

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2014 – Prior Authorization for Extractions

In order to comply with the new Washington Administrative Code (WAC) requirement [182-535-1094 \(f\)\(i\)](#), the Health Care Authority (HCA) “covers routine and surgical extractions. Prior authorization is required when the extractions of four or more teeth over a six-month period, per provider, results in the client becoming edentulous in the maxillary arch or mandibular arch; or tooth number is not able to be determined.”

HCA will implement this WAC, as applicable, in the scenarios below:

ALREADY HAVE AUTHORIZATION FOR DENTURE(S)

If x-rays were submitted with the request, the authorization for the dentures can be used for the extractions*

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR DENTURE(S) or EXTRACTIONS

If HCA has a prior authorization in process for dentures, x-rays are attached, and authorization is granted, the same authorization number can be used for the extractions.*

* If the provider of the dentures is different from the provider of the extractions, please call the dental authorization unit or send an email to dentalprovhelphca@hca.wa.gov with the NPI# of the other provider so we may add it to the authorization record.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION HAS NOT BEEN SUBMITTED FOR DENTURE(S)

The request for extractions can be submitted with the request for dentures. Either the provider of the denture or the provider of extraction can submit the request. If the provider for dentures is different from the provider for extractions, please indicate the NPI# of the extraction provider in box #30 of the [General Information for Authorization](#) (13-835) form.

- a. If a client is scheduled for extractions in the month of May, you may email your request to dentalprovhelphca@hca.wa.gov.
- b. If your email request for an extraction appointment is after the month of May, please use service type = SS in box #2 of the [General Information for Authorization](#) (13-835) form and we will expedite the request upon receipt.
- c. If extractions are deemed emergent, you may provide the service and request authorization after the fact.