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Subject: No prior authorization needed for fee-for-service orthodontic evaluations, effective October 1, 2023

Effective October 1, 2023, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will not require prior authorization (PA) for Current Dental Terminology code D8660 (pre-orthodontic treatment evaluation).

Why is this happening?

D8660 is a diagnostic code and should not require PA. This change is to align with the intent of the service.

What should you do?

Providers should conduct pre-orthodontic treatment evaluations and bill OHA without PA.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, contact the Medicaid Dental Policy Analyst Jessica Dusek at Jessica.D.Dusek@oha.oregon.gov or 503-510-0252.

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