

RESTORATION: POSTERIOR AMALGAM

2026 Dental Therapy

Criteria applicable January 1 through July 31

CRITICAL ERRORS

Restoration is fractured

NO

YES

ACC = Adheres to Criteria

SUB= Marginally Substandard

DEF= Critically Deficient

MARGIN INTEGRITY AND SURFACE FINISH

Margin Excess/Deficiency

ACC	A. No marginal deficiency. There is no evidence of pits and/or voids at the cavosurface margin. B. Marginal excess ≤ 0.5 mm at the restoration-tooth interface, detectable either visually or with the tine of an explorer.
SUB	A. DEFICIENCY: The restoration-tooth interface is detectable visually or with the tine of an explorer, and there is evidence of marginal deficiency ≤ 0.5 mm, which can include pits and/or voids at the cavosurface margin. B. EXCESS: Any marginal excess is detectable visually or with the tine of an explorer, and the discrepancy is > 0.5 mm but ≤ 1.0 mm.
DEF	A. There is evidence of marginal deficiency of > 0.5 mm which includes pits and voids at the cavosurface margin, and/or there is an open margin. B. There is a marginal excess of > 1.0 mm.

Adjacent Tooth Structure

ACC	There is no or minimal evidence of unwarranted or unnecessary removal, modification, or recontouring of tooth structure adjacent to the restoration. (Enameloplasty)
DEF	There is gross enameloplasty.

CONTOUR, CONTACT, AND OCCLUSION

Interproximal Contact

ACC	Interproximal contact is visually closed, and the contact is adequate in size, shape, or position but demonstrates little resistance to dental floss.
DEF	A. The interproximal contact is visually open or concave/irregular, allowing for food impaction. B. The interproximal contact will not allow floss to pass.

Centric/Excursive Contacts

ACC	When checked with articulating paper, all centric and excursive contacts on the restoration are consistent in size, shape, and intensity with such contacts on other teeth in that quadrant.
SUB	When checked with articulating paper, the restoration is in hyper-occlusion, making it inconsistent in size, shape, and intensity with the occlusal contacts on surrounding teeth, and it requires adjustment.
DEF	There is gross hyper-occlusion so that the restoration is the only point of occlusion in that quadrant.

TREATMENT MANAGEMENT

Adjacent Tooth Damage

ACC	Any damage to adjacent tooth/teeth can be removed with polishing without adversely altering the shape of the contour and/or contact.
DEF	There is evidence of gross damage and/or alteration to adjacent and/or opposing hard tissue inconsistent with the procedure.

Soft Tissue Damage

ACC	The soft tissue is free from damage or there is tissue damage that is consistent with the procedure.
DEF	There is gross iatrogenic damage to the soft tissue inconsistent with the procedure and pre-existing condition of the soft tissue.