

# South Dakota Medicaid covers dental care for kids



## Covered services

- Two exams per coverage year
- Two cleanings per coverage year
- Two fluoride treatments per coverage year
- X-rays
- Dental sealants
- Silver diamine fluoride
- Fillings
- Removal of teeth
- Stainless steel crowns
- Permanent crowns on front teeth for kids 12 and older
- Root canals
- Braces are only covered when the child has an extreme need due to difficulty eating, chewing, speaking, or breathing

Your dentist might need to ask for approval before some services can be done.

## Non-covered services

- Permanent crowns on back teeth
- Tooth implants
- Cosmetic procedures



## Questions about Medicaid dental benefits?

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Coverage year is July 1 – June 30



## Tooth tips

- Brush every day – morning and night – for 2 minutes each time.
- Use small amounts of fluoride toothpaste – a grain of rice size until age 3 and pea size after that.
- Help your child brush until age 6.
- Drink water. It helps keep teeth clean. Juice, chocolate milk, sports drinks, soda, and energy drinks have a lot of sugar, which causes cavities.
- Limit sweets, crackers, sticky/gummy fruit snacks, and sugary cereals. Cheese, nuts, fresh fruits, and vegetables are healthy for teeth.
- The dental office has tools that prevent cavities. Regular dental visits can also help catch oral health issues early so they don't become painful.

## Baby teeth matter

- Kids should visit the dentist by age 1. Cavities can start as soon as teeth appear.
- Baby teeth help children chew food and speak clearly. They also maintain space for adult teeth to grow.
- Cavities can be painful and make it hard for your child to eat, sleep, talk, and learn.



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