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Summary of Benefits for Washington, 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	
Sealants (list any tooth-specific limits)	Yes	1 x every 3 years	Permanent teeth = 2,3,14,15,18,19,30 & 31; Primary teeth = A,B, I, J, K, L, S & T
Space maintainers	Yes	1 x lifetime	1 time per quadrant

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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	outside of dental office by hygienist	
Dental examinations				
	Yes	1 x 6 months		First tooth, first birthday
Assessment of risk for tooth decay				
	No			
X-Rays				
Bitewing	Yes	1 x year	maximum of 4 per year	
Full Mouth	Yes	1 x every 3 years	age 14 and older	
Panoramic	Yes	1 x every 3 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		once every 2 years unless new decay	
Tooth colored composite	Yes		once every 2 years unless new decay	
Crowns/tooth caps				
Stainless steel crowns	Yes		once every 3 years	
Metal (only) crowns	Yes - only with prior authorization		age 15 and older, permanent teeth, not covered for posterior teeth	
Metal/porcelain crowns	Yes - only with prior authorization		age 15 and older, permanent teeth, not covered for posterior teeth	
Porcelain (only) crowns	Yes - only with prior authorization		age 15 and older, permanent teeth, not covered for posterior teeth	
Root Canals (endodontics)				
Root canals on baby teeth (pulpotomies)	Yes			
Root canals on permanent teeth	Yes			

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Gum (periodontal) therapy				
	Yes - only with prior authorization			
Dentures				
Partial dentures	Yes - only with prior authorization			
Complete dentures	Yes - only with prior authorization			
Bridges	No			
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)				
	Yes - only with prior authorization			
Emergency room services provided by a dentist				
	Yes			
Inpatient Hospital Services				
	Yes - only with prior authorization			
Anesthesia				
General anesthesia	Yes - only with prior authorization		no PA age 8 and younger and all ages for DD clients	No PA for 9 and older for oral surgery services
Intravenous conscious sedation	Yes - only with prior authorization		no PA age 8 and younger and all ages for DD clients	No PA for 9 and older for oral surgery services
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?).