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Important Websites:

Government of Saskatchewan: www.gov.sk.ca
Saskatchewan Ministry of Health: www.health.gov.sk.ca
General Dental Information, Payment Schedule & Newsletter:
www.health.gov.sk.ca/dentist-information
Ministry of Health Annual Reports: www.health.gov.sk.ca/health-annual-reports
Forms: www.publications.gov.sk.ca/forms.cfm

NEW - DENTAL IMPLANT COVERAGE

Effective July 1, 2010 dental implants will be covered in exceptional situations where no other method of treatment is appropriate. Coverage will be provided for:

- tumours (benign and malignant)
- congenital defects (cleft palate and metabolic disorders)

PRIOR APPROVAL PROCESS

Coverage will require a specialist in oral maxillofacial surgery to **request prior approval** from Medical Services Branch, Saskatchewan Ministry of Health. This written request needs to:

- describe the circumstances of the case and how it fits within the coverage
- clearly describe the services and estimated costs
- state, to the best of the oral maxillofacial surgeon's knowledge, that all other methods of possible treatment are not appropriate (e.g., dentures, bridge)

Written prior approval requests should be sent to:

Director, Operations & Client Services
Medical Services Branch
Saskatchewan Ministry of Health
3475 Albert Street
Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 6X6

All prior approvals are reviewed in consultation with the Ministry of Health's Consultants and a decision to approve or deny the request is made on the basis of the information provided. Communication of this decision will be in writing to the oral maxillofacial surgeon.

For questions on the approval process or coverage please call one of the following Ministry Consultants:

- Dr. Jim Coucill – (306) 787-7430
- Dr. Allan Miller – (306) 798-1177
- Dr. Dan Ash – (306) 787-3445

PAYMENT PROCESS

Once prior approval has been received, a dentist or dental specialist must submit his/her request for payment of dental implants within six (6) months of the date of service. Submissions must be made by report to Saskatchewan Ministry of Health. The report must include the patient's identification and information on the services provided and cost. X-rays, clinical photographs and/or models may be required.

OTHER INFORMATION

Dentists are reminded that a Consultation (200Z) or Follow-up Examination (202Z) must be billed only in conjunction with an insured oral and maxillofacial surgery service.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT CENTRE

In an effort to more effectively handle technical support for problems associated with electronic claim submissions, all calls are handled through a central support centre at 1-888-316-7446. All calls regarding technical problems encountered during electronic claim submissions or pickups should be directed to this number.

If you are unsure as to where to best direct your call, please contact the general inquiries number at (306) 787-3475 or toll free at 1-800-667-7523.