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Health Tracks Orthodontia Screening – COVID-19 Temporary Policy

To address COVID-19 concerns, ND Medicaid is issuing this temporary Orthodontia Screening policy to provide flexibility for members and providers to receive and deliver services. This policy covers services rendered on dates of service that fall between March 20, 2020 and the date the national emergency, as authorized in Title V of the Stafford Act, is declared over.

Criteria

The Department does not reimburse interceptive or comprehensive orthodontic treatment unless referred by ND Health Tracks, EPSDT. Health Tracks Orthodontia Screening is a portion of the complete screening. The Orthodontia screening is to be completed and a score of 18 or greater is required to be given a referral to an orthodontist. The Health Tracks Comprehensive Orthodontic Screening form (SFN 61) must be completed in its entirety.

Temporary Changes

During the COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency, dentists will be allowed to complete the Health Tracks Comprehensive Orthodontic Screening form (SFN61) in areas of the state of North Dakota in which local public health units have not resumed Health Tracks screenings. Dentists will not be able to refer to themselves, the referral must come from a different dentist.

Coding Guidelines

Dentists that complete this screening must bill D0140. The patient record must include the CDT code and screening form. Service authorization is not required. Documentation within the patient record must meet ND Medicaid's documentation guidelines.