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# Medical Policies

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Policy Number:	ME-A-9001		
Policy Name:	General Anesthesia for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dental Services		
Policy Type:	Medical	Policy Subtype:	Anesthesia
Effective Date:	09-15-2025	End Date:	11-02-2025

## Description

Individuals undergoing general anesthesia should have a pre-anesthesia consultation and informed of the potential risks of general anesthesia. Informed consent should be obtained from the individual or their legal representative.

## Policy Application

All claims submitted under this policy's section will be processed according to the policy effective date and associated revision effective dates in effect on the date of service.

## Professional Statements and Societal Positions Guidelines

Not Applicable

## Diagnosis Codes

Not Applicable

## CURRENT CODING

### CPT:

00170	ANESTHESIA INTRAORAL PX WITH BIOPSY NOS	Medicaid Expansion
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## ND Committee Review

Internal Medical Policy Committee 2-10-2022 *Effective March 01, 2022*

- **Adopted** Medicaid Expansion specific policy

Internal Medical Policy Committee 3-23-2023 Annual Review-no changes in criteria *Effective July 3, 2023*

Internal Medical Policy Committee 5-14-2024 Annual Review-no changes in criteria *Effective July 1, 2024*

- **Added** Policy Application

## Disclaimer

*Current medical policy is to be used in determining a Member's contract benefits on the date that services are rendered. Contract language, including definitions and specific inclusions/exclusions, as well as state and*

*federal law, must be considered in determining eligibility for coverage. Members must consult their applicable benefit plans or contact a Member Services representative for specific coverage information. Likewise, medical policy, which addresses the issue(s) in any specific case, should be considered before utilizing medical opinion in adjudication. Medical technology is constantly evolving, and the Company reserves the right to review and update medical policy periodically.*