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RE: DEN-6 Handicapping Labio-Lingual Deviation (HLD) Index Form Prior Authorization Process

Dear Provider,

The DEN-6 Handicapping Labio-Lingual Deviation (HLD) Index Form prior authorization process and scoring sheet is used by OHCA as a part of the orthodontic prior authorization process. The purpose of this form is to determine the severity of malocclusions and identify cases that are debilitating or that have been statistically and clinically shown will deteriorate to a debilitating or pathological state without orthodontic intervention or correction in the adolescent years or phase of growth and development.

The current DEN-6 has been utilized by SoonerCare providers since March 2017. DentaQuest and Liberty Dental Plan also implemented this form to prior authorize orthodontic services for SoonerSelect dental members.

Over the last several months, OHCA has facilitated a focus group composed of orthodontic practicing professors, Oklahoma Medicaid participating orthodontists, pedodontists, general practitioners, and SoonerCare and SoonerSelect reviewers to evaluate and update the DEN-6. Focus group objectives included a comprehensive review of the DEN-6 to ensure alignment with dental professions current and accepted standards of care, and a comparison of the Oklahoma form to similar forms used in other states around the country. Recommendations from the focus group included updates to the form to clarify and simplify instructions, and the addition of certain “automatic qualifier” conditions.

The revised DEN-6 looks similar to the original version and keeps the 30-point scoring system. Clarifying instructions have been added to each scoring step, along with an indication of whether the condition is considered an “automatic qualifier.” A copy of the revised DEN-6 can be found under Forms on the OHCA provider web page.



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Effective June 1, 2025, all SoonerCare dental providers must begin using the updated DEN-6 form and scoring sheet for the orthodontic prior authorization process. All SoonerSelect dental providers must begin using the updated DEN-6 form effective July 1, 2025.

If you have any questions regarding this form change for the SoonerCare fee-for-service program, please call the OHCA provider helpline at 800-522-0114.

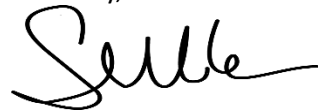
If you have any questions about this form change within the SoonerSelect dental program, please reach out to the SoonerSelect dental plans at:

DentaQuest: 833-479-1007 or okproviders@dentaquest.com

Liberty Dental Plan: 888-902-0342 or okprinquiries@libertydentalplan.com

Thank you for your continued service to Oklahoma's SoonerCare and SoonerSelect members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S White', with a stylized, cursive script.

Sherri White
Chief Operating Officer