Coverage of Orthodontic General Examination

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2. Chapter 1: Scope:

This adjudication rule addresses the criteria to be applied to the Orthodontic General Examination.

3. Chapter 2: Adjudication Policy

A. Eligibility / Coverage Criteria:

The Orthodontic General Examination (01901) can be billed/paid only once per case per Provider.

Policy coverage:

The plan wise coverage of Orthodontic General Examination is subject to the availability of dental benefits with orthodontics, annual sub-limit and policy terms & conditions.

It can be claimed along with the Orthodontic Fixed Appliance codes like: 84101 to 89301.

Policy coverage:

Plans	Coverage
Global Plus, International Plus, Regional Plus (with orthodontics included in dental benefit and 20% co-pay)	80% with pre-authorization
Global Plus, International Plus, Regional Plus (with orthodontics included in dental benefit and no co-pay)	100% with pre-authorization
Premier Plus, Executive Plan	100% covered without pre-authorization
Thiqa-UAE Nationals-NE & Dubai-not residing in AD (only to SEHA providers)	100% covered without pre-authorization
Thiqa-UAE Nationals-Emirate of AD & Thiqa-UAE Nationals-NE & Dubai-residing in AD	50% covered in Private (with few services requiring pre-authorization) & 100% at SEHA providers (without pre-authorization).
Abu Dhabi Plan & Enhanced plans (with no dental benefit) and Enhanced plans (with dental benefit but no orthodontics)	Not covered

B. Requirements for Coverage:

The requirement of pre-authorization for Orthodontic General Examination (01901) is as explained in the above table.

ICD-9 CM codes to the highest specificity are to be reported.

C. Non-Coverage:

The General Orthodontic Examination is not covered for the Standard Enhanced plans. (*Refer to the Eligibility Criteria).*

The above service cannot be covered as Routine Dental Examination. This means that it will only be covered when there is an appropriate ICD9-CM code to support medical necessity.

It cannot be covered for more than once per case per provider

D. Payment and Coding Rules

Orthodontic General Examination (01901) can be claimed along with the Orthodontic Fixed Appliance codes like: 84101 to 89301.

It cannot be billed in the same invoice/billing month, as the "monthly follow-up" sessions-93332.

It 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.

4. Chapter 3: Adjudication Examples

Question 1: A claim received from a dentist at a public provider for a Thiqa card holder has the following details:

ICD 9 CM	524.01	Maxillary Hyperplasia
USCLS	01901	Examination and Diagnosis, Orthodontic, General. To include: (a) Diagnosis models, complete intraoral radiograph series, or panoramic film, cephalograms, facial and intraoral photographs, consultation and case presentation.
	01103	Examination and Diagnosis, Complete, Permanent Dentition, to include: (a) Extended examination on permanent dentition, recording history, charting, treatment planning and case presentation, including above description as per 01100.

How would you proceed?

Answer: Code 01901 will be paid and 01103 will be rejected with DUPL-002, as two examination codes (01901 and 01103) cannot be claimed together.

Question 2: A claim received from a dentist at a private Dental Clinic for a Premier Plan card holder with pre-approval, has the following details:

ICD 9 CM	524.21	Malocclusion Angles Class I
USCLS	01901	Examination and Diagnosis, Orthodontic, General. To include: (a) Diagnosis models, complete intr-aoral radiograph series, or panoramic film, cephalograms, facial and intraoral photographs, consultation and case presentation.

How would you proceed?

Answer: We will pay the service.

Question 3: A claim received from a dentist at a private Dental Clinic for a Thiqa card holder with pre-approval, has the following details:

ICD 9 CM	524.21	Malocclusion Angles Class I
USCLS	02601	Radiographs, Panoramic, Single film
USCLS	02701	Radiographs, Cephalometric, Single film
USCLS	01901	Examination and Diagnosis, Orthodontic, General. To include: (a) Diagnosis models, complete intraoral radiograph series, or panoramic film, cephalograms, facial and intraoral photographs, consultation and case presentation.

How would you proceed?

Answer: Only code 01901 will be paid and the other two services rejected with PRCE-002, as these are included in the Orthodontic General Examination code.

5. Chapter 4: Denial Code:

Code	*Code Description*
PRCE-002	Payment is included in the allowance for another service
DUPL-002	Payment already made for same/similar service within set time frame

I. Appendix

A. Reference:

- Schedule of benefits
- USCLS code list