



CORE BUILDUP

Policy # D016

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Description

This procedure refers to the building up of coronal structure when there is insufficient retention for a separate extracoronary restorative procedure. A core buildup is not a filler to eliminate any undercut, box form, or concave irregularity in a preparation.

Commercial Plan Policy

Select Health will reimburse this code when the following criteria are met:

An x-ray and/or chart notes are required for the review of every core buildup. This procedure is considered covered when the review indicates one or more of the following conditions:

- 50% or more of the tooth structure is missing
- Large existing restorations are present
- There is a severe fracture of the tooth structure
- Other conditions exist that would warrant the procedure
- The legal chart notes confirm that the core build up was placed as a separate procedure if performed on the same day as a Cad/Cam crown restoration

The allowance of this code will be considered only in cases where an existing crown is not already present or prior to re-cementation of the existing crown.

Select Health Advantage (Medicare/CMS)

Select Health Advantage will follow the commercial plan

Billing/Coding Information

CDT CODES:

D2950 Core buildup, including any pins when required

Key References

1. Coding Companion for Dental Services – Ingenix (2016)
2. *Current Dental Terminology* (2016) – American Dental Association
3. <http://www.webmd.com/oral-health/dental-crowns>

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