



Smile,
you have
dental care.



YOUR BENEFITS INCLUDE
DENTAL COVERAGE



What is Smile, California?



The new campaign to help Medi-Cal members like you make the most of your dental benefit.



As a Medi-Cal member, your benefits and your child's benefits include dental coverage!



Medi-Cal provides free or low-cost dental services to help keep you and your smile healthy.

What is Smile, California?



Smile, California is not renaming or replacing the Medi-Cal Dental Program, it is simply a campaign to raise awareness about Medi-Cal Dental and educate members about their dental benefit and how to use it.

Keeping your teeth healthy is one of the best things you can do for your overall health.



Regular dental visits are as important to good health as daily brushing and flossing.



Practicing good daily oral care and seeing your dentist regularly can reduce your risk of serious health problems.

Services for Your Smile



2x
PER YEAR

Medi-Cal Dental provides free or low-cost check-ups every six months for members under the age of 21.

1x
PER YEAR

Medi-Cal Dental provides members over the age of 21 free or low-cost check-ups every 12 months.



Babies

Your child's first dental visit should take place after their first tooth appears, but no later than their first birthday. Baby teeth are critical to your child's health and development. They help him or her chew, speak and smile.

Kids

Children start to lose their baby teeth as early as five years old. This is when their permanent teeth begin to grow in. Ask the dentist for molar sealants to help protect your child's molars from cavities. Children without sealants have almost three times more cavities than those with sealants.

*Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/dental-sealants/index.html>





Teens

Eating sugary foods and drinks, as teens often do, puts them at a higher risk for gum disease and tooth decay.

Teenagers who continue to get regular check-ups ensure good oral health well into adulthood.

Pregnancy

Good oral health care helps prevent problems during pregnancy. As a Medi-Cal member, you are covered during pregnancy and 60 days past the birth of your baby. The best time to see a dentist is in your second trimester (week 13 to week 27 of pregnancy).





Adults

As of January 1, 2018, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) restored adult dental benefits for members ages 21 and older with full-scope dental coverage.

As we get older, taking care of our health becomes more and more important. Good oral health can prevent tooth loss and improve physical health. If you have any concerns about your teeth, schedule an appointment to see your dentist right away.

Seniors

As an older adult, you are prone to gum disease and other oral health problems, but by brushing twice a day, flossing daily and most importantly, seeing your dentist regularly, you can lower your risk.



