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Orthodontics No Longer Require Prior Authorization

Dear HPSM Dental providers,

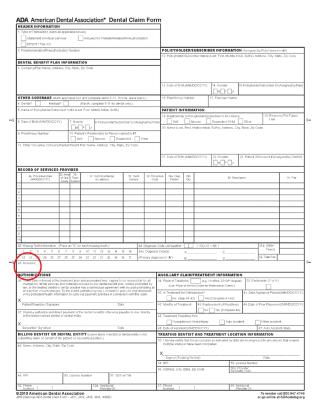
Effective September 1, 2024, prior authorization will no longer be required for orthodontic services for HPSM Dental members. These codes will no longer require prior authorization:

Code	Description
D8080	comprehensive ortho
D8210	removable appliance therapy
D8220	fixed appliance therapy
D8660	pre-ortho visit
D8670	periodic ortho treatment visit
D8680	orthodontic retention (removal of appliances, construction and placement of retainers)
D8999	unspecified orthodontic procedure

Please see page two for additional things to consider.



Orthodontists are the only providers that can initiate and supervise an orthodontic case. Things to consider on the dental claims form:



1. For claims to not require prior authorization, the Handicapping Labio-Lingual Deviations (HLD) score must be 21 or above, and/or meet one of the automatic qualifying options listed on the California Medi-Cal Dental HLD form. Providers can either attach the HLD score sheet **or type it into "35. Remarks" field of the ADA Dental Claim Form, as noted in the example to the left in red.**

2.If a case does not meet the HLD handicapping score of 21 or above or meet one of the automatic qualifying conditions, and the treating orthodontist would like to request a review from the Dental Director, please email or call the Dental Benefits Manager at <u>dental@hpsm.org</u>.

3.HPSM Dental allows for orthodontic screening

for members aged seven (7) years to 21 years old without prior authorization.

Please direct questions to HPSM Dental Provider Services at <u>dental@hpsm.org</u>.

Thank you,

The Health Plan of San Mateo