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Summary of Benefits for New Mexico, MEDICAID

Children's Dental Services

Preventive Services

	Is the service Covered?	Frequency	List any service-specific limitations
Cleanings	Yes	2 x year	Children are eligible for 2 cleanings/year
Fluoride treatments (including fluoride varnishes)	Yes	2 x year	one per 6 months for children. Fluoride varnish covered by the MCOs as a value added service.
Sealants (list any tooth-specific limits)	Yes	1 x every 5 years	
Space maintainers	Yes		

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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				
	No			
Dental examinations				
	Yes	2 x year	Children are eligible for 2 exams/year.	
Assessment of risk for tooth decay				
	No			
X-Rays				
Bitewing	Yes	1 x year	Once every 12 months	
Full Mouth	Yes	1 x every 5 years	Once every 60 months	
Panoramic	Yes	1 x every 5 years	Once every 60 months	

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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	No			
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		Children: We cover RCT for anterior and posterior teeth if they meet the medical necessity.	

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Gum (periodontal) therapy				
	Yes - only with prior authorization			
Dentures				
Partial dentures	Yes - only with prior authorization		Once every 60 months.	
Complete dentures	Yes - only with prior authorization		Once every 60 months.	
Bridges	No		We pay for one re-cementation of bridge.	
Orthodontics*				
Retainers (orthodontic)	Yes - only with prior authorization			
Braces	Yes - only with prior authorization			
Oral surgery				
Simple extractions	Yes			
Surgical extractions	Yes			
Care of abscesses	Yes			
Cleft palate treatment	Yes			

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Cancer treatment	Yes			
Treatment of fractures	Yes			
Biopsies	Yes			
Treatment of jaw joint problems (TMJ)				
	No			
Emergency room services provided by a dentist				
	Yes			
Inpatient Hospital Services				
	Yes - only with prior authorization			
Anesthesia				
General anesthesia	Yes			
Intravenous conscious sedation	Yes			
Non-intravenous conscious sedation	Yes			
Analgesia (nitrous oxide)	Yes			

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* 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?).