Audience: All Call Centers Location: Benefits/A-Z List System: N/A Updated: 4.5.24

Reviewed: 4.5.24

Alveoloplasty

Also known as

- 1. Alveoplasty
- 2. Bone Trimming
- 3. Jawbone surgery
- 4. Jawbone trimming

Description

Alveoloplasty is an oral surgery procedure in which the jawbone is smoothed in preparation for a removable denture. It is most often completed at the same time teeth are extracted. It is only required in cases in which the practitioner determines that the anatomy of the bone may interfere with the wearing of the dental prosthesis or if the sharp bony area causes pain or irritation. Oral and maxillofacial surgeons usually perform alveoplasties, but some general dentists also do them.

See also

Similar, related, or easily confused documents.

- Anesthesia and Hospital Charges for Non-Covered Dental Procedures
- Oral Surgery

Table of Contents

The following topics are included in this document:

- Commercial
- Government Programs
- Individual and Family Business (IFB)

Document history

Date	Description
4.5.24	Updated to new template.

Commercial

Introduction

This section applies to all Commercial brands: Dean Health Plan (DHP), Mayo Medical Plan (MMP), Medica (including MHPS), and Prevea360.

Benefits (all except MMP)

This procedure is associated with the fitting of dentures and is not covered.

Mayo Medical Plan (MMP)

This procedure is associated with the fitting of dentures and is not covered.

Document history

Date	Description	
4.5.24	Updated to new template.	

Government Programs

Introduction

This section applies to all Medicaid and Medicare products.

AccessAbility (SNBC),

Medicaid only groups:

• See Medicaid below.

Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)

Medicare eligible groups:

- This procedure is associated with the fitting of dentures and is not covered.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medicare is the primary payer.
- If no Medicare eligibility, Medicaid applies. See Medicaid below.

AccessAbility Enhanced (I-SNBC),

Refer to Medicaid below.

• Medica is the only payer.

DUAL (MSHO)

Cost (Prime)

This procedure is associated with the fitting of dentures and is not covered.

• Follows Medicare guidelines.

Med Advantage

This procedure is associated with the fitting of dentures and is not covered.

- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medica is the only payer.

Note: Dental reimbursement may be available for this service. Refer to the EOC for dental reimbursement options.

Med Supp (Select, Signature)

This procedure is associated with the fitting of dentures and is not covered.

- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medicare supplement.
- Medicare is the primary payer.

Medicaid

Although usually treated as a dental procedure in preparing for dentures, this is covered under the medical benefits.

Note: Since it is paid on the medical side, this would also be covered for Medicaid members with a dental carve-out.

Document history

Date	Description
4.5.24	Updated to new template.

Individual and Family Business (IFB)

Introduction

This section applies to all Individual and Family Business (IFB) brands: Dean Health Plan (DHP), Medica, Medica (formerly WellFirst), and Prevea360.

Benefits

This procedure is associated with the fitting of dentures and is not covered.

Document history

Date	Description
4.5.24	Updated to new template.