

I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision affirming the denial of prior authorization for a dental implant crown. Based upon my review of the record, I hereby ADOPT the findings, conclusions and recommended decision of the Administrative Law Judge in their entirety and incorporate the same herein by reference. 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 or other surgical corrections have been unsuccessful. N.J.A.C. 10:56-1.1 and 2.13(c)1. Petitioner's case was reviewed by Respondent and Petitioner was found to have no extenuating circumstances warranting dental implants. The ALJ found that Petitioner does not meet the requirements to cover dental implants under the Medicaid regulations.

I agree with the Administrative Law Judge that the Petitioner did not submit any evidence to rebut United Healthcare's determination or support a finding that Petitioner's proposed dental plan is medically necessary.

THEREFORE, it is on this 18th day of NOVEMBER 2021,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.



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