

# 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 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



## Non-covered services

- Tooth implants
- Cosmetic procedures



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

## 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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