

# Medical Policy: Oral Surgery (Commercial)



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## **Related Guidelines**

[Cosmetic and Reconstructive Surgery Procedures](#)

[Orthognathic Surgery](#)

## **Guideline**

Medically necessary oral surgical procedures provided by a doctor when pre-authorized are covered in the following circumstances:

1. For the treatment of tumors, cysts, injuries of the facial bones; OR
2. For the treatment of fractures and dislocations involving the face and jaw, including temporomandibular joint (TMJ) dysfunction surgery (for demonstrable joint disease only) or temporomandibular disease (TMD) syndrome.

## **Limitation/Exclusions**

There is no coverage for non-surgical treatment of temporomandibular joint (TMJ) dysfunction (for demonstrable joint disease only) or temporomandibular disease (TMD) syndrome, including but not limited to appliances, behavior modification, physiotherapy and prosthodontic therapy.

## Applicable Coding

Applicable CPT Codes	
21110	Application of interdental fixation device for conditions other than fracture or dislocation, includes removal
21243	Arthroplasty, temporomandibular joint, with prosthetic joint replacement

## References

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## Revision history

DATE	REVISION
01/01/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reformatted and reorganized policy, transferred content to new template with new Medical Policy Number</li><li>Annual Review. Added related guidelines. Removed codes that are not part of the oral surgery category on the 2020 Prior Authorization list.</li></ul>
11/04/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Annual Review</li></ul>