

Orchid Dental Group Service Policy Regarding Your New Crown

While your new crown is one of dentistry's strongest restorations, a variety of factors will influence its longevity. We have learned that despite our best efforts, crowns can fail for a variety of reasons that include new decay, breakage from excessive grinding of one's teeth or simply biting down on a hard object such as a fork or bone. In fairness to both doctor and patient, the following schedule outlines how Orchid Dental Group will address fees in the unlikely event that your crown should require replacement within the first five years of service. The Five year benchmark is used as this is the typical period needed to elapse by insurance carriers before they will pay towards a new crown. Coverage refers to what Orchid Dental Group will credit you towards the cost of replacing your crown, based upon current fees.

First year of service (from time of replacement).....	100% coverage
Second year of service	70% coverage
Third year of service.....	60% coverage
Fourth year of service.....	50% coverage
Fifth year of service.....	40% coverage
Six year of service	0% coverage

As an example, if your crown requires replacement 18 months after cementation, you will be in the second year of service. If a new crown cost \$1000 at current day fees, you will pay only \$300 to have it replaced. Orchid Dental Group covers 70% of the cost of replacement. Please understand that "year of service" will be determined by exact dates, specifically: date of cementation (temporary or permanent) to day of diagnosis by doctor or notification by you (by phone or in person) that you believe your crown has broken.

By signing below you acknowledge that you have read this document, understand the information presented and have had all your questions answered satisfactorily.

Patient's signature: _____ Date: _____