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PREFABRICATED CROWNS AND LABORATORY-PROCESSED CROWN POLICIES

Prefabricated crowns continue to remain a benefit for posterior teeth for adults 21 years of age and older.

Prefabricated crowns made of ADA-approved or certified materials used as a final restoration on posterior teeth will be reimbursed as Procedures 670 or 671 until CDT codes are implemented by Denti-Cal.

Posterior laboratory-processed crowns (Procedures 650, 651, 652, 660 and 663) are allowed for adults 21 years of age and older when the posterior tooth is used as an abutment for a fixed prosthesis that meets current program criteria, or for a removable partial denture with cast clasps and rests. The crown must also meet existing criteria for medical necessity. For existing removable partial dentures, providers must submit a radiograph or photograph demonstrating that the removable partial denture has a cast clasp or rest supported by the requested crown. When an abutment crown is requested as part of a treatment plan that includes a new removable partial denture, providers must submit the crown and the removable partial denture on the same Treatment Authorization Request (TAR). In this scenario, the requested removable partial denture must meet existing program criteria. The restriction on posterior laboratory-processed crowns includes both premolars and molars.

If there are questions regarding any of the above information, please telephone Denti-Cal toll-free at (800) 423-0507.