



Healthy Connections Medicaid

Dental Benefit

South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid covers some dental care services for adults and children. These services must be medically necessary and provided by a dentist that accepts Healthy Connections Medicaid.

Adult Dental Benefit

What services are covered under the adult dental benefit?

- Covered preventive dental services include an annual cleaning, exams, x-rays, extractions, fillings and anesthesia.
- Each adult Medicaid member (age 21 years and older) has an available annual benefit of \$1,000 in covered dental care (extractions, fillings and annual cleaning) each year (July 1-June 30).
- Dental care for emergency situations with a life threatening condition such as cancer or trauma.
- Dental care prior to major surgeries such as transplants, total joint replacements and heart valve replacements or when receiving chemotherapy or radiation.

What services are not covered?

- Crowns, root canals, periodontal scaling, root planing (deep cleaning), teeth whitening and dentures.
- Any covered dental services beyond the \$1,000 yearly maximum.

Children's Dental Benefit

What dental services are covered for children age 0 through 20 years?

- Covered preventive dental services include a dental exam and cleaning every six months, x-rays, fillings, root canals, dentures, extractions and anesthesia.
- Dental care for emergency situations with a life threatening condition such as cancer or trauma.
- Dental care prior to major surgeries such as transplants, total joint replacements and heart valve replacements or when receiving chemotherapy or radiation.
- Any medically necessary dental services not listed above covered by the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment benefit.

What services are not covered?

- Services rendered for cosmetic purposes or for the convenience of the dentist or the member.

How do I find a dentist?

- To find a participating dentist or learn more about what is covered and not covered under the Medicaid dental benefit, contact DentaQuest at (888) 307-6552 or visit www.dentaquest.com and click on the Members tab.