Medi-Cal Has Dental Covered

Regular dental check-ups are important for your overall health. Medi-Cal covers dental services for FREE for all ages. See the chart below for details on covered services.

SERVICES	BABIES	KIDS	TEENS	PREGNANCY	ADULTS & SENIORS
Exams*, x-rays, teeth cleaning, and fluoride varnish	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fillings and tooth removal	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Emergency services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sedation	✓	✓	✓		✓
Molar sealants**		✓	✓		
Root canals		✓	✓	✓	✓
Orthodontics (braces)***			✓		
Crowns			✓	✓	✓
Partial and full dentures and denture relines			✓	✓	✓
Scaling and root planing			✓	✓	✓

Free check-ups every six months, and sometimes more, for members under the age of 21 and every 12 months for members 21 and older.
***Permanent molar sealants are covered for kids and teens up to age 21.*
****For those who qualify.*

Babies

Take your child to the dentist by their first tooth or first birthday. Baby teeth are key for eating, talking, and smiling.

Kids

Around age five, children start losing baby teeth. Ask your dentist about molar sealants, covered by Medi-Cal, to prevent cavities.

Teens

Sugary foods increase the risk of gum disease and cavities in teens. Regular dental check-ups keep their smiles healthy.

Pregnancy

Dental care is safe and recommended during pregnancy. Medi-Cal covers dental visits during pregnancy and 12 months postpartum.

Adults and Seniors

Regular dental visits keep your teeth strong and reduce the risk of gum disease. Medi-Cal covers full dental care for adults 21 and older.

Caregivers

Help your loved one maintain good oral health through daily care and regular dental visits. Don't forget to care for your own smile too!



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Scan the QR code or visit **SmileCalifornia.org** to learn about your free dental services and find a Medi-Cal dentist today. Or call **1-800-322-6384** for help.

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Medi-Cal cubre sus servicios dentales

Los chequeos dentales regulares son importantes para su salud en general. Medi-Cal cubre servicios dentales GRATIS para todas las edades. Consulte esta tabla para obtener detalles sobre los servicios cubiertos.

SERVICIOS	BEBÉS	NIÑOS	ADOLESCENTES	EMBARAZO	ADULTOS Y PERSONAS MAYORES
Exámenes*, radiografías, limpieza dental, y barniz de fluoruro	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Empastes y extracción de dientes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Servicios de emergencia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sedación	✓	✓	✓		✓
Selladores de muelas**		✓	✓		
Tratamientos de conducto radicular		✓	✓	✓	✓
Ortodoncias (frenillos)***			✓		
Coronas			✓	✓	✓
Dentaduras postizas parciales y completas y rebase de dentadura postiza			✓	✓	✓
Escalamiento y cepillado de la raíz			✓	✓	✓

Chequeos gratis cada seis meses, y a veces más, para miembros menores de 21 años, y cada 12 meses para miembros de 21 años en adelante.
Los selladores de muelas permanentes están cubiertos para niños y adolescentes hasta los 21 años.
***Para las personas que califiquen.*

Bebés

Lleve a su hijo al dentista cuando le salga el primer diente o cuando cumpla su primer año. Los dientes de leche son fundamentales para comer, hablar y sonreír.

Niños

Alrededor de los cinco años, los niños comienzan a perder los dientes de leche. Pregúntele a su dentista sobre los selladores de muelas, cubiertos por Medi-Cal, para prevenir las caries.

Adolescentes

Los alimentos azucarados aumentan el riesgo de enfermedades de las encías y caries en los adolescentes. Los chequeos dentales regulares mantienen sus sonrisas saludables.

Embarazo

El cuidado dental es seguro y recomendado durante el embarazo. Medi-Cal cubre las visitas al dentista durante el embarazo y los 12 meses después del parto.

Adultos y personas mayores

Las visitas regulares al dentista mantienen los dientes fuertes y reducen el riesgo de enfermedades de las encías. Medi-Cal cubre el cuidado dental completo para adultos mayores de 21 años.

Cuidadores

Ayude a su ser querido a mantener una buena salud bucal mediante el cuidado diario y las visitas regulares al dentista. ¡No olvide cuidar también su propia sonrisa!



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Escanee el código QR o visite **SonrieCalifornia.org** para más información sobre los servicios dentales gratis y para encontrar un dentista de Medi-Cal hoy mismo. O llame al **1-800-322-6384** si necesita ayuda.

