ALABAMA MEDICAID

Dental Program

Medicaid pays for routine dental care for children under age 21 if the child is eligible for full Medicaid. Most children are no longer eligible after their 19th birthday unless they are eligible for another category.

Dental services must be provided by licensed dentists enrolled as Medicaid dental providers.

Most adults age 21 and older are not eligible for dental coverage through Medicaid. However, pregnant recipients with maternity coverage have dental coverage through 60 days postpartum.

WHO CAN GET DENTAL SERVICES?

- Children under 21 with full Medicaid
- Pregnant recipients (until 60 days after the baby is born or the pregnancy ends)

WHAT DENTAL SERVICES DOES MEDICAID PAY FOR?

- Dental checkup every 6 months
- Dental cleaning every 6 months
- Crowns and buildups
- Extractions
- Sealants
- Fillings
- Fluoride Treatments
- Space Maintainers
- Periodontal scaling and root planing
- X-rays
- Root Canals

WHEN DOES A DENTIST NEED TO GET PERMISSION FROM MEDICAID?

- When non-surgical periodontal treatment is needed (example: periodontal scaling and/or root planing).
- When some services are done in a hospital (example: extractions, space maintainers, periodontal scaling and root planing).
- When orthodontic services considered medically necessary are needed for children with cleft lip/palate and/or other severe facial and cranial abnormalities. Orthodontic services are provided by Children's Rehab Services (CRS).
- When dental services performed in skilled nursing facilities (SNF) for medically necessary dental procedures on children.

ALABAMA MEDICAID DOES NOT COVER THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

- Routine orthodontic care (example: braces)
- Routine partials, dentures or bridgework
- All-porcelain crowns
- Periodontal or gum surgery

If you have questions concerning a specific recipient's Medicaid dental coverage, coverage can be verified through Medicaid's Automated Voice Response System (AVRS) at 1-800-727-7848 or by contacting the Alabama Medicaid Dental Program at: dentalprogram@medicaid.alabama.gov.