

Benefit Coverage:

Covered Benefit for lines of business including:
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Excluded from Coverage:
Extended Family Planning (EFP), Health Benefits Exchange (HBE), Rite Care (MED), Children with Special Needs (CSN), Substitute Care (SUB), Rhody Health Partners (RHP), Rhody Health Expansion (RHE)

Description:

This inpatient and physician service is covered despite the “Dental Services Exclusion” in Chapter 16 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual. Coverage is appropriate for an oral or dental examination performed on an inpatient basis as a part of a comprehensive workup prior to renal transplant. This is because the purpose of the examination is for the identification, prior to a complex surgical procedure, of existing medical problems where the increased possibility of infection would not only reduce the chances for a successful surgery but would also expose the patient to additional risks in undergoing such surgery.

Coverage Determination:

Coverage is appropriate for an oral or dental examination performed on an inpatient basis as a part of a comprehensive workup prior to renal transplant. Such a dental or oral examination would be covered if:

- performed by a dentist on the hospital staff
- performed by a physician.
- performed as an inpatient.

Exclusions:

Dental Exams are considered not covered for any indications not mentioned in the above criteria

Authorization Forms

Please access Prior Authorization forms by visiting Neighborhood’s website at www.nhpri.org

1. Go to the section for Providers
2. Click on “Resources & FAQ’s”
3. Click on “Medical Management Request Forms”- forms are listed alphabetically by program.

[Prior Authorization Forms](#)

For assistance with prior authorizations please contact Clinical Administrative Support at 401-459-6060.

Fax authorization forms to 401-459-6023.

Covered Codes: For information on Coding please reference the [Authorization Quick Reference Guide](#)

CMP Cross References:

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References:

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. (01/01/1979). *National Coverage Determination (NCD) for DENTAL EXAMINATION Prior to Kidney Transplantation (260.6)*. [National Coverage Determination for Dental Examination Prior to Kidney Transplantation \(260.6\)](#)