceable due to conditions such as open margins, recurrent decay, or restorative material failure. A plan frequency limitation may apply.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › If a supporting (retainer) tooth has a questionable periodontal, endodontic, and/or restorative prognosis.
- › When placed solely to increase vertical dimension or for cosmetic purposes.
- › When placed for the purpose of splinting.

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- › When tooth replacement may be reasonably addressed by other conventional prosthetic means (typically when there are 4 or more missing un-replaced teeth in the involved arch).
- › When the available information does not confirm a clinical need for the replacement of a bridge retainer.

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## **Policy FPROS-03 – D6710 – D6794 – Fixed Partial Denture Retainer Crowns**

*D6710 – Retainer crown – indirect resin based composite*

*D6720 – Retainer crown – resin with high noble metal*

*D6721 – Retainer crown – resin with predominantly base metal*

*D6722 – Retainer crown – resin with noble metal*

*D6740 – Retainer crown – porcelain/ceramic*

*D6750 – Retainer crown – porcelain fused to high noble metal*

*D6751 – Retainer crown – porcelain fused to cast predominantly base metal*

*D6752 – Retainer crown – porcelain fused to noble metal*

*D6753 – Retainer crown – porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys*

*D6780 – Retainer crown –  $\frac{3}{4}$  cast high noble metal*

*D6781 – Retainer crown –  $\frac{3}{4}$  cast predominantly base metal*

*D6782 – Retainer crown –  $\frac{3}{4}$  cast noble metal*

*D6783 – Retainer crown –  $\frac{3}{4}$  cast porcelain/ceramic*

*D6784 – Retainer crown  $\frac{3}{4}$  – titanium and titanium alloys*

*D6790 – Retainer crown – full cast high noble metal*

*D6791 – Retainer crown – full cast predominantly base metal*

*D6792 – Retainer crown – full cast noble metal*

*D6794 – Retainer crown – titanium and titanium alloys*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For the replacement of one to three contiguous missing teeth in a tooth bounded space in the affected arch.
- › For the replacement of missing teeth when the supporting (retainer) teeth have a favorable long term prognosis.
- › Replacement of an existing bridge retainer is allowable if it is unserviceable due to conditions such as open margins, recurrent decay, or restorative material failure. A plan frequency limitation may apply.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › If a supporting (retainer) tooth has a questionable periodontal, endodontic, and/or restorative prognosis.
- › When placed solely to increase vertical dimension or for cosmetic purposes.
- › When placed for the purpose of splinting.
- › When tooth replacement may be reasonably addressed by other conventional prosthetic means (typically when there are 4 or more missing un-replaced teeth in the involved arch).
- › When the available information does not confirm a clinical need for the replacement of a bridge retainer.

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# **Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery D7000 – D7999**

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## **Policy OS-01 – D7220-D7251 – Extraction of Impacted Tooth**

*D7220 – Removal of impacted tooth - soft tissue.*

*Occlusal surface of tooth covered by soft tissue; requires mucoperiosteal flap elevation.*

*D7230 – Removal of impacted tooth, partially bony.*

*Part of crown covered by bone; requires mucoperiosteal flap elevation and bone removal.*

*D7240 – Removal of impacted tooth, completely bony.*

*Most or all of the crown is covered by bone; requires mucoperiosteal flap elevation and bone removal.*

*D7241 – Removal of impacted tooth, completely bony with unusual surgical complications.*

*Most or all of crown covered by bone; unusually difficult or complicated due to factors such as nerve dissection required, separate closure of maxillary sinus required or aberrant tooth position.*

*D7251 – Coronectomy - intentional partial tooth removal.*

*Intentional partial tooth removal is performed when a neurovascular complication is likely if the entire impacted tooth is removed.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following condition:**

- › When the submitted documentation supports the clinical and/or pathologic need for removal of an impacted tooth/teeth.

#### **Not allowable under the following condition:**

- › When the submitted documentation does not support the clinical and/or pathologic need for removal of an impacted tooth/teeth.

