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Policy: Orthodontic Treatment

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Policy Statement:

The Ne-Ia-Shing Dental Clinic will provide orthodontic treatment to Mille Lacs Band Members who are 18 years of age & under. They must be an enrolled member or first generation descendent of an enrolled Mille Lacs Band Member. This benefit is based on availability of funds and meeting the referral criteria. This benefit is limited per fiscal year.

Purpose:

To correct malocclusion and provide proper alignment of crowded teeth

Procedure:

To establish a referral on an as needed basis the patient must:

- 1) Have a complete dental exam with radiographs, cleaning and fluoride with a Ne-Ia-Shing Dental provider.
- 2) If treatment is needed, it must be completed prior to the orthodontic referral.
- 3) The patient must have good oral hygiene and continue to maintain a good recall program of prevention with our clinic.
- 4) The patient will then be referred by a Ne-Ia-Shing Dental provider to a designated orthodontist. The patient must have a consultation within 12 months from the date of referral. If the referral is not followed up by a consultation within 12 months, the patient will need to be reevaluated by a Ne-Ia-Shing Dental provider.
- 5) The orthodontic office will need to send a pre-treatment estimate to Ne-Ia-Shing Dental for prior approval. Pre-treatment estimates can be sent to:

Ne-Ia-Shing Dental Clinic
Attn: Dental Office Manager
43500 Migizi Drive
Onamia, MN 56359

- 6) Upon approval, the Ne-Ia-Shing Dental Clinic will pay a benefit total of \$1,200.00. This will be made in two disbursements. We will pay \$600.00 at the start of orthodontic treatment and then another \$600.00 at the end of treatment. The patient will be responsible for all other costs accrued from orthodontic treatment. If the patient does not complete orthodontic treatment, the Ne-Ia-Shing Dental Clinic will not pay the \$600.00 final payment for incomplete ortho services.
- 7) Any extractions that are necessary for orthodontic treatment will need to be done at Ne-Ia-Shing Dental Clinic unless otherwise requested by our clinic or the orthodontist. If the extractions are not done at our facility, the patient will be responsible for charges accrued unless prior approval for surgery referral was granted by a Ne-Ia-Shing Dental Provider.