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POLICY

LEVEL I DENTAL SERVICES

DEN 037

ACUTE EMERGENCY DENTAL CARE (REQUIRED)

Emergency dental services are those necessary for the relief of acute oral conditions. Emergency dental care services include all necessary laboratory and preoperative work including examination, radiographs, and appropriate anesthesia (local, general, sedative) for optimal management of the emergency. Emergency dental services shall include but are not limited to the following:

1. Control of oral and maxillofacial bleeding in any condition when loss of blood will jeopardize the patient's well-being. Treatment may consist of any professionally accepted procedure deemed necessary.
2. Relief of life-threatening respiratory difficulty and improvement of the airway (respiratory system) from any oral and maxillofacial condition. Treatment may consist of any professionally accepted procedure deemed necessary.
3. Relief of severe pain accompanying any oral or maxillofacial condition affecting the nervous system limited to immediate palliative treatment, but including extractions where professionally indicated.
4. Immediate and palliative procedures for:
 - a. Fractures, subluxations and avulsions of teeth,
 - b. Fractures of jaw and other facial bones (reduction and fixation only),
 - c. Temporomandibular joint subluxations
 - d. Soft tissue injuries
5. Initial treatment for acute infections.

Emergency dental conditions are determined to be such by the dentist and not by the patient. It must be recognized, however, that a patient's perception of the severity of their condition must be considered seriously. A broken denture, a lost anterior crown, a vague pain and even a chipped tooth are often considered to be calamitous conditions to some even though the implications to their general health are insignificant. Every effort must be made to place the severity of the condition into perspective for the patient should it be determined that immediate treatment is not required.

SCHEDULE OF LEVEL I SERVICES ACUTE EMERGENCY CARE (REQUIRED)

CLINICAL ORAL EXAMINATIONS

00140 Limited Oral Evaluation - limited to problem area, not an assessment of routine dental needs.

RADIOGRAPHS

00220 -00330 Any and all radiographs deemed necessary to evaluate the condition presented.

TESTS AND LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS

00460 Pulp vitality tests (per episode)

RESTORATIVE (TEMPORARY)

02970 Temporary Restoration of Fractured Tooth

(Repair may be effectuated using any restorative agent accepted by the ADA Council on Dental Therapeutics, including, but not limited to IRM, Zinc Phosphate Cement, Zinc Oxide/Eugenol, Composite Resin, Alloy, Pre-formed Stainless Steel, Aluminum or Resin Crowns.)

PERIODONTICS (UNSCHEDULED)

04920 Unscheduled Dressing Change (by other than treating dentist)

REMOVABLE PROSTHODONTICS

05410 -05422; 05510 - 05660

(i.e. any and all denture repairs and adjustments necessary to eliminate pain.
Also any denture repairs or revisions deemed cosmetically urgent by the dentist.

FIXED PROSTHODONTICS

06930, 06980

(i.e. any repair or recementation necessary to maintain adequate position of abutment teeth or deemed cosmetically urgent by the dentist).

EXTRACTIONS

07110 Extraction single tooth, simple (primary or permanent tooth)

07120 Each additional tooth (at same appointment)

07210 Extraction of erupted (or partially erupted) tooth - requiring a tissue flap and removal of bone and/or sectioning of tooth.

07270 Tooth reimplantation and stabilization of accidental avulsed or displaced tooth or alveolus.

SURGICAL INCISIONS

07510 Incision and drainage of abscess - (intraoral).

07520 Incision and drainage of abscess - (extraoral).

TREATMENT OF SIMPLE FRACTURES

07610 Open reduction fractured maxilla, teeth immobilized (if present)

07620 Closed reduction fractured maxilla, teeth immobilized (if present)

07630 Open reduction mandibular fracture, teeth immobilized (if present)

07640 Closed reduction mandibular fracture, teeth immobilized (if present)

07670 Alveolus-stabilization of teeth, open reduction splinting

MANAGEMENT OF TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT DISLOCATION OR DYSFUNCTIONS

07820 Closed reduction of dislocation

09940 Occlusal guard (to relieve acute symptoms)

REPAIR OF TRAUMATIC WOUNDS

07910 Suture of recent small wounds up to 5cm

07911 Complicated suturing up to 5cm

07912 Complicated suturing greater than 5cm

SURGICAL INCISION

07971 Excision of pericoronal gingiva (with suturing if necessary)

ADJUNCTIVE LEVEL I SERVICES

09110 Palliative treatment of dental pain, minor emergency procedures

EXAMPLES: Trauma to a tooth, sinus pain mimicking toothache, periodontal abscess, acute necrotizing ulcerative gingivitis, re-open non-vital tooth to relieve symptoms, other.

09210 Local anesthesia (not in conjunction with other dental procedures)

09910 Application of desensitizing agents

09930 Treat unusual complications to surgery

09940 Occlusal guard (to relieve acute symptoms)



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