

Orthognathic Surgery, Surgical 34

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Description & Definitions:

Orthognathic surgery corrects conditions related to the structure of the jaw and face.

Criteria:

Orthognathic surgery is considered medically necessary for individuals with significant physical functional impairment as indicated by **1 or more of the following**:

- Speech abnormalities evaluated by a speech therapist or pathologist and determined to be due to a malocclusion with **ALL of the following**:
 - Documentation including **all of the following**:
 - Completion of skeletal growth
 - Radiologic results with measurements (e.g. bilateral or lateral x-rays, cephalometric or panoramic radiographs, tomograms)
 - A short narrative regarding the plans, procedure, and International Classification of Disease codes
 - Photographs
 - Extent of functional impairment
 - Cannot be corrected with orthodontia
 - Cannot be corrected with at least 6 months of speech therapy
- Masticatory dysfunction/malocclusion with **all of the following**:
 - Documentation including **all of the following**:
 - Completion of skeletal growth
 - Photographs
 - Extent of functional impairment
 - Individual with indications of **1 or more of the following**:
 - Anteroposterior discrepancies of greater than 2 standard deviations above published norms as defined by **1 or more of the following**:
 - Maxillary/Mandibular incisor relationship with an overjet that is **1 or more of the following**:

- Equal to or greater than 5 millimeters
 - Equal to or less than 0 millimeters
- Maxillary/Mandibular anteroposterior molar relationship discrepancy of 4 millimeters or greater
- Vertical discrepancies with **1 or more** of the following:
 - Individual has vertical skeletal facial deformity that is 2 or more standard deviations from normal skeletal landmarks
 - Individual has an open bite with either no vertical overlap of anterior teeth
 - Individual has unilateral or bilateral posterior open bite greater than 2 millimeters
 - Deep overbite with impingement or irritation of buccal or lingual soft tissues of the opposing arch
 - Supra-eruption of a dentoalveolar segment due to lack of occlusion
- Transverse discrepancies with **1 or more of the following**:
 - Presence of a transverse skeletal discrepancy which is two or more standard deviations from published norms
 - Total bilateral maxillary palatal cusp to mandibular fossa discrepancy of 4 millimeters or greater
 - Unilateral maxillary palatal cusp to mandibular fossa of 3 millimeters or greater
- Anteroposterior, transverse, or lateral asymmetries greater than 3 millimeters with concomitant occlusal asymmetry
- Maxillary or mandibular deformities contributing to airway dysfunction

There is insufficient scientific evidence to support the medical necessity of orthognathic surgery for uses other than those listed in the clinical indications for procedure section.

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- 2010: September
- 2008: September
- 2005: August
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- 1998: December

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- 2004: September

- 2003: September, October
- 2002: September
- 2001: November
- 1999: November
- 1996: August

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Coding:

Medically necessary with criteria:

Coding	Description
21120	Genioplasty; augmentation (autograft, allograft, prosthetic material)
21121	Genioplasty; sliding osteotomy, single piece
21122	Genioplasty; sliding osteotomies, 2 or more osteotomies (eg, wedge excision or bone wedge reversal for asymmetrical chin)
21123	Genioplasty; sliding, augmentation with interpositional bone grafts (includes obtaining autografts)
21125	Augmentation, mandibular body or angle; prosthetic material
21127	Augmentation, mandibular body or angle; with bone graft, onlay or interpositional (includes obtaining autograft)
21141	Reconstruction midface, LeFort I; single piece, segment movement in any direction (eg, for Long Face Syndrome), without bone graft
21142	Reconstruction midface, LeFort I; 2 pieces, segment movement in any direction, without bone graft
21143	Reconstruction midface, LeFort I; 3 or more pieces, segment movement in any direction, without bone graft
21145	Reconstruction midface, LeFort I; single piece, segment movement in any direction, requiring bone grafts (includes obtaining autografts)
21146	Reconstruction midface, LeFort I; 2 pieces, segment movement in any direction, requiring bone grafts (includes obtaining autografts) (eg, ungrafted unilateral alveolar cleft)
21147	Reconstruction midface, LeFort I; 3 or more pieces, segment movement in any direction, requiring bone grafts (includes obtaining autografts) (eg, ungrafted bilateral alveolar cleft or multiple osteotomies)
21248	Reconstruction of mandible or maxilla, endosteal implant (eg, blade, cylinder); partial
21249	Reconstruction of mandible or maxilla, endosteal implant (eg, blade, cylinder); complete
21150	Reconstruction midface, LeFort II; anterior intrusion (eg, Treacher-Collins Syndrome)
21151	Reconstruction midface, LeFort II; any direction, requiring bone grafts (includes obtaining autografts); without LeFort I
21154	Reconstruction midface, LeFort III (extracranial), any type, requiring bone grafts (includes obtaining autografts); without LeFort I
21155	Reconstruction midface, LeFort III (extracranial), any type, requiring bone grafts (includes obtaining autografts); with LeFort I
21188	Reconstruction midface, osteotomies (other than LeFort type) and bone grafts (includes obtaining autografts)
21193	Reconstruction of mandibular rami, horizontal, vertical, C, or L osteotomy; without bone graft
21194	Reconstruction of mandibular rami, horizontal, vertical, C, or L osteotomy; with bone graft (includes obtaining graft)
21195	Reconstruction of mandibular rami and/or body, sagittal split; without internal rigid fixation
21196	Reconstruction of mandibular rami and/or body, sagittal split; with internal rigid fixation
21198	Osteotomy, mandible, segmental;
21199	Osteotomy, mandible, segmental; with genioglossus advancement

21206	Osteotomy, maxilla, segmental (eg, Wassmund or Schuchard)
21208	Osteoplasty, facial bones; augmentation (autograft, allograft, or prosthetic implant)
21209	Osteoplasty, facial bones; reduction
21210	Graft, bone; nasal, maxillary or malar areas (includes obtaining graft)
21215	Graft, bone; mandible (includes obtaining graft)
21244	Reconstruction of mandible, extraoral, with transosteal bone plate (eg, mandibular staple bone
21245	Reconstruction of mandible or maxilla, subperiosteal implant; partial
21246	Reconstruction of mandible or maxilla, subperiosteal implant; complete
21247	Reconstruction of mandibular condyle with bone and cartilage autografts (includes obtaining grafts) (eg, for hemifacial microsomia)
21255	Reconstruction of zygomatic arch and glenoid fossa with bone and cartilage (includes obtaining autografts)
21295	Reduction of masseter muscle and bone (eg, for treatment of benign masseteric hypertrophy); extraoral approach
21296	Reduction of masseter muscle and bone (eg, for treatment of benign masseteric hypertrophy); intraoral approach

Considered Not Medically Necessary:

Coding	Description
	None

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) - approved only products only.

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Special Notes: *

- Coverage: See the appropriate benefit document for specific coverage determination. Member specific benefits take precedence over medical policy.
- Application to products: Policy is applicable to Sentara Health Plan Commercial products.
- Authorization requirements: Pre-certification by the Plan is required.
- Special Notes:
 - Commercial
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 - Services mean both medical and behavioral health (mental health) services and supplies unless We specifically tell You otherwise. We do not cover any services that are not listed in the Covered Services section unless required to be covered under state or federal laws and regulations. We do not cover any services that are not Medically Necessary. We sometimes give examples of specific services that are not covered but that does not mean that other similar services are

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Including but not limited to: Specialty Association Guidelines; Government Regulations; Winifred S. Hayes, Inc; UpToDate; Literature Review; Specialty Advisors; National Coverage Determination (NCD); Local Coverage Determination (LCD).

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