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Summary of Benefits for New Jersey, MEDICAID

Children's Dental Services

Preventive Services

	Is the service Covered?	Frequency	List any service-specific limitations
Cleanings	Yes	2 x year	Children with Special Health Care Needs - Four (4) times a year
Fluoride treatments (including fluoride varnishes)	Yes	2 x year	Only cover fluoride varnish through age 20. Other fluoride treatments - Two (2) times a year for general population while Children with Special Health Care Needs - Four (4) times a year.
Sealants (list any tooth-specific limits)	Yes	1 x every 3 years	Through 16 years old, except Primary teeth and anterior permanent teeth.
Space maintainers	Yes		Through 15 years old.

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Diagnostic Services

	Is the service Covered?	Frequency	List any service-specific limitations	Recommended age of first visit?
Oral health screening or assessment				
	Yes			
Dental examinations				
	Yes	2 x year		Soon after eruption of the 1st tooth or by 12 months.
Assessment of risk for tooth decay				
	Yes		Through 20 years old.	
X-Rays				
Bitewing	Yes	1 x every 3 years		
Full Mouth	Yes	1 x every 3 years	Complete film series every three (3) years when done by same provider, exceptions may be considered with Prior Authorization	
Panoramic	Yes	1 x every 3 years	With bitewings may be considered full mouth series with limits as noted as full mouth series, exceptions may apply	

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Treatment Services

	Is the service Covered?	Frequency	List any service-specific limitations	Criteria for coverage
Anti-microbial treatments that stop decay from spreading				
	No			
Fillings				
Silver amalgam	Yes			
Tooth colored composite	Yes			
Crowns/tooth caps				
Stainless steel crowns	Yes			
Metal (only) crowns	Yes - only with prior authorization			
Metal/porcelain crowns	Yes - only with prior authorization			
Porcelain (only) crowns	Yes - only with prior authorization			
Root Canals (endodontics)				
Root canals on baby teeth (pulpotomies)	Yes			
Root canals on permanent teeth	Yes - only with prior authorization			

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Gum (periodontal) therapy				
	Yes - only with prior authorization			
Dentures				
Partial dentures	Yes - only with prior authorization		Every 7.5 years. May be approved for extenuating circumstances in less than 7.5 years.	
Complete dentures	Yes - only with prior authorization		Every 7.5 years. May be approved for extenuating circumstances in less than 7.5 years.	
Bridges	Yes - only with prior authorization		Direct replacement of preexisting failed/defective bridges with no other missing teeth and 8 posterior teeth in contact. Also considered for members with special health care needs that cannot function with removable denture.	
Orthodontics*				
Retainers (orthodontic)	Yes - only with prior authorization			
Braces	Yes - only with prior authorization		Criteria for braces coverage: Medical exception criteria tool HLD (NJ-Mod2) or medical necessity.	

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Oral surgery				
Simple extractions	Yes			
Surgical extractions	Yes			
Care of abscesses	Yes			
Cleft palate treatment	Yes			
Cancer treatment	Yes			
Treatment of fractures	Yes			
Biopsies	Yes - only with prior authorization		If treatment is by report, can be post treatment request.	
Treatment of jaw joint problems (TMJ)				
	Yes - only with prior authorization		Criteria for coverage: Clinical documentation of condition treatment plan and diagnosis to substantiate request	
Emergency room services provided by a dentist				
	Yes		To treat lacerations, trauma, and fractures, Contingent upon Plan may not require approval, can be post treatment request	
Inpatient Hospital Services				
	Yes		Criteria of coverage: Documentation of medical necessity.	

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Anesthesia				
General anesthesia	Yes		May require authorization. Criteria for coverage: Documentation of medical necessity.	
Intravenous conscious sedation	Yes		May require authorization. Criteria for coverage: Documentation of medical necessity.	
Non-intravenous conscious sedation	Yes			
Analgesia (nitrous oxide)	Yes			

* When this information is posted on the Insure Kids Now website, we will include a special note for orthodontic services explaining that parents and caretakers should work with their child's orthodontist to ensure that the treatment and payment terms and conditions are clear at the outset of treatment (for example, what happens in the case of a child who becomes ineligible for Medicaid or CHIP while he or she is undergoing orthodontic treatment?).