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TOOTHY TIPS FOR PARENTS



Did you know that healthy baby teeth make way for healthy permanent teeth? Help your children keep their smiles strong and healthy for a lifetime by building good oral health habits now.

- **Brush twice a day.** As soon as your child's first tooth appears, help them brush twice a day, in the morning and at bedtime. You should continue brushing your child's teeth until you are sure they can brush on their own. Once your child can brush on their own, you should continue to supervise, reminding them to use good brushing techniques.
- **Floss daily.** Help your child floss between their teeth as soon as they have two teeth that touch.
- **See the dentist twice a year.** Children under the age of 21 should see the dentist for a cleaning and check-up every six months. If your child doesn't have a dentist, visit SmileCalifornia.org and click on the Find A Dentist button to find a dentist near you.
- **Choose healthy foods and drinks.** A balanced diet is an important part of keeping your teeth and gums healthy. Help your child make healthier food choices. Be sure to limit sugary snacks and drinks, like juice and candy.

Remember, children learn by watching their parents. Be a good oral health role model by taking good care of your own teeth and gums!

Good Oral Health Through the Years

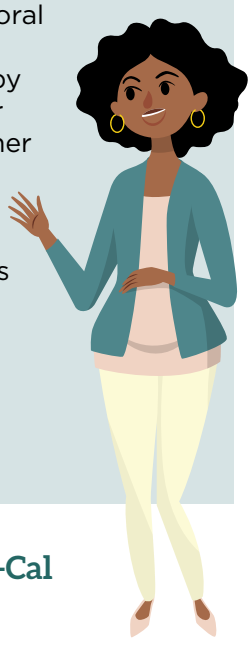
Babies
Your child's first dental visit should take place after their first tooth appears, but no later than their first birthday. Baby teeth are critical to your child's health and development. Kids can get cavities as early as age two, so visit the dentist as soon as possible.

Kids
Children start to lose their baby teeth as early as five years old. This is when their permanent teeth begin to grow in. Ask the dentist about sealants to help protect your child's back teeth from cavities. Sealants are clear, protective coatings that are quick and painless.

Teens
Continuing to eat sugary foods and drinks as teens can put them at a higher risk for tooth decay. Teenagers who get regular dental check-ups maintain good oral health well into adulthood. Keeping a travel-size toothbrush in a locker or backpack to brush after meals can also help reduce the risk of cavities and keep teeth bright — a boost to any teen's self-esteem.

Pregnancy
Good oral health care helps prevent problems during pregnancy. As a Medi-Cal member, you are covered during pregnancy and 12 months after the birth of your baby. Regular brushing and flossing, eating a balanced diet and visiting your dentist regularly, will help reduce dental problems that may accompany pregnancy.

Parents, California law, Education Code Section 49452.8, requires that your child have an oral health assessment (dental check-up) by May 31 in either kindergarten or first grade, whichever is his or her first year in public school. Assessments that have happened within the 12 months before your child enters school also meet this requirement. The law specifies that the assessment must be done by a licensed dentist or other licensed or registered dental health professional.



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November 1 is National Brush Day, a reminder to encourage children and families to maintain good oral health habits after Halloween and throughout the year.

Medi-Cal Dental Providers are encouraged to share National Brush Day resources with members and caregivers to reinforce the importance of brushing twice a day for two minutes each time.

Resources Available for Members

Providers can direct members to the *Smile, California* website for free educational materials, including:

- Printable Teeth Brushing Calendar to help children track their daily brushing routine
- Kid-friendly oral health materials designed to make brushing fun
- Resources available in multiple languages
- Information about Medi-Cal Dental covered services and benefits

By promoting **National Brush Day** resources, providers can help support lifelong healthy oral health habits and increase awareness of available Medi-Cal Dental benefits.

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TRAINING SEMINARS

To reserve a spot online or view a complete list of training seminars, go to the Provider Training Seminar Schedule.

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If you have questions or need additional support, please contact the Medi-Cal Dental Telephone Service Center (TSC) toll-free at (800) 423-0507. Medi-Cal Dental representatives are available to answer phone calls between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday to assist you. For general program information, the Medi-Cal Dental Interactive Voice Response System (IVR) is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, using the automated system. For assistance with claims submission and documentation, please visit the California Outreach Map to contact your regional representative.