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4.204.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this rule, the term:

“Medical and surgical services of a dentist” means those services furnished by a doctor of dental medicine or dental surgery if the services are services that:

- (a) If furnished by a physician, would be considered physician services,
- (b) May be furnished by either a physician or a doctor of dental medicine or surgery, and
- (c) Are furnished by a licensed doctor of dental medicine or dental surgery working within the scope of his or her practice and enrolled in Vermont Medicaid.

4.204.2 Covered Services

Covered medical and surgical services of a dentist include but are not limited to:

- (a) Biopsies,
- (b) Repair of lacerations,
- (c) Excision of a cyst or tumor,
- (d) Reconstructive surgery,
- (e) Reduction of a fracture,
- (f) Repair of temporomandibular joint dysfunction, including surgical treatment,
- (g) Problem-focused limited oral evaluation,
- (h) Problem-focused limited re-evaluation,
- (i) Incision and drainage of abscess,
- (j) Emergency treatment of dental pain.

4.204.3 Conditions for Coverage

- (a) Maxillofacial surgery must be provided by a licensed physician or dentist working within the scope of his or her practice and enrolled in Vermont Medicaid.
- (b) Medical and surgical services of a dentist are covered as hospital and/or physician services and subject to the applicable limitations found in rules 7201, Inpatient Services, 7203, Outpatient Services, and 7301, Physicians and Other Licensed Practitioners.
- (c) Medical and surgical services of a dentist are not subject to the adult dental services \$510 annual maximum benefit.
- (d) Tooth repair and replacement or other services billed as dental procedures that are a medically necessary part of surgery are covered under the dental benefit and subject to the limitations of Dental Services rules 4.202 and 4.203 as applicable.

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4.204.4 Prior Authorization Requirements

Prior authorization may be required, except in cases of emergency medical and surgical services.