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DENTAL/
ORTHODONTIC/
ORAL SURGERY
GROUND
RULES

2021

1. GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER / PERIODONTIST / ORTHODONTIST

Benefit is only payable to general dental practitioners/ periodontists/ orthodontists, at the part participating rate.

The range of procedures to be covered are as per the attached Schedule 1.

For dental practitioners/periodontists/orthodontists to be registered with Irish Life Health, they must:

- > be a registered dental practitioner
- > hold a current full registration with the Irish Dental Council
- > be on the current Register of Dentists or the appropriate specialist register
- > be qualified to practice as a primary medical care physician
- > hold a primary medical qualification or hold an equivalent recognised qualification from outside Ireland, and hold all necessary qualifications to act as a Dentist in the Republic of Ireland

The administration of general anaesthesia or sedation carried out in the private practice of a General Dental Practitioner / Periodontist / Orthodontist is not covered by Irish Life Health.

Where a general anaesthetic is required it will be liable for cover when performed in a listed Irish Life Health fully participating hospital, under the supervision of a consultant anaesthesiologist who is fully participating with Irish Life Health and on the specialist register of the Irish Medical Council. These procedures will be regarded as and payable as day cases and are listed in Schedule 1.

2. ORAL SURGEON

Oral surgeons have the option of participating with Irish Life Health for treatment of our members on either fully participating or part participating basis and will be paid on that basis.

Oral surgeons must indicate for the entire year if they are fully or part participating.

Where an oral surgeon elects to be registered with Irish Life Health as fully participating, then the fee payable, as outlined in the Schedule of Benefits for Professional Fees, will be regarded as the total fee payable to the oral surgeon for the performance of the procedure(s).

The range of procedures to be covered are as per Schedule 1 and 2.

For oral surgeons to be registered with Irish Life Health, they must in addition to being a dental surgeon have also completed an approved and accredited course and be on the Dental Specialist Register.

Where a general anaesthetic is required, it will be liable for cover when performed in a listed Irish Life Health fully participating hospital, under the supervision of a consultant anaesthesiologist who is fully participating with Irish Life Health and on the specialist

register of the Irish Medical Council. These procedures will be regarded as and payable as day cases and are listed below.

Where sedation is given to an Irish Life Health member, this may only be administered in an Irish Life Health participating hospital, or in the private practice of an oral surgeon on the Register of Oral Surgeons as maintained by the Dental Council.

3. MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS

Please refer to General Ground Rules in the Irish Life Health Schedule of Benefits for Professional Fees

SCHEDULE 1

SCHEDULE of PROCEDURES for Dental Surgeon (including Periodontist / Orthodontist)

Code	Description
2930	Buried tooth roots, (includes more than one root) of one tooth, removal of
2935	Buried tooth roots, (multiple) of teeth, removal of
2940	Dental cysts of maxilla or mandible
2950	Extraction of teeth (more than six permanent teeth) with or without alveolectomy
2953	Gingivectomy, one to four teeth
2954	Gingivectomy, five to eleven teeth
2956	Gingivectomy, twelve or more teeth
2973	Removal of one upper impacted or unerupted tooth
2974	Removal of two upper impacted or unerupted teeth
2976	Removal of one lower impacted or unerupted tooth
2977	Removal of two lower impacted or unerupted teeth
2978	Removal of one impacted or unerupted canine tooth
2979	Removal of two impacted or unerupted canine teeth
2980	Labial frenectomy with dissection of tissue
2981	Removal of four or more impacted or unerupted teeth
2982	Removal of three impacted or unerupted teeth which includes two lower teeth

Code	Description
2983	Removal of three impacted or unerupted teeth which includes two upper teeth
2984	Removal of one upper and one lower impacted or unerupted tooth
2985	Odontoma, excision of (I.P.)
3001	Surgical exposure and repositioning of an impacted tooth
3002	Surgical exposure and repositioning of impacted teeth
3005	Root resection or apicectomy, single, with or without cyst removal and apical curettage
3010	Root resection or apicectomy, multiple, with or without cyst removal and apical curettage
3015	Reimplantation of tooth in socket with splinting
3020	Simple cysts or epulis, palate or floor of mouth, excision of
994411	Extraction of more than 6 teeth with or without alveolectomy, in a patient 16 years or younger under general anaesthetic

SCHEDULE 2

SCHEDULE of PROCEDURES for Oral Surgeons in addition to the above

Code	Description
2996	Periodontal mucoperiosteal flap surgery, one to four teeth
2997	Periodontal mucoperiosteal flap surgery, five to eleven teeth
2998	Periodontal mucoperiosteal flap surgery, twelve or more teeth
3016	Osseointegrated mandibular implant including second stage abutment installation
3017	Two osseointegrated mandibular implants including second stage abutment installation
3018	Three osseointegrated mandibular implants including second stage abutment installation
3019	Four osseointegrated mandibular implants including second stage abutment installation
3021	Five osseointegrated mandibular implants including second stage abutment installation
3022	Six or more osseointegrated mandibular implants including second stage abutment installation

Code	Description
3032	Removal of an impacted or unerupted tooth in a patient 16 years or younger under general anaesthetic
3033	Removal of two impacted or unerupted teeth in a patient 16 years or younger under general anaesthetic
3034	Surgical removal of odontoma(s) in a patient 16 years or younger under general anaesthetic
3036	Open surgical exposure of a single impacted tooth in compact bone in patients 16 years or younger
3037	Open surgical exposure of two teeth in compact bone in patients 16 years or younger
29761	The planned surgical removal of the crown of an impacted tooth to preserve the inferior dental nerve, where radiographic evidence suggests the nerve is at risk on complete tooth removal
418996	Coronectomy