Treatment of Root Canal Obstruction; Non-Surgical Access

Policy # D011
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Description
In lieu of surgery, the formation of a pathway to achieve an apical seal without surgical intervention because of a non-negotiable root canal blocked by foreign bodies, including separated instruments, broken posts, or calcification of 50% or more of the length of the tooth root.

Policy/Criteria
The submission of a periapical x-ray and a narrative, when necessary, are requirements for approval of this procedure. SelectHealth will reimburse for this procedure if the outlined requirements are met. If the required information supports one of the following: a root canal blocked by foreign bodies, including but not limited to a separated instrument, broken post, or calcification of 50% or more of the length of the tooth root, this procedure will be allowed.

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