

Alabama Medicaid Orthodontic Services

Medicaid provides medically necessary orthodontic services for eligible and qualified recipients. Orthodontic services must be requested through a multidisciplinary clinic administered by Alabama Children's Rehabilitation Service ([Telephone 1 \(800\) 846-3697](tel:18008463697)) or another qualified clinic enrolled as a contract vendor in the Medicaid Dental Program. All medically necessary orthodontic treatment must be prior authorized by Medicaid before services are provided. Requests for orthodontic services must include the recommendations of the multidisciplinary team, photos and x-rays.

Criteria for coverage include the following diagnoses when medical necessity exists:

- Cleft palate or cleft lip deformities
- Cleft lip with alveolar process involvement
- Velopharyngeal incompetence
- Short palate
- Submucous cleft
- Alveolar notch
- Craniofacial anomalies included but not limited to
- Hemifacial microsomia
- Craniosynostosis syndromes
- Cleidocranial dysplasia
- Arthrogyrosis
- Marfan's syndrome
- Apert's syndrome
- Crouzon's Syndrome
- Other syndromes by review
- Trauma, diseases, or dysplasias resulting in significant facial growth impact or jaw deformity.

Specific **non-covered services** include the following diagnoses:

- Dento-facial Anomaly, NOS
- Orofacial Anomaly, NOS
- Severe Malocclusion