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## **Policy OS-02 – D7285, D7286 – Incisional Biopsy of Oral Tissue**

*D7285 - Incisional biopsy of oral tissue, hard (bone, tooth).*

*For partial removal of specimen only. This procedure involves biopsy of osseous lesions and is not used for apicoectomy/periradicular surgery. This procedure does not entail an excision.*

*D7286 - Incisional biopsy of oral tissues, soft.*

*For partial removal of an architecturally intact specimen only. This procedure is not used at the same time as codes for apicoectomy/periradicular curettage. This procedure does not entail an excision.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following condition:**

- › When the diagnosis and result of biopsy indicate the tissue is tooth or gingiva (gum) related.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When done for a medical reason or related to structures other than tooth or gingiva (gum).
- › When performed at the same site as, and considered by the plan to be incidental to, an apicoectomy, hemisection, root amputation, extraction, periradicular surgery, and/or another surgical procedure.

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## **Policy OS-03 – D7410, D7411 – Excision of Benign Lesion**

*D7410 - Excision of benign lesion up to 1.25cm (31/64 inch)*

*D7411 - Excision of benign lesion greater than 1.25cm (31/64 inch)*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When the narrative and result of biopsy indicate the excised (removed) lesion is:
  - tooth or gingiva (gum) related,
  - benign (not malignant), and
  - up to 1.25cm (31/64 inch) in size for D7410 and larger than 1.25cm (31/64 inch) in size for D7411.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When done for a medical reason or related to structures other than tooth or gingiva (gum).
- › When the result of biopsy indicate the excised (removed) lesion is malignant (not benign).
- › When performed at the same site as, and considered by the plan to be incidental to, an apicoectomy, hemisection, root amputation, extraction, periradicular surgery, and/or another surgical procedure.

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## **Policy OS-04 – D7450, D7451 – Removal of Benign Cyst or Tumor**

*D7450 - Removal of odontogenic cyst or tumor, lesion diameter up to 1.25cm (31/64 inch).*

*D7541 - Removal of benign odontogenic cyst or tumor - lesion diameter greater than 1.25cm (31/64 inch).*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When the narrative and result of biopsy indicate the excised (removed) lesion is:
  - Tooth related (odontogenic),
  - benign (not malignant), and
  - up to 1.25cm (31/64 inch) in size for D7450 and larger than 1.25cm (31/64 inch) in size for D7451.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When done for a medical reason or related to structures other than tooth.
- › When the result of biopsy indicate the excised (removed) lesion is malignant (not benign).
- › When performed at the same site as, and considered by the plan to be incidental to, an apicoectomy, hemisection, root amputation, extraction, periradicular surgery, and/or another surgical procedure.

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## Policy OS-05 – D7950 – Osseous, Osteoperiosteal, Periosteal, or Cartilage Graft

*D7950 - Osseous, osteoperiosteal, periosteal, or cartilage graft of the mandible or maxilla - autogenous or non-autogenous, by report.*

*This procedure is for ridge augmentation or reconstruction to increase height, width and/or volume of the residual alveolar ridge. It includes obtaining graft material. Placement of a barrier membrane, if used, should be reported separately.*

### Standards and Guidelines

#### Allowable under the following conditions:

- › When submitted with documentation of denial by the medical plan carrier and:
  - is needed to augment the ridge where the buccal plate is lost during an extraction, or
  - is needed to augment the ridge to allow for placement of a removable prosthesis, or
  - is needed to augment the ridge to allow for the surgical placement of dental implant(s) and the plan provides coverage for surgical placement of implants **and** the surgical implant(s) meets plan guidelines for coverage.

#### Not allowable under the following conditions:

- › When the service has not first been submitted to the medical plan carrier for coverage consideration.
- › When service is being performed to augment the ridge to allow for the surgical placement of dental implant(s) and the plan does not provide coverage for surgical placement of implants **or** the surgical implant(s) does not meet plan guidelines for coverage.

