

Insurance Guide for Extraction Sites

Background and Rationale:

Numerous studies have reported the facts of rapid, destructive alveolar bone loss following tooth extraction. The devastating results of this bone loss are especially evident in the anterior esthetic region where tooth replacements using either implants or fixed bridgework are being considered. To prevent this bone deformity, upon extraction, an immediate bone replacement graft is placed in the extraction site. The result is a preservation of the alveolar architecture for correct implant placement or for proper positioning of the bridge pontic on the plump, healthy ridge.

Resources:

The Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) for medical insurance or Current Dental Terminology (CDT) for dental insurance are used as the basis for creating the appropriate diagnosis and insurance reporting form codes.

Reimbursement for Ridge Preservation:

This procedure will be considered an insurance benefit if a medical or dental necessity can be established.

Diagnosis: (footnote) Although the loss of alveolar bone is the ultimate problem, the diagnosis must be based on the current concern; therefore, the diagnosis is related to the removal of the tooth, not to the potential bone loss or the treatment using the graft.

CPT (ICD) Codes:

- 525.1 Loss of teeth due to accident, extraction or periodontal disease
- 524.9 Unspecified alveolar anomaly i.e., cyst, tumor, etc.
- 525.8 Irregular alveolar process

Treatment Codes (*plus GTR fee) (**Used most frequently)

- 7140 Single Tooth Extraction
- **7210 Surgical Extraction - erupted
- 7130 Root Removal - exposed
- 7250 Removal Residual Root - not exposed
- 7220 Removal Impacted - soft tissue
- 7230 Removal Impacted - partial bony
- 7240 Removal Impacted - full bony
- 7310 Alveoplasty by Quadrant
- 7340 Vestibuloplasty / Ridge Trim
- *7950 Ridge Augmentation
- *7953 Socket Preservation
- 7955 Ridge Augmentation
- **4263 Bone Graft (first site)
- 4264 Bone Graft (second site)
- 4266 Resorbable GTR Barrier
- 4267 Non-resorbable GTR Barrier

Please refer to your ADA Coding Book for a more complete description before selecting a code. When filing a claim with the patient's Major Medical insurance carrier, the CPT codes that are being used are:

- 21210 Bone Graft – maxillary sites
- 21215 Bone Graft – mandibular sites
- D7110 Simple Extraction
- D7120 Surgical Removal

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