

Provider Network News

Topic – Prior Authorization for Dental Therapy Under General Anesthesia

Dental Therapy Under General Anesthesia

To be in compliance with TMPPM 3.2.29.2.1, PCHP only authorizes dental anesthesia 00170 for the anesthesiologist or certified registered nurse anesthetist and facility fee 41899 when received from the DMO. Hospitals, ASCs, and anesthesiologists must obtain the prior authorization number from the dental provider.

Please contact the DMO Provider:

DentaQuest 1-800-516-0165 • **MCNA Dental** 1-855-691-6262 • **UnitedHealthcare Dental** 1-800-822-5353

The dental provider is responsible for obtaining prior authorization from TMHP for the services performed under general anesthesia. Hospitals, ASCs, and anesthesiologists must obtain the prior authorization number from the dental provider.

Prior authorization for both dental services and Level 4 sedation/general anesthesia service is mandatory for the reimbursement of either service.

Any anesthesia type services are paid only to the provider. The dental provider is responsible for determining whether a client meets the minimum criteria necessary for receiving general anesthesia. A local anesthesia fee is not paid in addition to other restorative, operative, or surgical procedure fees.

The claim forms used are the CMS-1500 or the UB-04 CMS-1450 paper claim forms. The examining physician, anesthesiologist, hospital, ASC, or HASC must submit claims to TMHP separately for the medical and facility components of their services.

Resources:

- **Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual**, Section 3.2.29.2 General Anesthesia for Dental Treatment
- **Criteria for Dental Therapy Under General Anesthesia** on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com. Dental rehabilitation or restoration services requiring general anesthesia may be performed in an office, inpatient, or outpatient facility.
- **THSteps Dental Mandatory Prior Authorization Request Form** on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com.

Questions? Call Mon–Fri 8am–5pm

HEALTHfirst STAR Medicaid: 1-888-672-2277

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