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## Policy OS-06 – D7951, D7952 – Sinus Augmentation

*D7951 - Sinus augmentation with bone or bone substitutes via a lateral open approach.*

*The augmentation of the sinus cavity to increase alveolar height for reconstruction of edentulous portions of the maxilla. This procedure is performed via a lateral open approach. This includes obtaining the bone or bone substitutes. Placement of a barrier membrane if used should be reported separately.*

*D7952 - Sinus augmentation via a vertical approach.*

*The augmentation of the sinus to increase alveolar height by vertical access through the ridge crest by raising the floor of the sinus and grafting as necessary. This includes obtaining the bone or bone substitutes.*

### Standards and Guidelines

#### Allowable under the following conditions:

- › When submitted with documentation of denial by the medical plan carrier and:
  - is needed to augment the ridge where the buccal plate is lost during an extraction, or
  - is needed to augment the ridge to allow for placement of a removable prosthesis, or
  - is needed to augment the ridge to allow for the surgical placement of dental implant(s) and the plan provides coverage for surgical placement of implants **and** the surgical implant(s) meets plan guidelines for coverage.

#### Not allowable under the following conditions:

- › When the service has not first been submitted to the medical plan carrier for coverage consideration.
- › When service is being performed to augment the ridge to allow for the surgical placement of dental implant(s) and the plan does not provide coverage for surgical placement of implants **or** the surgical implant(s) does not meet plan guidelines for coverage.

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## **Policy OS-07 – D7953– Bone Replacement Graft**

*D7953 - Bone replacement graft for ridge preservation, per site.*

*Graft is placed in an extraction or implant removal site at the time of the extraction or removal to preserve ridge integrity (e.g. clinically indicated in preparation for implant reconstruction or where alveolar contour is critical to planned prosthetic reconstruction).*

*Does not include obtaining graft material. Membrane, if used should be reported separately.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › For plans that provide coverage for surgical placement of implants and:
  - When reported on the same date of service and same site as an extraction or removal of an implant and,
  - When the intended surgical implant(s) meets plan guidelines for coverage and,
  - When there is a need to repair an osseous defect or to improve osseous contouring in order to ensure a successful implant placement.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When performed at a site of an intended surgical dental implant(s) that does not meet plan guidelines for coverage.
- › When performed at the same site as an apicoectomy, hemisection, root amputation, and/or periradicular surgery.
- › When performed at an edentulous site.

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## **Policy OS-08 – D7960, D7963– Frenulectomy**

*D7960 - Frenulectomy, also known as (frenectomy or frenotomy), separate procedure not incidental to another procedure.*

*Removal or release of mucosal and muscle elements of a buccal, labial or lingual frenum that is associated with a pathological condition, or interferes with proper oral development or treatment.*

*D7963 – Frenuloplasty.*

*Excision of frenum with accompanying excision or repositioning of aberrant muscle and z-plasty or other local flap closure.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When the frenum is pulling on the gums and causing gum recession or other complications.
- › When a gap caused by a frenum between two front teeth needs to be closed.
- › When this procedure is needed to facilitate proper fitting of a denture.

#### **Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When used to treat Ankyloglossia (tongue-tied) or lip related conditions.
- › When this procedure is being performed in conjunction with, and is considered incidental to, another surgical procedure.

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## **Policy OS-09 – D7970–** Excision of Hyperplastic Tissue

*D7970 - Excision of hyperplastic tissue, per arch.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following condition:**

- › When the procedure is needed to facilitate proper fitting of a denture.

#### **Not allowable under the following condition:**

- › When this procedure is being performed in conjunction with, and is considered incidental to, another surgical procedure.

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## **Policy OS-10 – D7971–** Excision of Pericoronal Gingiva

*D7971 - Excision of pericoronal gingiva.*

*Removal of inflammatory or hypertrophied tissues surrounding partially erupted/impacted teeth.*

### **Standards and Guidelines**

#### **Allowable under the following condition:**

- › When the gum tissue over an erupting tooth (most commonly wisdom teeth) has become inflamed.

#### **Not allowable under the following condition:**

- › When this procedure is being performed in conjunction with, and is considered incidental to, another surgical procedure.

