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Summary of Benefits for Iowa, MEDICAID

Children's Dental Services

Preventive Services

	Is the service Covered?	Frequency	List any service-specific limitations
Cleanings	Yes	2 x year	
Fluoride treatments (including fluoride varnishes)	Yes	2 x year	
Sealants (list any tooth-specific limits)	Yes	1 x every 3 years	Limited to first and second molars
Space maintainers	Yes	1 x every 3 years	

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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		2
Assessment of risk for tooth decay				
	No			
X-Rays				
Bitewing	Yes	1 x year		
Full Mouth	Yes	1 x every 5 years		
Panoramic	Yes	1 x every 5 years		

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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		Not covered on posterior teeth	
Crowns/tooth caps				
Stainless steel crowns	Yes			
Metal (only) crowns	Yes			
Metal/porcelain crowns	Yes			
Porcelain (only) crowns	Yes			
Root Canals (endodontics)				
Root canals on baby teeth (pulpotomies)	Yes			
Root canals on permanent teeth	Yes			
Gum (periodontal) therapy				
	Yes			

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Dentures				
Partial dentures	Yes - only with prior authorization		covered once every 5 years	
Complete dentures	Yes - only with prior authorization		Covered once every 5 years	
Bridges	Yes - only with prior authorization		Covered once every 5 years	
Orthodontics*				
Retainers (orthodontic)	Yes - only with prior authorization			
Braces	Yes - only with prior authorization			Salzmann Index Score of 26
Oral surgery				
Simple extractions	Yes			
Surgical extractions	Yes			
Care of abscesses	Yes			
Cleft palate treatment	Yes			
Cancer treatment	Yes			
Treatment of fractures	Yes			

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Biopsies	Yes			
Treatment of jaw joint problems (TMJ)				
	No			
Emergency room services provided by a dentist				
	No			
Inpatient Hospital Services				
	No			
Anesthesia				
General anesthesia	Yes		If billed with a covered dental procedure	
Intravenous conscious sedation	Yes		If billed with a covered dental procedure	
Non-intravenous conscious sedation	Yes		If billed with a covered dental procedure	
Analgesia (nitrous oxide)	Yes		If billed with a covered dental procedure	

* 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?).