



TREATMENT OF ROOT CANAL OBSTRUCTION; NON-SURGICAL ACCESS

Policy # D011

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Description

In lieu of surgery, the formation of a pathway to achieve an apical seal without surgical intervention because of a non-negotiable root canal blocked by foreign bodies, including but not limited to; separated instruments, broken posts or calcification of 50% or more of the length of the tooth root. Select Health considers the following situations to be appropriate requirements for the use of this code:

- Pulp stones
- Separated instruments
- Broken posts
- Calcified canals; when the calcification from the root tip to the pulp chamber is 50% or more occluded

Commercial Plan Policy

Select Health will reimburse for this procedure if any of the following conditions are present:

- Blockage of the root canal by a foreign body, including, but not limited to a separated instrument or broken post.
- Calcification of 50% or more of the length of the tooth root.

The submission of chart notes along with a radiographic image that shows a file in place indicating the position of the blockage, which verifies the preceding conditions are present, is required for approval of the procedure. If these conditions are not verified, the root canal obstruction will be denied as inclusive to the primary endodontic procedure.

Select Health Advantage (Medicare/CMS)

Select Health Advantage will follow the commercial plan

Billing/Coding Information

CDT CODES:

D3331 Treatment of root canal obstruction; non-surgical access

Key References

1. Coding Companion for Dental Services – Ingenix (2016)
2. *Current Dental Terminology* (2016) – American Dental Association

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