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# **Adjunctive General Treatment D9000 – D9999**

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## Policy ADJ-01– D9222, D9223 – Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia

*D9222 - Deep Sedation/General anesthesia, first 15 minutes.*

*Anesthesia time begins when the doctor administering the anesthetic agent initiates the appropriate anesthesia and non-invasive monitoring protocol and remains in continuous attendance of the patient. Anesthesia services are considered completed when the patient may be safely left under the observation of trained personnel and the doctor may safely leave the room to attend to other patients or duties. The level of anesthesia is determined by the anesthesia provider's documentation of the anesthetic's effects upon the central nervous system and not dependent upon the route of administration.*

*D9223 - Deep Sedation/General anesthesia - each subsequent 15 minute increment*

### Standards and Guidelines

#### Allowable under the following conditions:

- › Only when performed in conjunction with a covered service(s) that is/are determined to be allowable according to dental plan guidelines. In addition, only allowable when one or more of the following plan criteria is/are met:
  - Confirmed toxicity or allergy to local anesthesia. Documentation from medical physician or allergist is required.
  - Presence of acute infection at the site of injection for local anesthesia.
  - Severe physical disability, cognitive impairment, or developmental disability. Does not include Attention Deficit Disorder. Documentation from medical physician is required.
  - Alzheimer's disease including other forms of dementia.
  - Spastic muscle disorders (including Epilepsy, Cerebral Palsy, and Parkinson's).
  - Cardiac problems, including hypertension. Documentation from medical physician is required.
  - Uncontrolled Diabetes. Documentation from medical physician is required.
  - Renal Failure. Documentation from medical physician is required.
  - Patient is age three (3) or younger.
  - Removal of two (2) or more impacted third molar teeth.
  - Removal or surgical exposure of one (1) or more impacted canine teeth.
  - Surgical removal of two (2) or more teeth, involving more than one quadrant.
  - Removal of six (6) or more teeth.
  - Full arch alveoloplasty.
  - Periodontal flap surgery involving more than one quadrant.
  - Radical excision of tooth related lesion of greater than 1.25 cm in diameter (31/64 inch).
  - Radical resection or ostectomy, tooth related, with or without grafting.

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- Surgical placement or removal of two (2) or more dental implants.
  - Tooth transplantation or removal from maxillary sinus.
  - Extraction with unusual difficulty or complications. Clinical narrative and radiographs required.
  - Removal of exostosis involving two (2) areas.
  - Removal of torus mandibularis involving two (2) areas.
- › Plan guidelines may limit the number of time units of deep sedation/general anesthesia that are allowable for a specific date of service and/or episode of care.

**Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When performed in conjunction with a non-covered service(s).
- › When performed in conjunction with a covered service(s) that is/are determined to be not allowable according to dental plan guidelines.
- › When none of the plan criteria listed above are met.
- › When the deep sedation/general anesthesia is used only for controlling anxiety of the patient.
- › When the deep sedation/general anesthesia is used only for the convenience of the patient or the provider of care.

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## Policy ADJ-02– D9239, D9243 – IV Sedation

*D9239 - Intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia, first 15 minutes.*

*Anesthesia time begins when the doctor administering the anesthetic agent initiates the appropriate anesthesia and non-invasive monitoring protocol and remains in continuous attendance of the patient. Anesthesia services are considered completed when the patient may be safely left under the observation of trained personnel and the doctor may safely leave the room to attend to other patients or duties. The level of anesthesia is determined by the anesthesia provider's documentation of the anesthetic's effects upon the central nervous system and not dependent upon the route of administration.*

*D9243 - Intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia - each subsequent 15 minute increment.*

### Standards and Guidelines

#### Allowable under the following conditions:

- › Only when performed in conjunction with a covered service(s) that is/are determined to be allowable according to dental plan guidelines. In addition, only allowable when one or more of the following plan criteria is/are met:
  - Confirmed toxicity or allergy to local anesthesia. Documentation from medical physician or allergist is required.
  - Presence of acute infection at the site of injection for local anesthesia.
  - Severe physical disability, cognitive impairment, or developmental disability. Does not include Attention Deficit Disorder. Documentation from medical physician is required.
  - Alzheimer's disease including other forms of dementia.
  - Spastic muscle disorders (including Epilepsy, Cerebral Palsy, and Parkinson's).
  - Cardiac problems, including hypertension. Documentation from medical physician is required.
  - Uncontrolled Diabetes. Documentation from medical physician is required.
  - Renal Failure. Documentation from medical physician is required.
  - Patient is age three (3) or younger.
  - Removal of two (2) or more impacted third molar teeth.
  - Removal or surgical exposure of one (1) or more impacted canine teeth.
  - Surgical removal of two (2) or more teeth, involving more than one quadrant.
  - Removal of six (6) or more teeth.
  - Full arch alveoloplasty.
  - Periodontal flap surgery involving more than one quadrant.
  - Radical excision of tooth related lesion of greater than 1.25 cm in diameter (31/64 inch).
  - Radical resection or ostectomy, tooth related, with or without grafting.
  - Surgical placement or removal of two (2) or more dental implants.

