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Summary of Benefits for Rhode Island, 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 5 years	Excludes third molars. Must be placed on occlusal surfaces (tops) of teeth, for enrollees under age 21.
Space maintainers	Yes	1 x lifetime	Covered for enrollees under age 21. No replacement if lost or stolen.

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Diagnostic Services

	Is the service Covered?	Frequency	List any service-specific limitations	Recommended age of first visit?
Dental examinations				
	Yes	2 x year		1
X-Rays				
Bitewing	Yes	1 x year		
Full Mouth	Yes	1 x every 4 years		
Panoramic	Yes	1 x every 4 years		

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Treatment Services

	Is the service Covered?	Frequency	List any service-specific limitations	Criteria for coverage
Fillings				
Silver amalgam	Yes			
Tooth colored composite	Yes		Covered for enrollees under 21 years	
Crowns/tooth caps				
Stainless steel crowns	Yes		For primary posterior (back) teeth	
Metal (only) crowns	Yes		Covered for enrollees under 21 years	
Metal/porcelain crowns	Yes		Covered for enrollees under 21 years	
Porcelain (only) crowns	No			
Root Canals (endodontics)				
Root canals on baby teeth (pulpotomies)	Yes		Once per primary tooth per enrollee lifetime	
Root canals on permanent teeth	Yes		Covered for enrollees under 21 years	
Gum (periodontal) therapy				
	Yes		For a complete list of service limitations, please go to www.dhs.ri.gov under "provider manuals"	

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Dentures				
Partial dentures	Yes		Once per enrollee every 5 years	
Complete dentures	Yes		Once per enrollee every 5 years	
Bridges	Yes		Covered for anterior permanent teeth only. Enrollees must be under 21 years of age.	
Orthodontics*				
Retainers (orthodontic)	Yes - only with prior authorization		Treatment must be started while enrollees are under age 21.	

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Braces	Yes - only with prior authorization		Treatment must be started while enrollees are under age 21.	The HLD Index (Handicapping Labio-lingual Deviation) is applied to each case to determine medical necessity. A score of 20 is needed for case approval/payment by the State. For more specific guidance, please visit: www.dhs.ri.gov under "Provider Manua
Oral surgery				
Simple extractions	Yes		Once per tooth per enrollee. Includes local anesthesia, suturing, if needed, and routine postoperative care	

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Surgical extractions	Yes		Once per tooth per enrollee. Includes local anesthesia, suturing, if needed, and routine postoperative care	
Care of abscesses	Yes		Service is covered on the medical side either through the traditional FFS deliver system or through one of the managed care health plans.	
Cleft palate treatment	Yes		Service is covered on the medical side either through the traditional FFS deliver system or through one of the managed care health plans.	
Cancer treatment	Yes		Service is covered on the medical side either through the traditional FFS deliver system or through one of the managed care health plans.	
Treatment of fractures	Yes		Service is covered on the medical side either through the traditional FFS deliver system or through one of the managed care health plans.	
Biopsies	Yes		Service is covered on the medical side either through the traditional FFS deliver system or through one of the managed care health plans.	

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Treatment of jaw joint problems (TMJ)				
			Service is covered on the medical side either through the traditional FFS deliver system or through one of the managed care health plans.	
Emergency room services provided by a dentist				
			Service is covered on the medical side either through the traditional FFS deliver system or through one of the managed care health plans.	
Inpatient Hospital Services				
			Limited to enrollees under age 21.	
Anesthesia				
General anesthesia	Yes		Limited to enrollees under age 21.	
Intravenous conscious sedation	Yes			
Non-intravenous conscious sedation	No			
Analgesia (nitrous oxide)	Yes		Limited to enrollees under age 21.	

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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?).