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OVERVIEW

General anesthesia and intravenous sedation provided by an oral surgeon in the office setting is considered a separate covered service under the BCBSRI member's medical benefit when performed in conjunction with a covered surgical procedure.

MEDICAL CRITERIA

Not applicable.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Not applicable.

POLICY STATEMENT

General anesthesia and intravenous sedation provided by an oral surgeon in the office setting is considered a separate covered service under the BCBSRI member's medical benefit when performed in conjunction with a covered CPT surgical procedure code. A separate payment is made for anesthesia services in the office setting.

Anesthesia services will be denied when the procedure code submitted is not a covered medical procedure. To ensure correct claims processing, the oral surgeon will submit the oral surgical CPT procedure code and the anesthesia/sedation CDT code (see below) on a CMS1500 form typically filed for BCBSRI medical coverage.

General anesthesia and intravenous sedation provided in conjunction with a non-covered surgical procedure performed by an oral surgeon in the office setting will be not covered and a member liability.

COVERAGE

Benefits may vary by group/contract. Please refer to the appropriate Evidence of Coverage or Subscriber Agreement for the applicable "Surgery Services" benefit.

LIMITATIONS:

Payment under the BCBSRI member's medical benefit for general anesthesia and IV sedation codes are covered under the medical benefit only when performed in conjunction with oral surgical CPT codes that are considered covered.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

CODING

The following CDT codes are covered for covered CPT surgical codes:

D9220, D9221, D9241, D9242

The following CDT codes are not covered and are considered a member liability:

D9230, D9248

RELATED POLICIES

Oral Surgeons Filing Evaluation and Management Services
Dental Service Performed in Outpatient Hospital/Ambulatory Surgical Facility
Dental Services for Accidental Injury

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REFERENCES

Not applicable.

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