SD Medicaid Dental Benefit
Poor oral health....

• Can lead to disease and infection.
• Can lead to significant health issues.
• Can impact children’s school attendance and performance and adults’ work attendance.
• Can make eating hurt, leading to poor nutrition.
Connection to:

- Cardiovascular problems, including heart attacks and strokes
- Respiratory health – especially for those with COPD
- Diabetes
Delta Dental of SD Role

• DSS contracts with Delta Dental of SD to administer the SD Medicaid dental benefit
  • Claims Payment
  • Pre-Determination
  • Program Integrity
  • Call Center
  • Care Coordination
Medicaid Coverage

- Coverage is limited to services listed on the SD Medicaid [Dental Services Fee Schedules](#).
- There are differences in coverage for children and adults.
- Coverage for children is more extensive than coverage for adults.
Child Coverage

Covered Services

- Two exams per year
- Two cleanings per year
- Two fluoride treatments per year
- Dental sealants for permanent molars
- Fillings
- X-rays
- Removal of teeth
- Permanent crowns on front teeth for kids 12&over
- Stainless steel crowns
- Root canals
Child Coverage

Non-Covered Services

- Permanent crowns on back teeth
- Tooth implants
- Cosmetic procedures
- Bridges to fill a gap between teeth

Limited Orthodontic benefit for children
Adult Coverage

Covered Services

- Two exams per year
- Two cleanings per year
- Fillings
- X-rays
- Removal of teeth
- Permanent crowns on front teeth
- Stainless steel crowns
- Root canals on front teeth
- Partial dentures and full dentures (minimum of once every 5 years)
Adult Coverage

Not Covered Services

- Fluoride applications
- Permanent crowns on back teeth
- Root canals on back teeth
- Bridges to fill a gap between teeth
- Tooth implants
- Braces
- Cosmetic procedures
Adult $1,000 Maximum

- Medicaid adults have coverage for preventive and restorative dental care services, up to an annual cap of $1,000 per the State’s fiscal year (July 1 to June 30)

- Emergent dental services and dentures do not count against the annual maximum. Exceptions can also be made for people with developmental disabilities who require care in the operating room
Adult $1,000 Maximum

- Emergent dental services are services medically necessary to immediately alleviate severe pain or acute infection or as a result of trauma.

- Once the patient’s annual $1,000 benefit is reached, the patient is financially responsible for any additional costs. These additional costs should be billed at the Medicaid rates for covered services.
Providers

• Dentists must be enrolled with SD Medicaid to receive reimbursement.

• South Dakota Medicaid has over 300 enrolled dentists across the state.

• Dentists are in private practice, at Community Health Centers, and at Indian Health Services.
Goals and Measures

**Goal:** Increase use of evidence-based preventive dental services by South Dakota Medicaid recipients

**Measures:**
1. Increase the rate of children ages 0-20 enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP who receive any preventive dental service by 10 percentage points over a 5-year period.
2. Increase the rate of adults ages 21 and over enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP who receive any preventive dental service by 10 percentage points over a 5-year period.
Goals and Measures

3. Increase the rate of children ages 6-9 enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP who receive a dental sealant on a permanent molar tooth by 10 percentage points over a 5-year period.

4. Increase the rate of children ages 10-14 enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP who receive a dental sealant on a permanent molar tooth by 10 percentage points over a 5-year period.
Goals and Measures

Goal: Increase access to dental care and availability of dentists to South Dakota Medicaid recipients

Measures:
1. Increase the rate of children ages 0-20 enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP who have a dental home by 10 percentage points over a 5-year period.
2. Increase the rate of adults ages 21 and over enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP who have a dental home by 10 percentage points over a 5-year period.
Dental Care Coordination

• Changes to call center
• Dental Care Coordinators
  • Sioux Falls – Sovanna Beekman and Nicky VanDerWerff
  • Rapid City – To be hired spring 2018
• Changes to Medicaid Recipient Handbook
• One Page Documents
Care Coordination

- Assist recipients with overcoming barriers in oral health through education and advocacy:
  - Assist those experiencing difficulties:
  - Access to dental services
  - Understanding and utilizing their SD Medicaid Dental benefits
- Work with SD Medicaid recipients, medical providers, community agencies, parents and caregivers, and other stakeholders
  - Educate others who work with this population
- Act as a liaison for Dental Providers
Care Coordination Goals and Measures

• Improve provider perception of volume and impact of No Shows
• Decrease number of Emergency Room visits
• Improve rate of follow through with treatment that is pre-determined
• Increase number of Medicaid recipients with chronic conditions (i.e., in Health Homes) receiving preventive dental care. Chronic conditions to be determined, but likely to include diabetes and cardiovascular disease.
Resources

• South Dakota Medicaid Recipient Handbook and 1-pagers

• Delta Dental Call Center – 1-877-841-1478

• InsureKidsNow.com

• Mydentalscore.com
Social Determinants of Oral Health and Oral Health Literacy

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1:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Questions