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About

Provides an overview of Medi-Cal Dental



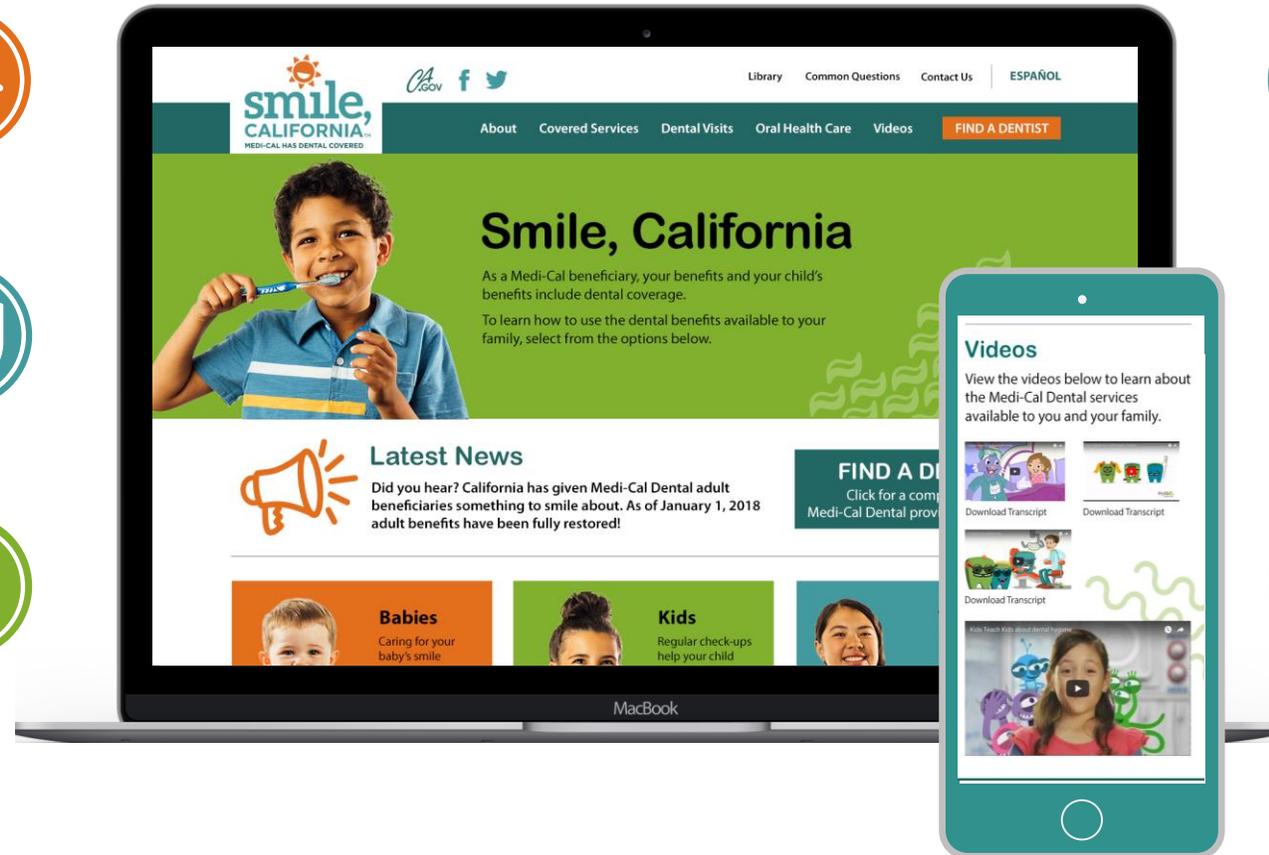
Covered Services

Available services by age group



Dental Visits

Set expectations for dental visits at every age



Oral Health

Offers oral hygiene tips and resources



Videos

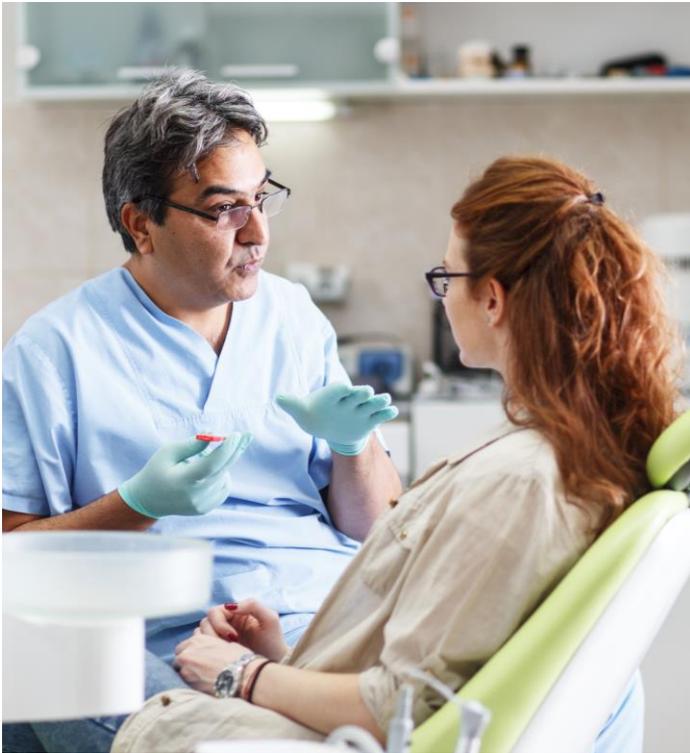
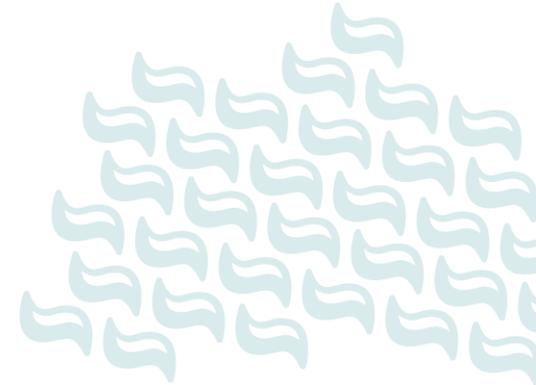
All of the site information in short video format



Find a Dentist

Links to denti-cal.ca.gov to use dental directory

Commonly Asked Questions



How do I find a dentist that accepts Medi-Cal?

