

criteria in the New Jersey Manual for Dental Services.

The issue here concerns whether dental implants are a reimbursable service for Petitioner. Under Medicaid regulations, only medically necessary dental services are covered and requests for dental implants are limited to those that demonstrate the beneficiary has a facial anomaly, deformity, or has been unable to function with a complete denture for at least two years and other surgical corrections have been unsuccessful in improving the retention of the denture. N.J.A.C. 10:56-1.1 and 2.13(c)(1). Petitioner does not meet any of the specific exceptions and there is no evidence of extenuating circumstances warranting dental implants.

By Initial Decision dated August 12, 2021, the ALJ denied petitioner's appeal.

Based on my review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's findings. I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision.

THEREFORE, it is on this 9th day of NOVEMBER 2021,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.



Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services