

<b>Policy statement:</b>	<b>Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Retainers and Appliances</b>
<b>Status:</b>	<b>Group Prior Approval</b>

M&SECCGs fund TMJ retainers and appliances on a restricted basis only when used within specialist services e.g. management of patients with head and neck cancers and funded as part of national tariff. e.g. Therabite.

These appliances will not be separately funded. GPs should not accept requests to prescribe such appliances on FP10s. Supplies to patients will be made by specialist services.

Funding for patients not meeting the above criteria will only be granted in clinically exceptional circumstances.

Applications for funding in such circumstances should be made to the Exceptional Case Team but should only be made where the patient demonstrates clinical exceptionality.

Further information on applying for funding in exceptional clinical circumstances can be found on the CCGs' website.