

8.280 EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT [Eff. 10/01/2007]

8.280.5 LIMITATIONS/SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

~~3. Orthodontic services are available for children with congenital, severe developmental or acquired handicapping malocclusions when the orthodontist documents Medical Necessity that is confirmed by pre-treatment case review. Orthodontists shall submit requests for prior authorization of covered orthodontic services.~~

8.280.5.F. Orthodontic services are available for children when:

1. The client has a severe handicapping malocclusion. A malocclusion is characterized as "severe handicapping" when it results from severe skeletal discrepancyies such as cleft palate or other craniofacial anomaly, or a severe dental discrepancy, that can be objectively documented.~~as causing at least one of the following:~~

~~a. Tissue injury;~~

~~b. Significantly impaired speech, mastication, breathing or swallowing; or~~

~~c. Severe psychological trauma or severe antisocial behavior.~~

2. The orthodontist has submitted a request for prior authorization of covered orthodontic services and has received approval.