

Healthfund Item Numbers for Orthodontic Treatment

Below is a list of possible item numbers that may be used in conjunction with orthodontic treatment. Please note that these item numbers are a guide only. For your specific application, we will need to make a proper assessment to tailor a treatment plan suited to you individually.

014 Consultation

A consultation to seek advice or to discuss treatment options regarding a specific dental or oral complaint. This consultation includes recording an appropriate medical history and any other relevant information.

015 Consultation – Extended (30 minutes or more)

An extended consultation to seek advice or to discuss treatment options regarding a specific dental or oral complaint. This consultation includes recording an appropriate medical history and any other relevant information.

018 Written Report

A written report not addressed to a referring practitioner involved in the patient's care.

019 Letter of Referral

A letter from a dentist referring a patient to another practitioner and providing appropriate information to the consultant.

036 Cephalometric Radiograph

Lateral, antero-posterior, postero-anterior or submento-vertex – per exposure.

Taking and interpreting a single radiograph of the head taken from the side, the front, the back or through the vertex of the skull, for the purpose of measurement and analysis. A cephalostat is used to standardize the conditions of imaging.

037 Panoramic radiograph - per exposure

Taking and interpreting an extraoral radiograph presenting a panoramic view of part or all of the mandible and/or maxilla and/or adjacent structures.

071 Diagnostic Model - per model

The preparation of a model from an impression. The model is used for examination and treatment

planning procedures. This item should not be used to describe a working model.

072 Photographic records - intraoral

Photographs and/or printed digitized images showing structures inside the mouth associated with dental diagnosis or clinical procedure. These images should not be confused with digitized radiographic images

073 Photographic records - extraoral

Photographs and/or printed digitized images showing the face or a region of the head and neck outside the mouth, associated with dental diagnosis or clinical procedure. These images should not be confused with digitized radiographic images.

074 Diagnostic wax up

The preparation and waxing up of diagnostic models to facilitate the development of a treatment plan.

081 Cephalometric analysis – excluding radiographs

The analysis of a cephalometric radiograph (item 036) by measurement of specific biological landmarks in order to determine and predict patterns of development of the crano-faciomaxillary growth complex.

The procedure is often employed in orthodontic diagnosis.

082 Tooth-jaw size prediction analysis

The analysis of records, including radiographs and casts to predict the relationship between the anticipated size of the mandible, the maxilla and the teeth these bones have to accommodate.

825 Sequential Plastic Aligners – per arch

A series of custom made plastic aligners used to gradually move teeth. This item is inclusive of any removable and or fixed retention.

829 Partial banding – per arch

Application of bands and/or brackets to six teeth or fewer in the maxillary or mandibular arch, which can be attached to a resilient arch wire. The appliance is designed to correct either tooth position or arch form.

842 Partial banding for inter-maxillary elastics (cross elastics)

Application of bands and brackets to two or more teeth in maxillary and mandibular arches. Resilient arch wires may be attached to the brackets and also inter-maxillary elastics between the two arches. The

resulting appliances are designed to correct the position of teeth or arch form.

862 Bonding of attachment for application of orthodontic force

Attachment of a hook, peg or lug to facilitate orthodontic force application on a malpositioned erupted tooth. Force application may utilise either fixed or removable appliances.

871 Orthodontic Adjustment

Adjustment of an orthodontic appliance either fixed or removable. This is often associated with ongoing treatment anticipated at the time of insertion of the appliance. This item number should not be used with item 881.

982 Enamel Stripping per visit

The removal of enamel from the interdental surfaces of a tooth/teeth to reduce width.

RETENTION

811 Passive removable appliance - per arch (i.e. Removable retainer)

A removable, one arch appliance attached to the dentition by metal clasps or similar device designed to maintain the position of the teeth in the dentition. The appliance does not provide pressure directed at tooth movement. Sometimes used following orthodontic active treatment to maintain a correction.

845 Passive fixed appliance (i.e. Bonded lingual retainer)

A passive appliance fixed to one or more teeth, designed to prevent movement of the teeth relative to each other or to the segment of the arch. The appliance can be used to maintain a space from the loss of a tooth.