



Criteria for Non-Restorable Tooth

Purpose

In the application of clinical criteria for benefit determination, SKYGEN USA, LLC dental consultants will consider the condition of both the individual tooth as well as the patient's overall dental health. If a tooth is determined to be non-restorable or the treatment may have a poor long term prognosis, the requested service will be denied. Clinical guidelines have been formulated under the basis that the tooth can be restored, can be made free of root pathology and that there is adequate periodontal support. If these conditions cannot be met or if the contemplated restoration, due to other factors would have a poor long term prognosis, other treatment options may be more appropriate. Policy guidelines are general in nature and may be affected by specific state or Plan policies.

Policy

A tooth may be deemed non-restorable if one or more of the following criteria are present:

- The tooth presents with greater than a 75% loss of the clinical crown
- The tooth has less than 50% bone support
- The tooth has subosseous and / or furcation caries
- The tooth is a primary tooth with exfoliation imminent
- The tooth apex is surrounded by severe pathologic destruction of the bone
- The overall dental health (i.e. periodontal) of the patient is such that the long term prognosis of the requested treatment is not good.
- There is evidence that the patient will be unable to maintain reasonable oral health (i.e. cerebral palsy) such that the long term prognosis of the requested treatment is not good.