

Non-Surgical Extractions

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Coverage Rationale

Non-Surgical Extractions

Non-surgical [Extractions](#) are indicated for the following:

- For non-restorable teeth
- Failed endodontics
- For teeth with a poor prognosis
- Supernumerary teeth
- Crowding/nonfunctional teeth
- Orthodontic considerations
- For primary teeth that are interfering with the eruption of permanent teeth
- When a tooth is interfering with planned prosthodontics

Definitions

Extraction: The process or act of removing a tooth or tooth parts. (ADA)

Applicable Codes

The following list(s) of procedure and/or diagnosis codes is provided for reference purposes only and may not be all inclusive. Listing of a code in this guideline does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by the member specific benefit plan document and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.

CDT Code	Description
D7111	Extraction, coronal remnants – primary tooth
D7140	Extraction, erupted tooth or exposed root (elevation and/or forceps removal)

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Description of Services

Non-surgical Extractions are performed for erupted teeth. Instruments are used to separate the periodontium from the tooth to remove it from its position in the jaw. This procedure includes routine removal of tooth structure, minor smoothing of the socket, and sutures if indicated.

Pursuant to CA AB2585: While not common in dentistry, nonpharmacological pain management strategies should be encouraged if appropriate.

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