

AAO Board Approves Policy Language On Medically Necessary Orthodontics.

[Orthodontic Products](#) (12/19) reports, "The American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) Board recently met in St Louis and approved policy language on medically necessary orthodontic treatment." Orthodontic Products reports that the AAO "will support bifurcated policy structure characterized as traditional orthodontic cases and medically necessary orthodontic cases, to include the use of diagnostic codes (SNODENT or ICD10) in lieu of diagnostic indices." Additionally, the AAO "will call for universally accepted diagnostic records (intra-oral and extra-oral photos—panoramic image and lateral ceph) for claims submission" and "will support the use of auto-qualifiers to determine medical necessity rather than more subjective indices; and will advocate for higher reimbursement for medically necessary cases."