

# **Oral Surgery Payment Policy**

Applies to the following CarePartners of Connecticut products:

□ CareAdvantage Preferred

□ CarePartners Access

The following payment policy applies to providers who render oral surgery services to members of the CarePartners of Connecticut plans selected above.

Note: Audit and disclaimer information is located at the end of this document.

### **Policy**

CarePartners of Connecticut covers medically necessary oral surgery services, in accordance with the member's benefits.

#### **General Benefit Information**

Services and subsequent payment are pursuant to the member's benefit plan document. Member eligibility and benefit specifics should be verified prior to initiating services by logging on to the secure Provider <u>portal</u> or by contacting CarePartners of Connecticut Provider Services at 888-341-1508.

CarePartners of Connecticut reimburses oral surgery and/or dental services in a limited number of circumstances, specifically when that service is an integral part of specific treatment of a member's primary medical condition. Refer to <a href="CMS">CMS</a> for the most up to date coverage determinations.

## Referral/Prior Authorization/Notification Requirements

Certain procedures, items and/or services may require referral and/or prior authorization. While you may not be the provider responsible for obtaining prior authorization, as a condition of payment you must confirm that prior authorization has been obtained. For more information, refer to the <u>Referral, Prior Authorization and Notification Policy</u>.

No referrals are required for in-network services. Referrals are required for out-of-network services rendered for HMO members.

## **Billing Instructions**

Unless otherwise stated, CarePartners of Connecticut follows industry-standard coding guidelines. Refer to current industry-standard coding guidelines for a complete list of ICD, CPT/HCPCS, revenue codes, modifiers and their usage. Providers may only bill the procedure code(s) in accordance with the applicable financial exhibits of their provider agreements and applicable fee schedules.

Use of labs not participating in the member's applicable network(s) may have the unintended consequence of subjecting the member to unnecessary services not ordered by the treating provider or other unreasonable financial exposure. In such circumstances, CarePartners of Connecticut may hold the ordering provider accountable for any inappropriate behavior on the part of the nonparticipating lab that has been selected.

#### **Compensation/Reimbursement Information**

Providers are compensated according to the applicable contracted rates and applicable fee schedules.

#### **Additional Resources**

- Surgery Professional Payment Policy
- Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15 "Covered Medical and Other Health Services", §150
- Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 16 "General Exclusions From Coverage", §140

## **Document History**

• November 2024: Policy document created to support existing billing and reimbursement guidelines

#### **Audit and Disclaimer Information**

CarePartners of Connecticut reserves the right to conduct audits on any provider and/or facility to ensure compliance with the guidelines stated in this payment policy. If such an audit determines that a provider/facility did not comply with this payment policy, CarePartners of Connecticut will expect the provider/facility to refund all payments related to noncompliance. For more information about CarePartners of Connecticut's audit policies, refer to the CarePartners of Connecticut public Provider website.

This policy provides information on CarePartners of Connecticut claims adjudication processes. As every claim is unique, this policy is neither a guarantee of payment, nor a final indication of how specific claim(s) will be adjudicated. Claims payment is subject to member eligibility and benefits on the date of service, coordination of benefits, referral/authorization and utilization management requirements (when applicable), adherence to plan policies and procedures, and claims editing logic. An authorization is not a guarantee of payment. Claims for services subject to authorization may be reviewed for accuracy and compliance with payment policies.

This policy applies to the CarePartners of Connecticut products identified by the checkboxes on page one. CarePartners of Connecticut reserves the right to amend a payment policy at its discretion.

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