# Medi-Cal Has Dental Covered

As a Medi-Cal member, your benefits and your child's benefits include dental coverage. See the chart below for an overview of the dental care that is covered by Medi-Cal.

SERVICES	BABIES	KIDS	TEENS	PREGNANCY	ADULTS	SENIORS
Exam*	/	/	1	✓	<b>√</b>	1
X-rays	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Teeth cleaning	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fluoride varnish	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fillings	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tooth removal	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	✓
Emergency services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sedation	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Molar sealants**		✓	✓			
Root canals		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Orthodontics (braces)***			✓			
Crowns****			/	✓	✓	✓
Partial and full dentures			✓	✓	✓	✓
Denture relines			✓	✓	<b>√</b>	✓
Scaling and root planing			1	1	1	1

<sup>\*</sup>Free or low-cost check-ups every six months for members under the age of 21, every 12 months for members over the age of 21.

#### **BABIES**

Your child's first dental visit should take place after their first tooth appears, but no later than their first birthday. Baby teeth are critical to your child's health and development. They help him or her chew, speak and smile.

# **KIDS**

Children start to lose their baby teeth as early as five years old. This is when their permanent teeth begin to grow in. Ask the dentist for molar sealants to help protect your child's molars from cavities.

## **TEENS**

Eating sugary foods and drinks, as teens often do, puts them at a higher risk for gum disease and tooth decay. Teenagers who continue to get regular check-ups ensure good oral health well into adulthood.

#### PREGNANCY

Good oral health care helps prevent problems during pregnancy. As a Medi-Cal member, you are covered during pregnancy and 12 months after the birth of your baby.

## **ADULTS**

As you age, taking care of your health becomes more important. Regular dental visits keep your gums and teeth strong, and help with your overall health.

## **SENIORS**

Older adults are prone to gum disease and other oral health problems. You can lower your risk by brushing twice a day, flossing every day, and seeing your dentist regularly.

Learn about your dental benefit and find a Medi-Cal dentist near you at **SmileCalifornia.org** or by calling **1-800-322-6384**. With Medi-Cal Dental, your visit is free or low-cost. Schedule your appointment today!

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Permanent molar sealants are covered for kids and teens up to age 21.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>For those who qualify.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Crowns on molars or premolars (back teeth) may be covered in some cases.