

## Dental Clinical Policy: Surgical Extraction

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### Description

Extraction of an erupted tooth requiring removal of bone and/or sectioning of the tooth, including elevation of a mucoperiosteal flap if indicated, is often referred to as a Surgical Extraction. It includes incision and removal of gingiva and bone, removal of tooth structure, minor smoothing of socket bone, and closure (sutures). This may involve an entire tooth, a fractured tooth, or any part of a tooth not completely encased in bone. This procedure/service includes administration of local anesthesia, suturing (if required), and routine post-operative care.

### Policy/Criteria

- I. It is the policy of Envolve Dental Inc.® that a surgical extraction is **medically necessary** when any of the following conditions are met:
  - A. When there are erupted teeth with insufficient remaining clinical crown resulting from large existing restorations, gross decay or fracture, inhibiting non-surgical extraction using forceps and/or elevators;
  - B. When there are erupted teeth with prosthetic crowns or root canal treatment;
  - C. When there are erupted teeth that fracture (crown or root system) during a non-surgical extraction attempt;
  - D. When there are erupted teeth with ankylosed roots (root fused to bone – prevalent in adults over 50 years of age);
  - E. When there are erupted teeth with developmental abnormalities that would make non-surgical extraction unsafe or cause harm to surrounding structures;
  - F. When there are erupted teeth with complicating root morphology (dilacerated roots, curved roots requiring sectioning of the teeth, cementosis, proximity to vital structures requiring invasive access, etc.);
  - G. When there are erupted posterior teeth with roots extending into the maxillary sinus;
  - H. When there are erupted teeth fused to an adjacent tooth;
  - I. When there are erupted teeth in an ectopic position preventing the use of a forceps or elevator to extract the tooth non-surgically.
  - J. When none of the following contraindications are present:
    1. When a conservative non-surgical procedure is possible;
    2. When the tooth can be removed using only a forceps and/or elevator;
    3. When the tooth has less than 50% remaining bone support.
  - K. Required documentation to support medical necessity include the following:
    1. Clinical chart and treatment notes documenting conditions listed in the indications for use of surgical extraction;
    2. Current (less than 6 months) diagnostic quality periapical radiographic image(s) of the tooth or teeth requested for surgical extraction showing the entire tooth including root apices;
    3. Other forms as required per State-specific benefit plan mandates.

### Coverage Limitation/Exclusions

One D7210 per tooth per lifetime, subject to state-specific regulations.

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CDT® Codes	Description
D7210	Extraction (Surgical), erupted tooth requiring removal of bone and/or sectioning of tooth, and including elevation of mucoperiosteal flap if indicated

**ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes that Support Coverage Criteria**

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
K00.1	Supernumerary teeth
K00.4	Disturbances in tooth formation
K00.5	Hereditary disturbances in tooth structure, not elsewhere classified
K00.6	Disturbances in tooth eruption
K00.8	Other disorders of tooth development
K00.9	Disorder of tooth development, unspecified
K01.0	Embedded teeth
K02.3	Dental caries (decay and cavities)
K02.53	Dental caries on pit and fissure surface penetrating into pulp
K02.63	Dental caries on smooth surface penetrating into pulp
K02.7	Dental root caries
K02.9	Dental caries, unspecified
K03.0	Excessive attrition of teeth
K03.1	Ankylosis of teeth
K03.81	Cracked tooth
K03.89	Other specified diseases of hard tissues of teeth
K03.9	Diseases of hard tissues of teeth, unspecified
K04.4	Acute apical periodontitis of pulpal origin
K04.5	Chronic apical periodontitis
K04.6	Periapical abscess with sinus

K04.7	Periapical abscess without sinus
K04.8	Radicular cyst
K05.20	Aggressive periodontitis, unspecified
K05.213	Aggressive periodontitis, localized, severe
K05.219	Aggressive periodontitis, localized, unspecified severity
K05.30	Chronic periodontitis, unspecified
K05.313	Chronic periodontitis, localized, severe
K05.319	Chronic periodontitis, localized, unspecified severity
K05.323	Chronic periodontitis, generalized, severe
K05.329	Chronic periodontitis, generalized, unspecified severity
M27.51	Perforation of root canal space due to endodontic treatment
M27.52	Endodontic overfill
M27.59	Other periradicular pathology associated with previous endodontic treatment
S02.5XXA	Fracture of tooth (traumatic), initial encounter for closed fracture
S02.5XXB	Fracture of tooth (traumatic), initial encounter for open fracture
S02.5XXD	Fracture of tooth (traumatic), subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S02.5XXG	Fracture of tooth (traumatic), subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S02.5XXK	Fracture of tooth (traumatic), subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S02.5XXS	Fracture of tooth (traumatic), sequela
Z18.32	Retained tooth

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