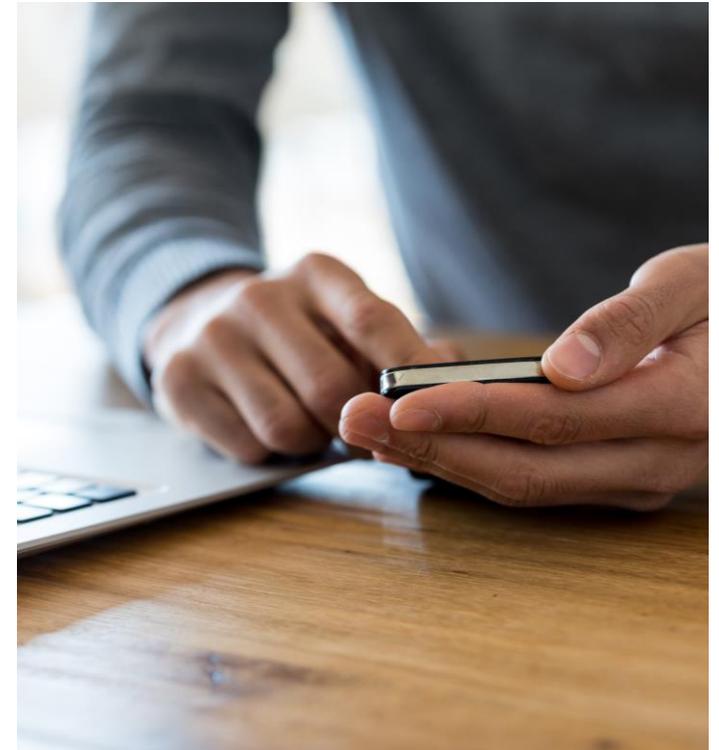
Members can find a dentist in the provider network that can be accessed online through [SmileCalifornia.org](https://www.smilecalifornia.org) or by calling the Telephone Service Center phone line at **1-800-322-6384**.

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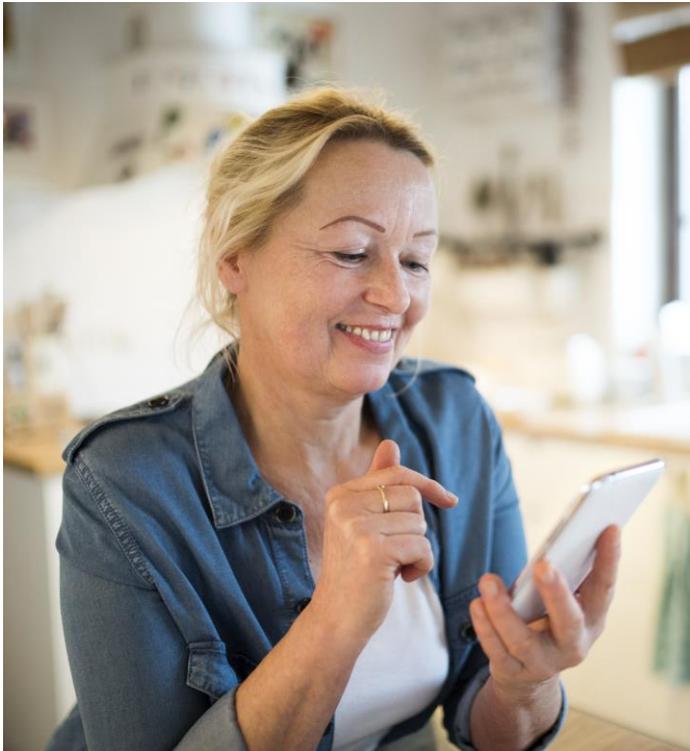


What do I do if I don't have a way to get to the appointment?

Medi-Cal provides non-medical and non-emergency transportation services to eligible members. For transportation assistance, call the Telephone Service Center phone line at **1-800-322-6384**.



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What happens if I miss an appointment?

It is important to show up to your dentist appointments. If you know you will not be able to make it, call at least 24 hours in advance to cancel and reschedule. If for some reason you are unable to call 24 hours in advance to cancel, be sure you call as soon as possible.



For questions and
more information, visit:
SmileCalifornia.org

