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Summary of Benefits for Vermont, MEDICAID

Children's Dental Services

Preventive Services

	Is the service Covered?	Frequency	List any service-specific limitations
Cleanings	Yes	1 x 6 months	PA required for more frequent treatment.
Fluoride treatments (including fluoride varnishes)	Yes	1 x 6 months	PA required for more frequent treatment.
Sealants (list any tooth-specific limits)	Yes	1 x 5 months	Permanent 1st & 2nd molars. Allow for sealants on bicuspids & deciduous 2nd molars. PA required for more frequent treatment.
Space maintainers	Yes	1 x 2 months	PA required for more frequent treatment.

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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	1 x 6 months	For under age 3; 1 per 3 years for age 3 and older.	
Dental examinations				
	Yes	1 x every 3 years	PA required for more frequent treatment.	6 months of eruption of 1st tooth.
Assessment of risk for tooth decay				
	No			
X-Rays				
Bitewing	Yes	1 x 6 months	PA required for more frequent treatment.	
Full Mouth	Yes	1 x 6 months	PA required for more frequent treatment.	
Panoramic	Yes	1 x 6 months	PA required for more frequent treatment.	

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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		1 identical restoration per tooth per year. PA required for more frequent treatment.	
Tooth colored composite	Yes		1 identical restoration per tooth per year. PA required for more frequent treatment.	
Crowns/tooth caps				
Stainless steel crowns	Yes		1 per tooth every 2 years. PA required for more frequent treatment.	
Metal (only) crowns	Yes		Crowns are limited to 1 per tooth every 5 years. PA required for more frequent treatment.	
Metal/porcelain crowns	Yes		Crowns are limited to 1 per tooth every 5 years. PA required for more frequent treatment.	
Porcelain (only) crowns	Yes		Crowns are limited to 1 per tooth every 5 years. PA required for more frequent treatment.	

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Root Canals (endodontics)				
Root canals on baby teeth (pulpotomies)	Yes		1 tooth per lifetime.	
Root canals on permanent teeth	Yes		1 tooth per lifetime.	
Gum (periodontal) therapy				
	Yes		Limited to 4 procedures per patient per lifetime.	
Dentures				
Partial dentures	Yes - only with prior authorization		1 denture per Arch every 5 years.	
Complete dentures	Yes - only with prior authorization		1 denture per Arch every 5 years.	
Bridges	Yes		One per tooth per 5 years.	
Orthodontics*				
Retainers (orthodontic)	Yes - only with prior authorization		see criteria for braces coverage	
				Need to meet 1 major criteria and 2 minor diagnostic criteria. Major criteria are: cleft palate, 2 impacted

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Braces	Yes - only with prior authorization		cuspids, posterior crossbite of 3 or more teeth, or severe cranio-facial syndrome (treacher-Collins syndrome, Marfan syndrome, Pierre Robin syndrome, etc). Minor criteria are: 1 impacted cuspid, 2 blocked cuspids, 3 congenital missing teeth, open bite of 4 or more teeth, crowding, anterior cross bite of 3 or more teeth, traumatic deep bite impinging on palate, or overjet of 8mm.
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Oral surgery				
Simple extractions	Yes			
Surgical extractions	Yes			
Care of abscesses	Yes			
Cleft palate treatment	Yes		Covered under medical	
Cancer treatment	Yes			
Treatment of fractures	Yes		Covered under medical	
Biopsies	Yes			
Treatment of jaw joint problems (TMJ)				
	Yes		For occlusal orthotic appliances only. There is surgical coverage under medical services.	
Emergency room services provided by a dentist				
	Yes		Services provided in an emergency room would be reimbursed.	
Inpatient Hospital Services				
	Yes			
Anesthesia				
General anesthesia	Yes			

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Intravenous conscious sedation	Yes			
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?).