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## **Insurance Collection Procedures**

### **Nite-Guide™, Occlus-o-Guide™, Adult Ortho-T™ and Ortho-Tain Positioner™**

It is important to provide insurance companies with as complete a description of the Nite-Guide® case as possible. Overbite and crowding usually increase during the transition from deciduous to permanent incisors. Overbite increases almost 2mm (1.75mm) during this exchange of teeth - a 2mm deciduous overbite will become 4mm in the permanent dentition and a 4mm deciduous overbite will become almost 6mm in the permanent occlusion. Projected overbite and crowding (or spacing) are used on the insurance claim together with the overjet, cross-bites, TMJ problems, and molar jaw relations as present in the patient.

Some insurance companies have certain restrictions as to eligibility regarding overbite (4.1mm of overbite or more is sometimes required to be eligible, while 4.0mm or less is not acceptable). Cross-bites are regularly accepted for treatment acceptance. This is the reason that all specific problems should be listed. If there is a projected crowding problem, you might send a periapical x-ray film of the permanent canine and lateral to indicate their potential size compared to the space available for them.

If any additional appliances will be used in conjunction with the Nite-Guide®, such as a Hawley appliance with an anterior bite-shelf for the overbite correction maintenance, a bumper or head-gear can be used to create space or distalization of the posterior segments -- These should be mentioned on the application.

The exact fee is stated on the insurance form. If more than one Nite-Guide® or Occlus-o-Guide® or Ortho-T™ or Ortho-Tain Positioner™ appliance will be used, it should be mentioned on the application as well. We recommend that the specific name “Nite-Guide®” or “Occlus-o-Guide®” or “Ortho-T™” or “Ortho-Tain Positioner™” not be used. Instead, the generic name such as “removable activator” or “functional appliance” or simply “removable appliance” is used and will be more easily understood by the insurance company. This early treatment procedure would be termed “Phase I” or “Mixed Dentition Phase” and not deciduous or preventive. If the patient has an orthodontic clause in their insurance policy, the procedure will usually be accepted. If records are requested, we usually explain that models or cephalometric head-films cannot be sent, however, the full-mouth radiographs or Panorex can be offered for their inspection.

There should be a statement on the insurance form stating “if further orthodontic treatment is required for this patient at a later date, additional fees may be required for this patient at a later date, additional fee may be required at that time”.

#### **Insurance codes for:**

#### **Nite-Guide®, Occlus-o-Guide® and Adult Ortho-T™ or Ortho-Tain Positioner™**

**8010 (Nite-Guide®) - Orthodontic Treatment of The Primary Dentition**

**8070 (Occlus-o-Guide®) - Orthodontic Treatment of The Transitional (Mixed) Dentition**

**8090 (Ortho-T™ or Ortho-Tain Positioner™) – Comprehensive Orthodontic Treatment of the Adult Dentition**

**8040 (Ortho-T™ or Ortho-Tain Positioner™) - Limited Orthodontic Treatment of the Adult Dentition**