



Dental Clinical Policy

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Description

This document addresses therapeutic parenteral drug administration.

The plan performs review of therapeutic parenteral drug administration due to contractual requirements that necessitate benefits for dental services meet specific contract requirements. For example, plan contract(s) may require the provision of benefits for services that meet generally accepted standards of dental care at the lowest cost that properly addresses the patient's condition. The conclusion that a particular service is medically or dentally necessary and/or appropriate does not constitute an indication and/or warranty that the service requested is a covered benefit payable by the dental plan.

Clinical Indications

Therapeutic parenteral drug administration (single or multiple) includes administration of antibiotics, steroids, anti-inflammatory drugs or other therapeutic medications. These medications may be indicated to improve surgical healing, reduce pain and/or infection. Therapeutic parenteral drug administration should not be used to report administration of sedative, anesthetic or reversal agents. Therapeutic parenteral drug administration should not be used to report the infiltration of a sustained release pharmacological agent for long-acting surgical site pain control.

Dental review as it applies to accepted standards of care means dental services that a dentist, exercising prudent clinical judgment, provides to a patient for the purpose of evaluating, diagnosing or treating a dental injury or disease or its symptoms, and that are: in accordance with the generally accepted standards of dental practice; in terms of type, frequency and extent and is considered effective for the patient's dental injury or disease; and is not primarily performed for the convenience of the patient or dentist, is not cosmetic and is not more costly than an alternative service.

For dental purposes, "generally accepted standards of dental practice" means:

- standards that are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed, dental literature generally recognized by the practicing dental community
- specialty society recommendations/criteria
- the views of recognized dentists practicing in the relevant clinical area
- any other relevant factors from credible sources

Criteria

1. Parenteral administration of drugs is any technique in which the route of administration is intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous or intradermal.
2. Procedures that are considered experimental, investigational or unproven are not benefitted.
3. Clinical chart notes and narrative may be requested to explain the rationale for the medication.
4. The name and dosage of the medication administered must be submitted for benefit consideration.
5. Drug administration for cosmetics is not a benefitted service.

Coding

The following codes for treatments and procedures applicable to this document are included below for informational purposes. Inclusion or exclusion of a procedure, diagnosis or device code(s) does not constitute or imply member coverage or provider reimbursement policy. Please refer to the member's contract benefits in effect at the time of service to determine coverage or non-coverage of these services as it applies to an individual member.

CDT *including but not limited to:*

- D9610 Therapeutic parenteral drug, single administration
D9612 Therapeutic parenteral drugs, two or more administrations, different medications

D9613 Infiltration of sustained release therapeutic drug – single or multiple sites.

ICD-10 CM Diagnoses for Dental Diseases and Conditions: See the current CDT code book for details

References

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History

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