



310-D1¹ DENTAL SERVICES FOR MEMBERS 21 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

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DESCRIPTION

As described in this Policy, AHCCCS covers medical and surgical services furnished by a dentist only to the extent that such services:

1. May be performed under State law by either a physician or by a dentist and
2. The services would be considered physician services if furnished by a physician.

Subject to the terms of this Policy, AHCCCS also covers limited dental services as a prerequisite to AHCCCS covered transplantation and when they are in preparation for radiation treatment for certain cancers.

Dental services for members younger than age 21, including preventive and therapeutic dental services, are discussed in AMPM Chapter 400 of this Manual³.

AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE

Services furnished by dentists which are covered for members 21 years of age and older must be related to the treatment of a medical condition such as acute pain (excluding Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction (TMJ) pain), infection, or fracture of the jaw. Covered services include a limited problem focused examination of the oral cavity, required radiographs, complex oral surgical procedures such as treatment of maxillofacial fractures, administration of an appropriate anesthesia and the prescription of pain medication and antibiotics. Diagnosis and treatment of TMJ is not covered except for reduction of trauma.

EXCEPTION FOR TRANSPLANT CASES

For members who require medically necessary dental services as a pre-requisite to AHCCCS covered organ or tissue transplantation, covered dental services are limited to

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² Effective date of the changes

³ Not needed.



the elimination of oral infections and the treatment of oral disease, which include dental cleanings, treatment of periodontal disease, medically necessary extractions and the provision of simple restorations. For purposes of this Policy, a simple restoration means silver amalgam and/or composite resin fillings, stainless steel crowns or preformed crowns. AHCCCS covers these services only after a transplant evaluation determines that the member is an appropriate candidate for organ or tissue transplantation.

EXCEPTION FOR CANCER CASES

Prophylactic extraction of teeth in preparation for radiation treatment of cancer of the jaw, neck or head is covered.

LIMITATIONS

Except for limited dental services covered for pre-transplant candidates and for members with cancer of the jaw, neck or head described above, covered services furnished by dentists to members 21 years of age and older do not include services that physicians are not generally competent to perform. These services include, but are not limited to, dental cleanings, routine dental examinations, dental restorations including crowns and fillings, extractions, pulpotomies, root canals, and the construction or delivery of complete or partial dentures. Diagnosis and treatment of TMJ is not covered except for reduction of trauma.