



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA PURCHASED/REFERRED CARE (PRC)

Dental Service Plan

Dental Services

*****All Treatment plans require prior approval.**

- Provider will need to submit treatment plan with films
- If member has dental insurance, the provider will need to submit the treatment plan, films and the insurance pre-estimate to determine if benefits will be provided after dental insurance is exhausted.

Note: “Year” refers to fiscal year (October 1 through September 31)

- Oral Evaluations 2 times per year
- Radiographs (X-rays)
- Dental Cleaning 2 per year
- Fluoride Treatment
- Sealants

Other dental services:

All other dental services require pre-authorization from Purchased/Referred Care. Please submit a pre-determination estimate on an ADA claim form. Your dental office should be able to provide this to you. Also, have your dentist include any supporting documents i.e. radiographs, chart notes and/or a narrative to support their recommendations. Cosmetic procedures will not be approved.

Please note: The below dental procedures are of a lower priority.

20% of the PRC dental budget will be reserved for dental services including, but not limited to:

- a) Crown and bridge procedures.
 - Ceramic and porcelain fused to noble metal allowed. No gold crowns or bridges.
- b) Dentures and partial if fabricated by Affordable Dentures located at Lincoln/Bellevue, NE and Sioux City, IA.
- c) Dentures/partials may be fabricated at Creighton University School of Dentistry when required and appropriate approval is obtained.
- d) Mini Implants if by Affordable Dentures or Implants if placed at the Creighton University School of Dentistry.

Emergency Dental Care

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Emergency care is intended to relieve pain caused by an acute condition until your primary dentist can see you. Your emergency care benefit does not include procedures that may be required but are not necessary for the relief of pain. For example, root canals and crowns may be necessary treatments but are not covered under emergency care benefits. If you have an emergency that involves extensive accidental or traumatic injury to your teeth or mouth, or that affects your ability to breathe or swallow, you should go to the nearest emergency room for proper evaluation and/or treatment.

Emergency Dental Service

Emergency dental services are limited to procedures done in a dentist's office, dental clinic, or other comparable facility, to evaluate and stabilize dental conditions of a recent onset and severity accompanied by excessive bleeding, severe pain, or acute infection that would lead a layperson with average knowledge of dentistry to believe that immediate care is needed. A specific example would be a toothache that caused you severe pain.

Emergency dental services are those services necessary for the relief of acute conditions. Services include all necessary laboratory & preoperative work including examination, radiographs and appropriate anesthesia (local, general, sedative) for optimal management of the emergency.

Emergency Dental Procedure:

- 1) Client who resides within 25 miles of an I/T/U must use this resource.
- 2) If unable to be seen at an I/T/U facility, client must contact the PRC department for authorization if during business hours, if after hours, you are required to call within 72 hours. In an afterhour's case, all pertinent information must be submitted to PRC for review and decision on coverage.
- 3) If during hours, PRC will require a written verification form from the PTN Chief Dental Officer indicating that they have no availability. All other areas, PRC staff will contact the appropriate I/T/U to verify availability, when necessary.
- 4) Client must have a serious dental problem. Emergency dental services shall include but not limited to the following:
 - Procedures necessary to control bleeding, relieve pain, and eliminate acute infection
 - Operative procedures that are required to prevent imminent loss of teeth
 - Treatment of injuries to the teeth or supporting structures (please note that severe trauma to teeth and gums should be evaluated by an emergency physician (treating physician may contact a dental specialist for proper evaluation and/or treatment).

- 5) If authorized, the emergency dental appointment should only be utilized to alleviate the serious dental condition requiring such service. Once emergent care is received and the condition is stabilized, follow-up care will require that services be performed at the IHS dental facility if you reside within 25 miles of an I/T/U. If outside this radius, client can follow-up with a PRC dental provider, but all treatment plans must be submitted from the emergency provider to PRC for review and decision on coverage prior to obtaining services.
- 6) If the client is seen at an emergency dental facility, and it is determined that the visit does not meet our emergency criteria, the patient will be liable for all charges incurred.
- 7) If the client has repeatedly missed dental appointments at the IHS facility, and has come to the point of an emergency, the patient will be responsible for all charges incurred.
- 8) If the client obtains emergency dental services and fails to follow through with the necessary recommended follow-up, future emergency dental services may not be covered if being seen for the same emergency service.