

PLAN OPERATIONS	Advantage Dental From DentaQuest		
	<i>Policy and Procedure</i>		
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PURPOSE

To establish the Dental Care Organization's (DCO's) policy on second opinion requests by enrollees and the process to submit and review such requests.

POLICY

All second opinion requests must be made by enrollees to the Care Coordination Department. The Second Opinion Form is sent to the enrollee with a self-addressed stamped return envelope. The second opinion appointment is to be scheduled within 30 days.

The Care Coordination Department will send a request for applicable documentation (ex. chart notes, x-rays, etc.) to the enrollee's Primary Care Dentist (PCD). Once the requested information is received, the Care Coordination Department will coordinate with the Vice President of Clinical Services (a licensed Oregon Dentist) to determine the best-suited provider for the second opinion case. The Care Coordination Department will then coordinate an appointment for the second opinion with the secondary provider and enrollee. After the secondary provider has completed the evaluation, the secondary provider will send a report to the enrollee's PCD and the Care Coordination Department. The Care Coordination Department will contact the enrollee to confirm satisfaction with the second opinion.

The consultation fee for the second opinion will be paid to the secondary provider at the current emergency visit allowed amount.

The DCO shall provide for a second opinion from a contracted provider to determine Dentally Appropriate services. If a contracted provider cannot be arranged then the DCO shall arrange for the enrollee to obtain the second opinion from a non-contracted provider, at no cost to the enrollee.

REFERENCES

42 CFR §438.206(b)(3) Availability of services

FORMS AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS

[Second Opinion form](#)

Revision History

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