

# Dental/ Orthodontic/ Oral Surgery

## Ground Rules

## **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 anaesthetist 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 Approved 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      |
| 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.)   |

| Code   | Description  |
|--------|--|
| 2996   | Periodontal mucoperiosteal flap surgery, one to four teeth   |
| 2997   | Periodontal mucoperiosteal flap surgery, five to eleven teeth  |
| 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 Approved Procedures for Oral Surgeons in addition to the above

| Code | Description   |
|------|---|
| 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          |
| 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 |

| Code   | Description   |
|--------|---|
| 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   |

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