## CT of Face and Jaw (Maxillofacial area)

Providers can expedite a request by submitting a prior authorization request through e-referral and completing the appropriate questionnaire. If all questions are answered, e-referral will determine the status of the case based on the provider’s response. If the case pending and BCN cannot authorize it, BCN will contact the provider for additional clinical information.

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1. Does the patient have: **Note: Question #2 is MANDATORY – answer all other questions that are applicable.**
2. A sinus infection less than three weeks (This refers to a new sinus infection, not a repeat or chronic sinus infection)?
   - Yes
   - No
3. A sinus infection lasting longer than three weeks AND not responding after two courses of antibiotics?
   - Yes
   - No
4. More than three sinus infections in 12 months?
   - Yes
   - No
5. Pre-op planning for sinus surgery?
   - Yes
   - No
6. Infection in bone of the face?
   - Yes
   - No
7. History of sinus polyps (tissue growth in the sinus area)?
   - Yes
   - No
8. Significant facial bone trauma?
   - Yes
   - No
9. Abnormal facial X-rays, CT requested or recommended?
   - Yes
   - No
10. Recurrent nosebleeds?
    - Yes
    - No
11. Chronic nasal airway obstruction?
    - Yes
    - No

* Sinus CT generally performed without intravenous contrast
**Tumor imaging generally performed with contrast only

If the test for the patient is not approved and you think the patient needs the test, please call 1-800-392-2512

References:


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Poole MD. Difficulties in Diagnosis and Treatment of Sinusitis. The American Journal of Managed Care. 1999; 5(11) Sup.: S670-S676.

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