



Dental Clinical Criteria

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Fixed Prosthodontics

Requests for services must meet the following basic criteria:

Pontics (D6205—D6252)

- Limited to the replacement of functional permanent teeth (#2-15, 18-31). Consideration will be given for functional third molar replacements if the support of the occlusion is incomplete without those teeth.
- Pontic space must be 75 percent the mesial-distal length of the missing tooth.
- The associated retainer teeth or implants must demonstrate a good five (5) year prognosis.
- If the retainer is denied, the pontic will be denied.
- Two (2) pontic length, maximum allowed.
- Cantilevers should not involve more than one (1) pontic and the related abutment must have at least 75 percent bone support.
- The patient must be free of active periodontal disease.
- Non-functional teeth are not considered for benefits.

Retainers Inlays / Onlays (D6600—D6634)

- Limited to permanent teeth.
- Inlays and onlays used as bridge retainers require a narrative that includes rationale for their use.
- Any restorative procedure must be required as a result of caries or trauma or may be allowed to support retention of a fixed bridge.
- Onlay must completely cover at least one (1) cusp of the posterior tooth and involve multiple surfaces.

- Onlays must cover the complete incisal edge of an anterior tooth and more than one (1) surface.
- The tooth must present with a minimum of 50 percent bone support.
- The patient must be free of active periodontal disease.
- Non-functional teeth are not considered for benefits.

Retainers crowns (D6710—D6794)

- Limited to the replacement of functional permanent teeth (#2-15, 18-31). Consideration will be given for functional third molar replacements if the support of the occlusion is incomplete without those teeth.
- Endodontics must be completed before teeth are prepared and the bridge is placed.
- The tooth must present with a minimum of 50 percent bone support.
- The patient must be free of active periodontal disease.
- If pontics are allowed an alternate benefit, the abutment crowns (retainers) will be considered for benefits independently based upon their clinical status.
- Non-functional teeth are not considered for benefits.
- Provisional retainer crowns are not covered and are considered inclusive to the final bridge.
- Abutment teeth should demonstrate zero mobility.

Fixed Prosthodontics

Pediatric partial denture, fixed (D6985)

- A fixed prosthetic restoration replaces one (1) or more missing teeth in the primary, transitional or permanent dentition.
- This restoration attaches to natural teeth, tooth roots, or implants and it is not removable by the patient.
- Growth must be considered when using fixed restorations in the developing dentition.
Recommendations:
- Fixed prosthetic restorations to replace one (1) or more missing teeth may be indicated to:
 - establish esthetics;
 - maintain arch space or integrity in the developing dentition;
 - prevent or correct harmful habits; or
 - improve function.