



## ORTHODONTICS

The Handicapping Labio-Lingual Deviation (HLD) Index Scoring Form is used to help determine qualification for prior authorization of complete orthodontic treatment.

All applicable items on the form should be scored.

To ensure an accurate score, refer to the [HLD scoring instructions](#). There are several errors that are repeatedly made on the scoring form. The most common one is the scoring of both ectopic eruption and anterior crowding. When both conditions are present, only the more severe condition should be scored.

Models should be trimmed correctly to accurately reflect the occlusion before submitting the request.

Finally, please remember to submit a diagnostic panoramic and cephalometric x-ray. Also, color photos are helpful, but not required.