

# South Dakota Medicaid covers dental care for adults



## Covered services

- Two exams per coverage year\*
- Two cleanings per coverage year\*
- X-rays\*
- Dental sealants\*
- Two fluoride treatments per coverage year\*

\* These services don't count toward your \$2,000 annual maximum

- Silver diamine fluoride
- Fillings
- Removal of teeth
- Permanent crowns
- Stainless steel crowns
- Root canals on front teeth
- Partial dentures and full dentures (no more than once every 5 years)

Services must be medically necessary

## Non-covered services

- Root canals on back teeth
- Tooth implants
- Braces
- Cosmetic procedures



## Questions about Medicaid dental benefits?

1-877-841-1478    [sdmedicaid@deltadentalsd.com](mailto:sdmedicaid@deltadentalsd.com)

Coverage year is July 1 – June 30



South Dakota  
Department of  
**Social Services**

Adult coverage starts at age 21

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## How it works:



If you need dental work that costs \$500 or more, ask your dentist to get approval from Medicaid before starting the work. This will help you avoid unexpected out-of-pocket costs.



Medicaid does not cover cosmetic dental procedures. Services must be medically necessary.



Adults are eligible for \$2,000 in services per coverage year. Be sure to get two exams and cleanings each coverage year. These preventive exams and cleanings do not count toward the annual maximum.



If you need more than \$2,000 in care in a coverage year (excluding the two exams and cleanings), you will be responsible for the costs above \$2,000. If that happens, visit with your dentist about options for getting and paying for the treatment.



Don't miss your dental appointments! If you can't keep your appointment, please call the dental office to let them know in advance. If you miss appointments your dentist may no longer keep you as a patient.



## Dental care during pregnancy is safe, important, and covered by Medicaid

- Many pregnant women get gum disease caused by changes in hormones.
- Cleanings, fillings, X-rays, and local anesthesia are safe during pregnancy.
- A bad infection in your mouth can cause other serious health problems.
- Tell your dentist you are pregnant so they can provide the best treatment.

