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I. Pre-Treatment Documentation

- A. Documentation may be needed for pre-service review of procedure:
 - 1. Periapical x-ray clearly showing the full length of the tooth in review, including the entire clinical crown through the apex of the root.
 - 2. Panorex or, at minimum, 4 bitewing radiographs showing clearly the adjacent and opposing teeth.
 - 3. Treatment rendered without necessary pre-service review is subject to retrospective review.

II. Codes

- A. DentaQuest adheres to the code definitions as described in the American Dental Association Current Dental Terminology User's Manual.
- B. In general, onlays are allowed only for teeth needing multi-surface restorations where amalgams and other materials have a poor prognosis.
- C. Molars must have pathologic destruction to the tooth by caries or trauma and must involve four or more surfaces and two or more cusps.
- D. Bicuspids must have pathologic destruction to the tooth by caries or trauma and must involve three or more surfaces and at least one cusp.
- E. Build-up procedures are not allowed in conjunction with onlays.
- F. A request for a onlay following root canal therapy must meet the following criteria:
 - 1. One month must have passed since the root canal therapy was completed.
 - 2. Request must include a dated (one month) post-endodontic radiograph.
 - 3. Tooth must be filled within two millimeters of the radiological apex unless there is a curvature or calcification of the canal that limits the ability to fill the canal to the apex.
 - 4. The filling must be properly condensed/obtured.
 - 5. To be covered, a tooth must oppose a crown or denture in the opposite arch or be an abutment for a partial denture.
 - 6. The patient must be free from active and advanced periodontal disease.
 - 7. The fee for onlays includes the temporary restoration that is placed on the prepared tooth and worn while the onlay restoration is being fabricated.

III. Additional Information

Onlays will not be benefited if:

- A. A lesser means of restoration is possible.
- B. Tooth has subosseous and/or furcation caries
- C. Tooth has advanced periodontal disease
- D. Tooth does not demonstrate 50% bone support
- E. Tooth has furcation involvement
- F. Tooth is a third molar, unless it is an abutment for a partial denture
- G. Tooth is a primary tooth with exfoliation imminent
- H. Tooth has crown less than five years old, or the crown is dislodged, broken, or lost or medically necessary
- I. Services that fail to meet clinical criteria due to prior treatment will require medical necessity review.

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