

# Fixed Prosthodontics

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## Requests for services must meet the following basic criteria:

### *Pontics*

- Limited to the replacement of permanent teeth.
- Must replace a missing permanent tooth (2 – 15, 18 – 31 only).
- Replacements of teeth 1, 16, 17 and 32 are not covered.
- Pontic space must be 75 percent the mesial – distal length of the missing tooth.
- The associated abutment teeth 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*

- 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*

- Limited to permanent teeth (2 – 15, 18 – 31).
- An endodontically treated tooth must show adequate root canal fill without excessive over fill or periapical pathology.
- 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.

### *Other Fixed Partial Denture Services*

- Pediatric partial denture, fixed
- 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.