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Summary of Benefits for North Carolina, MEDICAID

Children's Dental Services

Preventive Services

	Is the service Covered?	Frequency	List any service-specific limitations
Cleanings	Yes	1 x 6 months	
Fluoride treatments (including fluoride varnishes)	Yes	1 x 6 months	Limited to under age 21
Sealants (list any tooth-specific limits)	Yes	1 x lifetime	Limited to permanent first and second molars under age 16. Primary molars are limited to beneficiaries under age 8.
Space maintainers	Yes		Limited to under age 21 for the replacement of primary molars, canines, and permanent first molars

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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	1 x 6 months		age 1 or older
Assessment of risk for tooth decay				
	No			
X-Rays				
Bitewing	Yes	1 x year	Three and four bitewings are limited to beneficiaries 13 years and older.	
Full Mouth	Yes	1 x every 5 years	Limited to beneficiaries 6 years and older	
Panoramic	Yes	1 x every 5 years	Limited to beneficiaries 6 years and older	

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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		Limited to under age 21	
Metal (only) crowns	No			
Metal/porcelain crowns	No			
Porcelain (only) crowns	No			
Root Canals (endodontics)				
Root canals on baby teeth (pulpotomies)	Yes			
Root canals on permanent teeth	Yes		Limited to beneficiaries under age 21 for bicuspid, permanent first molars and permanent second molars	

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Gum (periodontal) therapy				
	Yes - only with prior authorization		Gingivectomy and gingival flap procedures allowed once per lifetime and requires an underlying medical condition. Periodontal scaling and root planing allowed at 24 month intervals. Full mouth debridement allowed once per 12 month interval.	
Dentures				
Partial dentures	Yes - only with prior authorization		Acrylic partial dentures are allowed once every eight years.	
Complete dentures	Yes - only with prior authorization		Allowed once every ten years.	
Bridges	No			
Orthodontics*				
Retainers (orthodontic)	No			
Braces	Yes - only with prior authorization		Limited to beneficiaries under age 21.	Must meet the functionally impairing criteria
Oral surgery				
Simple extractions	Yes		Once per lifetime	
Surgical extractions	Yes		Once per lifetime	

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