NON-SURGICAL EXTRACTIONS

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COVERAGE RATIONALE

Non-Surgical Extractions

Non-surgical Extractions are indicated for the following:

- For non-restorable teeth
- For teeth with a poor prognosis
- Supernumerary teeth
- Crowding/nonfunctional teeth
- Orthodontic considerations
- For primary teeth that are interfering with the eruption of permanent teeth
- Interference with prosthodontic needs

Coverage Limitations

- Limited to one Extraction per tooth, per lifetime

Exclusions

- Dental Services that are not Necessary
- Any Dental Procedure not directly associated with dental disease
- Any Dental Procedure performed solely for cosmetic/aesthetic reasons (cosmetic procedures are those procedures that improve physical appearance)

DEFINITIONS

Extraction: The process or act of removing a tooth or tooth parts. (ADA)

Necessary: Dental Care Services and supplies which are determined through case-by-case assessments of care based on accepted dental practices to be appropriate; and

- Needed to meet basic dental needs; and
- Rendered in the most cost-efficient manner and type of setting appropriate for the delivery of the dental care service; and
- Consistent in type, frequency and duration of treatment with scientifically based guidelines of national clinical, research, or health care coverage organizations or governmental agencies that are accepted by us; and
- Consistent with the diagnosis of the condition; and
- Required for reasons other than the convenience of the member, or dental provider; and
- Demonstrated through prevailing peer-reviewed dental literature to be either:
  - Safe and effective for treating or diagnosing the condition or sickness for which its use is proposed; or
  - Safe with promising efficacy:
    - For treating a life threatening dental disease or condition; and
    - In a clinically controlled research setting; and
    - Using a specific research protocol that meets standards equivalent to those defined by the National Institutes of Health

Related Dental Policies

- Surgical Extraction of Erupted Teeth and Retained Roots
- Surgical Extraction of Impacted Teeth
APPLICABLE CODES

The following list(s) of procedure and/or diagnosis codes is provided for reference purposes only and may not be all inclusive. Listing of a code in this guideline does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by the member specific benefit plan document and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Clinical Policies and Coverage Guidelines may apply.

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<td>D7111</td>
<td>Extraction, coronal remnants – primary tooth</td>
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<td>D7140</td>
<td>Extraction, erupted tooth or exposed root (elevation and/or forceps removal)</td>
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DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

Non-surgical extractions are performed for erupted teeth. Instruments are used to separate the periodontium from the tooth to remove it from its position in the jaw. This procedure includes routine removal of tooth structure, minor smoothing of the socket, and sutures if indicated.

REFERENCES

American Dental Association (ADA) CDT Codebook 2019.
American Dental Association (ADA). Glossary of Dental Clinical and Administration Terms.

GUIDELINE HISTORY/REVISION INFORMATION

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| 06/01/2019 | • Revised coverage rationale:  
|            |   o Simplified content  
|            |   o Added list of applicable coverage exclusions to reflect/include:  
|            |     ▪ Dental Services that are not Necessary  
|            |     ▪ Any Dental Procedure not directly associated with dental disease  
|            |     ▪ Any Dental Procedure performed solely for cosmetic/aesthetic reasons (cosmetic procedures are those procedures that improve physical appearance)  
|            |   • Added definition of "Necessary"  
|            |   • Updated supporting information to reflect the most current references  
|            |   • Archived previous policy version DCG022.04 |

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

This Dental Coverage Guideline provides assistance in interpreting UnitedHealthcare standard dental benefit plans. When deciding coverage, the member specific benefit plan document must be referenced as the terms of the member specific benefit plan may differ from the standard dental plan. In the event of a conflict, the member specific benefit plan document governs. Before using this guideline, please check the member specific benefit plan document and any applicable federal or state mandates. UnitedHealthcare reserves the right to modify its Policies and Guidelines as necessary. This Dental Coverage Guideline is provided for informational purposes. It does not constitute medical advice.