

Dental Provider Bulletin

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Guidelines for Crowns on Permanent Dentition

- CDT codes: D2710, D2720, D2721, D2722, D2740, D2750, D2751, D2752, D2790, D2791, D2792
- Benefit covers one 2710-2799 per tooth every 5 years
- Clinical Criteria:
 - Permanent teeth needing multi-surface restorations where other restorative materials have a poor prognosis.
 - Permanent molar teeth must have pathologic destruction to the tooth by caries or trauma and should involve four (4) or more surfaces and two (2) or more cusps and must have a clinically acceptable root canal.
 - Permanent bicuspid teeth must have pathologic destruction to the tooth by caries or trauma and should involve three (3) or more surfaces and at least one (1) cusp.
 - Permanent anterior teeth must have pathologic destruction to the tooth by caries or trauma and must involve four (4) or more surfaces and at least 50% of the incisal edge.
 - To meet criteria, a crown must be opposed to a tooth or denture in the opposite arch or be an abutment for a partial denture.
- Crowns will not meet criteria if:
 - A lesser invasive restoration is possible.
 - Tooth has subosseous and/or furcation caries.
 - Tooth has advanced periodontal disease
 - Crowns are being planned to alter vertical dimension
 - Tooth is a third molar
- Crowns following Root Canal Therapy The tooth should be filled sufficiently close to the radiological apex to ensure that an apical seal is achieved, unless there is a curvature or calcification of the canal that limits the provider's ability to fill the canal to the apex. The filling must be properly condensed/obturated. Filling material should not extend excessively beyond the apex. The permanent tooth must be at least 50% supported in bone and cannot have mobility grades +2 or +3.
- Prior Authorization is required and must be submitted with the following:
 - diagnostic x-rays: bitewing or periapical
 - narrative

Should you have any questions or need further clarification, do not hesitate to contact our provider services department at (855-806-5192), Phone hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. CT, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.