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## UM CA Regional Medical Review Policy - General Anesthesia & Associated Facility Charges for Dental Procedures

**Historical Number: N/A**

### Scope:

Providence provider network, Includes: Southern California Networks Orange County / High Desert Medical Groups (St. Jude, St. Joseph, Mission, St. Mary's), LA County Medical Groups (Axminster Medical Group, Facey Medical Group, Providence Care Network, St. Johns Physician Partners Medical Group, ) and Northern California Networks (Sonoma, Humboldt, and Napa Valley)

### Purpose:

To establish a clearly defined process for ensuring coverage of General Anesthesia and associated facility charges for dental procedures.

### Definitions: N/A

### Policy:

1. It is the policy of Providence to comply with the appropriate Health Plans benefits, along with Member benefits, and consistent with sound clinical principles and processes.
2. General Anesthesia and associated facility charges for dental procedures\* are covered when the medical circumstances of the Member require that such dental procedures be rendered in a hospital or short stay surgery center.

### Procedure:

1. Follow Health Plan Review Criteria (hierarchy)

2. If no other criteria apply, then the guidelines are as follows:
  1. The Member must be under (7) seven year of age, OR
  2. Be developmentally disabled regardless of age, OR
  3. Have compromised health, regardless of age, which necessitates general anesthesia, OR
  4. Individual for whom local anesthesia is not appropriate or indicated (i.e., due to confirmed toxicity or allergy to local anesthesia; medical condition comorbidity; or presence of acute infection at injection site for local anesthesia), OR
  5. Individual with American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Physical Status Classification\* of 3 or greater, OR
  6. Individuals for whom conscious sedation would be inadequate or contraindicated.
3. General Background:
  1. The ASA Physical Status Classification System has been in use for over 60 years and was designed to assess and communicate an individual's pre-anesthesia medical comorbidities. When used with other factors (e.g. nature of the surgery, frailty, comorbidities, level of deconditioning), the system can be helpful in predicting perioperative risks (ASA, 2024):
    - a. ASA I: normal healthy patient
    - b. ASA II: patient with mild systemic disease
    - c. ASA III: patient with severe systemic disease
    - d. ASA IV: patient with severe systemic disease that is a constant threat to life
    - e. ASA V: moribund patient who is not expected to survive without the operation
    - f. ASA VI: a declared brain-dead patient whose organs are being removed for donor purposes

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## Maintenance:

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## Approval Signatures

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## Applicability

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## Standards

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