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***Replacement of, or addition of teeth to, an existing partial or full removable denture or fixed bridgework*** by a new denture or new bridgework, but only if the existing denture or bridgework was installed at least five years prior to its replacement, and the existing denture or bridgework cannot be made serviceable with the following exception:

Replacement of an existing fixed bridgework that is less than five years from the initial placement will be covered only if the abutment tooth used in the original bridgework fails and must be extracted. In such cases, prior authorization is required and must include the Plan of treatment, proof of failure of the abutment tooth and, in the case of replacement, documentation as to why the existing fixed bridgework cannot be made serviceable.

Limitations on Full and Partial Dentures

The Plan will pay benefits toward the replacement for crowns, inlays, bridges, full or partial dentures *only* if five years have elapsed since the prior placement of the crown, inlay, bridge or denture with the following exception:

Replacement of an existing fixed bridgework that is less than five years from the initial placement will be covered only if the abutment tooth used in the original bridgework fails and must be extracted. In such cases, prior authorization is required and must include the Plan of treatment, proof of failure of the abutment tooth and, in the case of replacement, documentation as to why the existing fixed bridgework cannot be made serviceable.

The Plan will not pay for the replacement of a bridge or denture that could have been made serviceable or that was lost or stolen.