Oral Surgery

Policy

Harvard Pilgrim reimburses contracted providers for the provision of contracted oral surgery services.

Policy Definition

Oral Surgery is the specialty of dentistry that is concerned with the diagnosis, surgical and adjunctive treatment of diseases, injuries and deformities of the oral and maxillofacial region.

Prerequisite(s)

Applicable Harvard Pilgrim referral, notification and authorization policies and procedures apply. (Refer to *Referral, Notification and Authorization* for more information.)

HMO/POS/PPO

- Referral required for specialist services for HMO and in-network POS members, except for tooth extraction or removal of impactions in an office setting.

Connecticut Open Access HMO

For the *Connecticut Open Access HMO* product, no referral is required to see a contracted specialist.

- Authorization required for some dental procedures, including odontectomy, oral surgery in a surgical day care setting, and TMJ surgery. (Refer to *Dental and Oral Surgery Authorization* for specific requirements.)

Harvard Pilgrim Reimburses[1]

HMO/POS/PPO

- Office examinations for covered services
- TMD/TMJ initial consultation only (one consultation per lifetime, including exam and panoramic x-ray) by an oral surgeon to evaluate symptoms
- Surgery for the treatment of TMD/TMJ
- Orthognathic surgery for the correction of handicapping functional malocclusion, including post-operative follow-up visits
- Orthodontic treatment of cleft palate
- Removal of benign or malignant tumors or cysts of the mouth
- Surgical treatment of jaw injury or disease
- Biopsy of mouth or jaw oral lesions
- Incision and drainage of significant odontogenic infection, including antibiotic management (if member has drug benefit)
- Alveoplasty, only to prepare the mouth for prostheses
- More than one oral surgery procedure performed during the same session, subject to the multiple surgery discount
- An assistant surgeon for those procedures included on the CMS-approved assistant surgeon list
- Treatment of cleft palate and cleft lip in compliance with the MA state mandate
- Extractions
  - Removal of impacted teeth fully or partially impacted in bone including pre- and post-operative care, x-rays and anesthesia (when the member's group has selected the coverage)
  - Removal of non-impacted teeth for members at significant risk because of medical conditions (e.g., immunodeficiency due to AIDS, suppressant drugs for organ transplant, due to chemotherapy or osteoradionecrosis due to neck and head radiation treatment)
- Periodontal surgery required for treatment of drug-induced hyperplasia only

Harvard Pilgrim Does *Not* Reimburse

HMO/POS/PPO

- Alveoloplasty, except to prep the mouth for prostheses

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- Charges for restorative dental care or non-covered oral surgery when anesthesia and/or hospital care is authorized for members with special needs
- Dental prostheses designed to replace teeth lost through infection, disease, decay or the treatment of these conditions
- Endodontic care (root canals)
- Extraction of teeth to prepare for, or support, orthodontic, prosthodontic or periodontal procedures
- Extraction of non-impacted teeth, except for members at significant risk because of medical conditions
- Oral surgical or dental services associated with the removal of teeth for the treatment of baby bottle syndrome
- Hospital or other ancillary costs associated with non-covered services
- Oral surgery services, other than described above
- Periodontal care (treatment of gums and/or gum diseases), except as described above
- Palatal restoration with implants (Pillar Palatal Implant System)
- Prosthodontic services or devices including bridges, dentures, crowns, etc.
- Repair of dentures, crowns, bridges or other dental appliances damaged as a result of accidental injury
- Replacement of teeth lost during intubation
- Restorative treatment including fillings, bonding, caps and/or amalgam
- The work-up necessary to develop the surgical treatment plan for orthognathic surgery when billed with a non-covered diagnosis (Refer to "Provider Billing Guidelines and Documentation" for non covered conditions.)

Member Cost-Sharing

Services subject to applicable member out-of-pocket cost (e.g., co-payment, coinsurance, deductible).

