

**August 6, 2021**

**Criteria and Process in Selected Surgical Procedures**

CountyCare will be piloting a quality improvement approach to authorization of select oral and maxillo-facial surgical procedures for adults starting September 15, 2021. This will be a 15-month pilot program covering sixty-five CPT codes in six clinical categories under Oral Maxillo-Facial surgical area. CountyCare will submit 3-year data (2 years retrospective and 1 year prospective) to HFS showing number of cases in each of the 6 approved clinical categories, quality outcomes, postop complications and patient deaths, if any, all costs paid by CountyCare including professional fees+ ancillary costs, and at least one measure of patient satisfaction.

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| Surgical Areas | Clinical Category | CPT Codes |
| Oral-Maxillo-Facial | Orthognatic | 21025, 21030, 21040, 21048, 21120, 21121, 21196, 21244, 31225, and 41830 |
| Benign | 41830, 21121, 21141, 21142, 21146, 21193, 21196, 21198, 21210, 21215, 21248, 21249, and 41150 |
| Salivary | 41110, 41112, 41113, 41115, 41120, 41599, 24210, 42415, 42420, and 42440 |
| Reconstruction Cleft/Craniofacial | 42205, 42210, 40700, 40701, 40702, 42200, 30580, and 30600 |
| TMJ | 15732, 20605, 21010, 21050, 21060, 21070, 21240, 21242, 21243, 21247, and 29800 |
| Trauma | 21356, 21360, 21365, 21366, 21390, 21395, 21406, 21453, 21461, 21462, 21465, 21470, and 21497 |

 This notice of new requirements or restrictions does not apply to referrals or procedures performed:

* At University of Illinois Hospital and Surgeons (UI Health)
* At those hospitals and surgery facilities in CountyCare network with a board-certified surgeon in Otolaryngology, Oral and Maxillo-Facial surgery, Cranio-Facial surgery, or Plastic surgery, and
* Any non-elective or emergency surgery in the specified categories at network facilities

Besides the 3 exceptions noted above, all other cases of CountyCare members in above specified 6 clinical categories will need to be referred to Stroger Hospital for initial consultation and will be accommodated within 7 business days of the initial request. Similarly, any follow-up consults, or pre-operative evaluations will be scheduled at Stroger Hospital within an additional 7-day period. To discuss scheduling or if you have any questions please call (312) 864-SURG. For any questions or concerns, please contact CountyCare Customer Service (312) 864-8200 or CCH Clinic Managers (312) 864-6133. We continue to welcome feedback from our providers regarding our approach with our network to manage quality, service, and costs.