

**WAC 182-535A-0020 Client eligibility.** (1) Subject to the limitations of this chapter, the medicaid agency covers medically necessary orthodontic treatment and orthodontic-related services for severe handicapping malocclusions, craniofacial anomalies, or cleft lip or palate, for eligible clients through age twenty. Refer to WAC 182-501-0060 to see which Washington apple health programs include orthodontic services in their benefit package.

(2) Eligible clients may receive the same orthodontic treatment and orthodontic-related services in recognized out-of-state bordering cities on the same basis as if provided in-state. See WAC 182-501-0175.

(3) Eligible clients may receive the same orthodontic treatment and orthodontic-related services for continued orthodontic treatment when originally rendered by a nonmedicaid or out-of-state provider as follows:

(a) The provider must submit the initial orthodontic case study and treatment plan records with the request for continued treatment.

(b) The agency evaluates the initial orthodontic case study and treatment plan to determine if the client met the agency's orthodontic criteria per WAC 182-535A-0040 (1) through (3).

(c) The agency determines continued treatment duration based on the client's current orthodontic conditions.

(d) The agency does not cover continued treatment if the client's initial condition did not meet the agency's criteria for the initial orthodontic treatment. The agency pays a deband and retainer fee if the client does not meet the initial orthodontic treatment criteria.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160 and 2019 c 415 §§ 211 (1)(c) and 1111 (1)(c). WSR 19-20-047, § 182-535A-0020, filed 9/25/19, effective 10/26/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 1 § 213 (1)(c). WSR 19-09-058, § 182-535A-0020, filed 4/15/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and 41.05.160. WSR 17-20-097, § 182-535A-0020, filed 10/3/17, effective 11/3/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 4 § 213. WSR 14-08-032, § 182-535A-0020, filed 3/25/14, effective 4/30/14. WSR 11-14-075, recodified as § 182-535A-0020, filed 6/30/11, effective 7/1/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.08.090. WSR 08-17-009, § 388-535A-0020, filed 8/7/08, effective 9/7/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.520 and 74.09.035, 74.09.500. WSR 05-01-064, § 388-535A-0020, filed 12/8/04, effective 1/8/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.035, 74.09.520, 74.09.500, 42 U.S.C. 1396d(a), C.F.R. 440.100 and 225. WSR 02-01-050, § 388-535A-0020, filed 12/11/01, effective 1/11/02.]