

## CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2  
SECTION: 5.3  
TITLE: MANDIBULAR BONE GRAFTS

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### I. EFFECTIVE DATE

April 11, 1984

### II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

21215

### III. DESCRIPTION

Surgical procedure that replaces missing lower jaw (consisting of a single bone or of completely fused bone) with material from the patient's own body (autogenous bone) or an artificial, synthetic, or natural substitute. The graft not only replaces missing bone, but also helps the body to regrow its own lost bone. This new bone growth strengthens the grafted area by forming a bridge between the existing bone and the graft material.

### IV. POLICY

Only mandibular bone grafts performed for other than orthodontia or dental support are eligible for benefits. Examples of covered services include care necessitated as a result of a fracture, accidental injury, or tumor removal.

**\*END OF POLICY\***