Provider Billing Guidelines and Documentation

Coding[2]

Code	Description	Comments
20605	Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/or injection; intermediate joint or bursa (eg, temporomandibular, acromioclavicular, wrist, elbow or ankle, olecranon bursa) without ultrasound guidance	
20606	Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/or injection; intermediate joint or bursa (eg, temporomandibular, acromioclavicular, wrist, elbow or ankle, olecranon bursa) with ultrasound guidance, with permanent recording and reporting	
21010	Arthrotomy, temporomandibular joint	
21060	Meniscectomy, partial or complete, temporomandibular joint (separate procedure)	
21073	Manipulation of temporomandibular joint(s) (TMJ), therapeutic, requiring an anesthesia service (ie, general or monitored anesthesia care)	Not reimbursed
21240	Arthroplasty, temporomandibular joint, with or without autograft (includes obtaining graft)	
21242	Arthroplasty, temporomandibular joint, with allograft	
21243	Arthroplasty, temporomandibular joint, with prosthetic joint replacement	
21480	Closed treatment of temporomandibular dislocation; initial or subsequent	
29800	Arthroscopy, temporomandibular joint, diagnostic, with or without synovial biopsy (separate procedure)	Not reimbursed
29804	Arthroscopy, temporomandibular joint, surgical	
29999	Unlisted procedure, arthroscopy	
42299	Unlisted procedure, palate, uvula	When used to bill for palatal restoration with implants, not a reimbursed service

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Code	Description	Comments
70355, 70350 or D0340	The work-up necessary to develop the surgical treatment plan for orthognathic surgery	Denies, not a covered benefit, when billed with the following diagnoses: 524–524.04, 524.06, 524.1–524.2, 524.4, 524.5, 524.7–524.71, 524.73–524.9
D7230	Removal of impacted tooth, partially bony	Bill total # of teeth removed on one line with a count
D7240	Removal of impacted tooth, completely bony	
D8060	Interceptive orthodontic treatment of the transitional dentation	Reimbursed only with the following diagnosis codes in the primary position: 749.00–749.04, 749.20 – 749.25
D8070	Comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the transitional dentition	
D8080	Comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the adolescent dentition	
D9220	Anesthesia, first 30 minutes	
D9221	Deep sedation/general anesthesia, each additional 15-minute period after the first 30 minutes	Bill each additional unit for anesthesia on one line with a count for the total amount of time.

Modifiers

Use the following modifiers when applicable:

Modifier	Description	Comments
50	Bilateral surgery modifier	Refer to the Bilateral Services and CPT Modifier 50 Payment Policy for billing directives.
52	Reduced service modifier	Use with the CPT code representing the surgery or surgeries performed
53	Discontinued procedure modifier	
80, 81, 82, AS	Assistant surgeon modifiers; non-physician practitioner assistant at surgery modifier	Use with the CPT code representing the surgery or surgeries performed; place the appropriate assistant surgeon modifier in the first modifier field
62	Co-surgery	Use with the CPT code representing the surgery or surgeries performed
66	Team surgery	Use with the CPT code representing the surgery or surgeries performed; attach operative notes

Cleft Palate Treatment

Harvard Pilgrim reimburses cleft palate procedures in compliance with the MA state mandates up to the age of 18 when one of the following diagnoses are submitted in the primary position: 520.0, 520.1, 520.3, 520.6, 521.6, 749.00 – 749.04, 749.10 – 749.14, 749.20 – 749.25, 750.25, and V51.8.

Other Information

- Use CPT codes when available or, in the absence of CPT codes, use the most current version of CDT codes
- Bill the same procedure performed multiple times at the same session on one line with a count
- The global surgical period is determined using the CMS designation and guidelines

Related Policies

- Authorization Policy
- Bilateral Services and CPT Modifier 50 Payment Policy
- Cosmetic and Reconstructive Surgery Payment Policy
- Dental Care Payment Policy
- Dental and Oral Surgery Authorization
- Evaluation and Management Payment Policy
- Non-Covered Services Policy
- Surgery Payment Policy

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[1]This policy applies to the products of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and its affiliates—Harvard Pilgrim Health Care of Connecticut, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care of New England, and HPHC Insurance Company—for services performed by contracted providers. Payment is based on member benefits and eligibility, medical necessity review, where applicable, and provider contractual agreement. Payment for covered services rendered by contracted providers will be reimbursed at the lesser of charges or the contracted rate. (Does not apply to inpatient per diem, DRG, or case rates.) HPHC reserves the right to amend a payment policy at its discretion. CPT and HCPCS codes are updated annually. Always use the most recent CPT and HCPCS coding guidelines.

[2]The table may not include all provider claim codes related to oral surgery.