



AmeriHealth Caritas[™]

District of Columbia

To: AmeriHealth Caritas DC Dental Providers

Date: August 12, 2025

Subject: D2950 Core Buildup Criteria Effective October 1, 2025

Dear Dental Provider:

The AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia (DC) Dental Team routinely monitors utilization of the network providers and procedures performed. D2950, according to the CDT Codes, is for **“building up of coronal structure when there is insufficient retention for a separate extracoronary restorative procedure.”** Therefore, it is valid when a separate restorative procedure, such as a crown, is performed in conjunction with the build-up.

If the appropriate treatment to restore a tooth does not involve the placement of a crown in the future, D2950 should not be used. Routine restorative codes D2393 and D2394 should be used accordingly.

The following criteria are in place for the placement of a crown:

- In general, criteria for crowns will be met only for permanent teeth needing multi-surface (3 or more) 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 or more surfaces and two or more cusps.
- Permanent bicuspid teeth must have pathologic destruction to the tooth by caries or trauma, and should involve three or more surfaces and at least one cusp.
- Permanent anterior teeth must have pathologic destruction to the tooth by caries or trauma, and must involve four or more surfaces and at least 50 percent of the incisal edge.

AmeriHealth Caritas DC will have a prerequisite rule in place that requires a crown be prepared and delivered within 45 days of the placement of the D2950 Core Buildup. Failure to provide the crown treatment within the 45 days will result in recoupment of the D2950 reimbursement. The Provider Manual will be updated, and the following will be the denial notation:

Amerihealth DC	D2950	AMH DC CROWNS	0	Service Denied due to benefit plan rules. Please see provider manual rules
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Please note that the billing and reimbursement for all crowns, post and cores, and any other prosthetics should be based on the cementation date. Inappropriate use of D2950 may result in an investigation for Fraud, Waste and Abuse.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the care of our enrollees. If you have questions about this communication, please contact Dental Provider Services at 1-855-609-5170, option 5.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Fletcher, DDS". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nathan Fletcher, DDS
Dental Director