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- Tooth transplantation or removal from maxillary sinus.
  - Extraction with unusual difficulty or complications. Clinical narrative and radiographs required.
  - Removal of exostosis involving two (2) areas.
  - Removal of torus mandibularis involving two (2) areas.
- › Plan guidelines may limit the number of time units of IV sedation that are allowable for a specific date of service and/or episode of care.

**Not allowable under the following conditions:**

- › When performed in conjunction with a non-covered service(s).
- › When performed in conjunction with a covered service(s) that is/are determined to be not allowable according to dental plan guidelines.
- › When none of the plan criteria listed above are met.
- › When the IV sedation is used only for controlling anxiety of the patient.
- › When the IV sedation is used only for the convenience of the patient or the provider of care.

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## Policy ADJ-03 – D9950 – Occlusion Analysis

*D9950 - Occlusion analysis mounted case.*

*Includes, but is not limited to, facebow, interocclusal records tracings, and diagnostic wax-up; for diagnostic casts (D0470)*

### Standards and Guidelines

#### Allowable under the following conditions:

- › When performed in conjunction with full mouth periodontal therapy involving all quadrants.
- › When performed in conjunction with full mouth restorative treatment.

#### Not allowable under the following conditions:

- › When billed separately in conjunction with orthodontic records.
- › When performed in conjunction with orthognathic surgery.
- › When performed in conjunction with altering vertical dimension or treatment of TMJ.
- › When performed in conjunction with trauma (accidental injury) unless accidents are specifically covered under a dental plan.
- › When reported as a separate service performed in conjunction with restorative services involving less than the full mouth.
- › When reported with a service typically covered by a medical plan.

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## Policy ADJ-04 – D9951 – Limited Occlusal Adjustment

*D9951 - Occlusal adjustment, limited.*

*May also be known as equilibration; reshaping the occlusal surfaces of teeth to create harmonious contact relationships between the upper and lower teeth. Presently includes discing, odontoplasty, and enamelplasty. Typically reported on a "per visit" basis. This should not be reported when the procedure only involves bite adjustment in the routine post-delivery care for a direct/indirect restoration or fixed/removable prosthodontics.*

### Standards and Guidelines

#### Allowable under the following conditions:

- › When the service is performed as a conservative measure to reshape the biting surfaces of the teeth to promote proper alignment and function between the upper and lower teeth.
- › As a per visit service, once per date of service.

#### Not allowable under the following condition:

- › When reported in conjunction with restorative, endodontic, removable prosthetics, and/or fixed prosthetics procedures.

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## Policy ADJ-05 – D9952 – Complete Occlusal Adjustment

*D9952 - Occlusal adjustment, complete.*

*Occlusal adjustment may require several appointments of varying length, and sedation may be necessary to attain adequate relaxation of the musculature. Study casts mounted on an articulating instrument may be utilized for analysis of occlusal disharmony. It is designed to achieve functional relationships and masticatory efficiency in conjunction with restorative treatment, orthodontics, orthognathic surgery, or jaw trauma when indicated. Occlusal adjustment enhances the healing potential of tissues affected by the lesions of occlusal trauma.*

### Standards and Guidelines

#### Allowable under the following conditions:

- › When performed in conjunction with full mouth periodontal therapy involving all quadrants.
- › When performed in conjunction with comprehensive orthodontics.
- › When performed in conjunction with full mouth restorative treatment.

#### Not allowable under the following conditions:

- › When performed in conjunction with orthognathic surgery.
- › When performed in conjunction with altering vertical dimension or treatment of TMJ.
- › When performed in conjunction with trauma (accidental injury) unless accidents are specifically covered under a dental plan.
- › When reported as a separate service performed in conjunction with restorative services involving less than the full mouth.

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