

### Medical Doctor Note Regarding Necessity of Dental Care

I have been notified that medicaid patients currently require a note from their physician in order to determine a medical need for certain dental procedures. As the patient's medical doctor, I am familiar with the medical history as well as the list of medications that the patient is currently taking. The information can be found below:

Patient

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical History:

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List of Medications:

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It is my medical opinion that considering the current health status of the patient, medical history and list of medications, surgical procedures are not recommended unless there are no other options. If at all possible, it is best to avoid surgery by offering more conservative treatment first (root canal therapy versus oral surgery).

As you can see above, the patient takes anticoagulation medications. Taking the patient off of these medications to perform oral surgery is dangerous and should be avoided if at all possible.

Additionally, denying root canal therapy and extraction of the tooth will decrease chewing capacity and may affect nutrition and ability to take medications. This can cause serious deterioration of the patient's health.

Additional Notes:

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If you have any further questions, please contact the office.

Office Phone Number:

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Sincerely,

Medical Doctor