

Coverage of Orthodontic Examination

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1. Abstract

1.1 For Members

An orthodontic examination is a comprehensive evaluation conducted to determine if there is a need to correct the alignment of the teeth and jaw structure. This examination is typically performed by an Orthodontist and aims to understand the individual's oral structure, diagnose potential problems, and recommend appropriate treatment options.

1.2 For Medical Professionals

Orthodontic diagnosis deals with the recognition of what is identified as malocclusion. It involves the collection of patient data in a systemic manner to help in identify the nature and cause of the problem.

Successful orthodontic treatment begins with the correct diagnosis. Diagnosis includes patient interview, examination and the collection of appropriate records. At the end of this process, the orthodontist should have a comprehensive database for each patient. From this database, a problem list is created which is converted into treatment objectives. The appropriate treatment plan can then be formulated based on the treatment objectives.

2. Scope

This adjudication rule outlines the criteria's applicable to Orthodontic Examination services provided by healthcare facilities in Abu Dhabi under health insurance plans administered by Daman.

3. Adjudication Policy

3.1 Eligibility / Coverage Criteria

1. Coverage for Orthodontic General Examination (USCLS 01901) and Specific Examination code (USCLS 01902) is limited to members who have Orthodontic Plan Benefit as per SOB.
2. The Orthodontic General Examination code (USCLS 01901) requires pre-authorization for all plans including Thiqa and Enhanced and can be billed/paid only once per case. Providers can access the Malaffi platform to determine whether USCLS 01901 has been previously billed.

3. The Orthodontic examination codes cannot be covered as Routine Dental Examination.
4. 01901 is inclusive of the diagnosis models, complete intra-oral radiograph series, panoramic x-rays, cephalograms, facial and intra-oral photographs and consultation. Hence, these services cannot be billed in addition to 01901, either in the same invoice or in a different invoice where the examination has already been paid before.
5. The Orthodontic examination codes must be billed by Orthodontists.
6. 01901 can be claimed with the Orthodontic appliance code (Fixed or removable) whenever indicated.
7. The Orthodontic Specific Examination (01902) is not covered for the same provider who has billed Orthodontic General Examination (01901).
8. Orthodontic Examinations (01901,01902) should not be billed with the “monthly follow-up” sessions-93332.
9. The Orthodontic Specific Examination (01902) can be claimed by Second Opinion Providers when requested by Daman for Thiqa policy.
10. For Enhanced policies with orthodontic coverage, only 01901 should be used for orthodontic examination that would include the above services.
11. If 01902 was billed before 01901 by same provider group, the payment of 01902 is subjected to recovery.

3.2 Requirements for Coverage

Daman covers Orthodontic Examination as per the policy terms and conditions of each health insurance plan it administers.

3.3 Non-Coverage

Daman does not cover dental services for visitors and basic plans. For all other plans, refer to the SOBs.

3.4 Payment and Coding Rules

Please apply regulator payment rules and regulations and relevant coding manuals for ICD, USCLS etc. Kindly code the ICD-10 and the USCLS codes to the highest level of specificity.

4. Denial Codes

Code	Code Description
MNEC-003	Service is not clinically indicated based on good clinical practice
MNEC-005	Service/supply may be appropriate, but too frequent
NCOV-003	Service(s) is (are) not covered
DUPL-002	Payment already made for same/similar service within set time frame
CODE-010	Activity/diagnosis inconsistent with clinician specialty

5. Appendices

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5.2 Revision History

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