



Dental Clinical Policy

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Description	
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This document addresses the placement of an occlusal orthotic device.

Clinical Indications

Occlusal Orthotic Devices are used to reposition or stabilize the jaw for the treatment of temporomandibular joint disorders (TMD) as well as to control orofacial pain. This device may not be a covered service under the dental plan. TMD and these appliances are considered medical in nature and are typically covered under the medical plans. Additionally, occlusal orthotic devices may not be used in the treatment of obstructive sleep apnea.

Criteria

1. Requires a narrative and patient records with rationale for treatment.

Coding	
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CDT including but not limited to:

D7880 occlusal orthotic device, by report
D7881 occlusal orthotic device adjustment
D7899 unspecified TMD therapy, by report

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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